

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Slavin S14480

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State of Ky

Garrard County Sct.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Novr 1832 John Slavins aged 75 years a resident citizen of this county afd personally appeared be me O. Terrill a justice of the peace in and for the county of Garrard being too weak and infirm to attend the court, and who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following decliration in order to obtain the benifit of an act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he engaged in the service of the U. States as a drafted malitia man in the County of Roan [sic: Rowan] N. Carolina for three months as a Revolutionary Soldier in the year of Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] under Cap'n Samuel Reed [Samuel Reid]; his Maj'r was by the name of White Lock [sic: Francis Locke] was his Col and [Griffith] Rutherford was his Ge'l. That he was first marched to Salibury [sic: Salisbury] the place of rendavous in the afd state of N. Carolina, and from thence to the Cheraw Hills, thence to near to Camden in South Carolina where Ge'l Gates was defeat by the British. He was in that engagement, and having served out his time, he was regularly discharged. He has no documentary evidence of his services, having long since lost his discharge, but can establish his sevices by a living witness of high reputability, Ebenezer Dickey of Simpson County Ky [pension application W8669]. That some short time after the expiration of his afd service (towit) in the year of [blank] he volunteered as soldier in the same County of Roan N. Carolina under Cap'n John Bickerstaff who was authorized to raise a company of Rangers for three months, and was marched to the frontier of N. Carolina near the head waters of the Catawba, and after serving some portion of the time, the company was allowed to disperse and return to their respective homes holding themselves however in [illegible word] to march again any moment when called upon. That they were very soon again call'd out, and the residue of his time, he served under Capn [Richard] Simmons His Col. was by the name of Graham [probably Maj. Joseph Graham], and he was attached to Ge'l. Rutherfords Brigade. He was in no battle of great importance during his last three months service, but his company and another company commanded by Cap'n Pauge[?], defeated a party of Tories low down in N. Carolina at a place called the Raft Swamp [possibly skirmish on 15 Oct 1781], and that night after their victory returned back to the army, and having again serv'd out his time, was regularly discharged but no written evidence of the same, but he can also prove this tour of duty by the writing refered to.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present, and declares his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year af'd                      [signed] John Slavin

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This day [28 Sep 1832] came before me Moses V Grant a justice in and for the county af'd Ebenezer Dickey of the County of Simpson Ky. aged 71 years, and made oath that he has been intimately acquainted with John Slavins a citizen of Garrard Co'ty Ky since the period of his boyhood. That They were both rais'd in the County of Rowan N. Carolina. That he knows he the s'd. Slavins engaged for, and served the term of three months at one time, in the war of the Revolution, under Cap'n Samuel Reed, his Maj'r was by the name of White, he thinks Lock was his Col. and Rutherford his General. That he this affiant was of the same Company and of the same mess. That they were marched to Salsbury N. Carolina, the place of rendavous, and from that place to the Cheraw Hills... [the rest is virtually identical to Slavin's deposition above]... He further states the s'd. John Slavin is now with him. That he has known him intimately in this country for many years, & that he knows him to be a man of truth and of high standing, and one who performed his duty faithfully.