

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Slaughter R9654 Lucy

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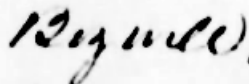
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The State of Tennessee Campbell County SS

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Douglass one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County & State aforesaid Jeremiah Slaughter a Citizen of Whitley County in the State of Kentucky aged forty-one years, who being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God deposeth, as follows, "That he is the heir and legal representative of William Slaughter deceased, and Lucy Slaughter his wife, and that he makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, "entitled an act Supplementary to the fact for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution" and also the act approved of July 7 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows And an act approved on 23rd day of August 1842 amendatory thereof, and a resolution of approved the 16th of August 1842 entitled a resolution declarative of the Pension Act of July 7 1838. That he is the son and legal heir of William Slaughter, deceased, who as he believes was a Sergeant of infantry in the Virginia State line, during the Revolutionary War he was drafted in the year 1776 or 1777 and served __tours of duty of __months such as he was commanded in the service by Captain Christopher Robinson in the __Regiment.

As he believes the said William Slaughter enlisted in March 1778 as a soldier of Infantry in the Virginia Continental line in Buckingham County in said State under Captain Lewis in the Second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Brent, General Muhlenberg's brigade he was transferred to a company commanded by Captain Dudley then he was marched to Valley Forge, thence to Monmouth Court House, and was in the battle fought at that place in the summer of 1778 [June 28, 1778], he was then marched to the North River, thence to the White Plains, thence to Middle Brook [Middlebrook] in the State of New Jersey, where he was stationed during the winter of 1778 & 1779 and in the spring of 1779, he was marched to the White Plains, and in March he was honorably discharged having been in service one year – And as he believes, he again reenlisted in March 1779 for three years under Captain Bozwell [?]¹, and was then marched to West Point, where he was stationed until August 1781, in guarding that Fort; he was then marched to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, where the troops from the North joined the militia from the state of Virginia, he was then marched to York Court House was in the Battle fought at that place, and was present when Lord Cornwallis and his Army surrendered [October 19, 1781], he was then marched back to the State of New York, and in March 1782 he was



honorably discharged, having been in the Continental Army three years. He further states that he has no documentary evidence in his possession, he relies for evidence on the records at Richmond Virginia and Washington City, and from information, he believes the said William Slaughter was married to Lucy Woodward on the 13 day of February 1778, (see copy of marriage Bond herewith enclosed in Lunenburg County in the State of Virginia) [several indecipherable words]² and that the said William Slaughter died in Hawkins County Tennessee on the 15 day of August 1836 – and that his widow the said Lucy Slaughter, died in Greene County Tennessee on the 20 day of July 1842. That he believes the said William Slaughter was married to Lucy Woodward on the day above Stated and prior to the termination of his Services in the war of the Revolution, and before the 1 day of January 1794. The said William Slaughter and Lucy his wife died leaving the following children and heirs and legal Representatives to wit Jeremiah Slaughter and Stokely Slaughter who are still living. The said Jeremiah Slaughter one of the heirs aforesaid makes this declaration in order to obtain from the Department the annuity or Bounty due to the heirs and legal Representatives of the said William & Lucy Slaughter deceased for the services of the said William Slaughter during the Revolutionary War. He states that in the month of March A.D. 1840 Lucy Slaughter the widow of the said William Slaughter deceased made her declaration and had it certify, in order to obtain the annuity promised to her, and have heard her name placed on the Pension list roll on account of the Services of her deceased husband the said William Slaughter, and all his furlough's, discharges and other documentary proof, which was found in the papers of the said William Slaughter deceased after his death were appended to said declaration, and was sent to the honorable William B Carter then a member of Congress from the State of Tennessee, diligent Search have been made for these papers (Mr. Carter being dead) and no information can be had as to what disposition has been made of them – If they are among the Suspended Claims, in the Pension Office reference thereto will more fully show. From these documents referred to a history of the Services of the said William Slaughter, as set forth in this declaration was obtained. He further states and he believes the facts to be so, that William Slaughter never filed his declaration in order to be placed on the Pension list roll, and if so it is unknown to him. He further states that Lucy Slaughter the widow of the said William Slaughter deceased was never married after the death of her said husband the said William Slaughter deceased, and continued his widow to the day of her death. Given under my hand the 15th day of May A.D. 1851

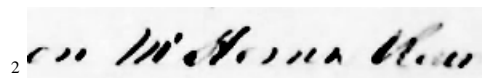
S/ Jeremiah Slaughter, X his mark

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 17th day of December 1783, in the name of William slaughter, as a Soldier of Infantry for £26.11.9, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Strother and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
12 day of February 1840.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR



² perhaps "in Mr. Hosea House"

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 26th day of March 1783, in the name of William Slaughter, as a Sergeant of Infantry for £49.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
12th day of February 1840.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 9 Copy of a marriage bond issued to William Slaughter & Isaac Johnson of Lunenburg County on February 13, 1778 conditioned upon the marriage of said William Slaughter to Lucy Woodard.]