

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Slye S1479

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The State of Ohio }

Clermont County } SS

On this twenty eighth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John W. Price President Judge and Robert Haines, Israel Whitaker and John Emery Esquires Associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the County of Clermont Ohio, now sitting William Slye a resident of Franklin Township in the county and state aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath aforesaid, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he is seventy six years of age, on the precise day he does not now know as he has no record of his age, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 in the month of April with Captain Cotes Jones [John Courts Jones] and served in the seventh Regiment of the Maryland line under the following named officers viz Capt Cotes Jones, 2nd Lieut Adams, 1st Lieut Lamar, Lieut Col [Peter] Adams, Col. [John] Gunby and General [William] Smallwood; in Montgomery County Maryland for three years where he was then living — and joined the said seventh Regiment at the valley forge Pennsylvania; and marched off immediately under the command of General Washington to Monmouth plains New Jersey and was in the battle at that place the same Summer, he thinks in July [Battle of Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778]; and from thence to the White Plains in the State of New York and remained there until the Regiment went into Winter quarters at Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook] New Jersey and in the Spring marched back into the State of New York near West point and was employed during the Summer of 1778 [sic, 1779] in building forts at that place and in the fall marched back to Morristown in New Jersey, where the Regiment again went into winter quarters; and in the spring of 1779 [sic] marched to the head of Elk river on the Chesapeake bay and there took shipping and landed at Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] up the James river Virginia under the command of Gen. [Horatio] Gates and from thence marched to near Campden [sic: Camden] South Carolina, when the American Army was defeated by the English under Cornwallis [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] and where this deponent was wounded in the right leg and taken prisoner and taken to Charleston where his leg was amputated (in consequence of which he draws a pension as an invalid) and in the month of April 1780 [sic: 1781] was exchanged and shipped to Jamestown Virginia and from there to Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] Maryland where he was regularly discharged having served his three [sic] years. At the time of his discharge, this deponent lived at Anapolis Maryland; thence he moved to Jefferson County Virginia; and for the space of twenty nine years last past in Clermont County Ohio. This deponent also states that at the time he left the service at Anapolis he received a written discharge from Gen. Smallwood - that he kept said discharge (by which he drew a pension from the treasury of the State of Maryland by presenting an order from the Orphans Court of Ann [sic: Anne] Arundel County said State) until 1791 when he got the certificate in words as follows namely

“State of Maryland,

I hereby certify that it appears by a return of the Register of Wills for Ann Arundel County, made to the Governor & Council, that William Slye has been paid by the Orphans Court of said County as an Invalid Pensioner up to the 13th October 1789 at the rate of twenty five Shillings per month.

Witness my hand this 18 March 1791 T Johnson Jr [Gov. Thomas Johnson] & Council” that when he got this certificate he thinks he gave up his discharge or left it lying on said Johnson’s table. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State further than what is connected with the inserted certificate from the Governor & Council State of Maryland; the relinquishment is however upon this condition, that if this applicant cannot receive the benefit of the Act of June 7th 1832 he is to retain his certificate as an invalid and retain his present

pension. if he should then this certificate is to be hereby relinquished upon the enception of the benefit [signed] William Slye

NOTE: A Treasury Department document states that the five children of William Slye were awarded the pension due to him to the date of his death on 27 Jan 1838.