

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaiah Slavens S16529

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State of Indiana, Putnam County

On this ___ day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Amory Kinney president judge, and William Elrod and David Dewees his associate judges of the Putnam Circuit Court now in session Isaiah Slavens of said County and State aged Seventy years and ten months, who first being duly sworn according law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of an Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, under the command of the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the said service as a drafted militia man in Augusta County, Virginia, about the first day of October in the year 1780 under the Command of Capt. William Kincade [William Kincaid] in the Regiment commanded by Col. William Moffet [William Moffett]. Robert Thompson was the Lieutenant and James Young ensign for the company. John Wilson was the Major of the Regiment. He rendezvoused in Augusta County aforesaid at a place called the calf pasture and marched from thence to Richmond, Va., or near it, where he remained until the latter part of November, when he was dismissed. That he fought no battles during this term of service. That he did not receive a written discharge. The troops with whom he marched were called out to defend Richmond, which, as it was expected and believed, would be attacked in a few days. Thinks that the term of service did not last longer than forty five, or fifty days at most.

On the 9th of January 1781 he entered the service of the United States a second time, as a volunteer militia man, in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Hicklin and John Slavens was lieutenant and William Dinwiddie the ensign for said company. That his company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Sampson Mathis, Lieut. Col. William Bayer-- Major McKee. Rendezvoused at Capt. William Kincade's in the calf pasture, Augusta County, Virginia. From which place he marched to Portsmouth of the same State, where he remained until the tenth day of April following when he was discharged, his term of service having expired. Says that there was no general battles fought during this term of service, that there was some skirmishing by foraging parties, but that this applicant was in none of them. That he received no written discharge for this term of service. That he was called out on this term of service against the British, who were stationed in, and had possession of Portsmouth, that he served three months on this campaign.

On the 6th day of June 1781 he was drafted in Augusta County, Virginia and went out under the command of Capt. Charles Cameron, Lieut. Robert Thompson, Ensign Andrew Hamilton. His company was attached to a Regiment commanded Col. Thomas Huggart [Thomas Hugar] who was taken sick in eight or ten days and returned home. Col. Huggart was succeeded in command by Col. John McCreery. The Regiment belonged to the brigade commanded by Genl. Campbell. Marched from Augusta County aforesaid to Richmond of said State or near there. They were called out this campaign against

Cornwallis who was stationed at that time at Richmond aforesaid. A short time after they arrived at Richmond, Cornwallis removed to Williamsburg, they were immediately marched from Richmond to Williamsburg, and were this, at a place called hot water. He was in a battle with the British commanded by Lord Cornwallis on the 26th of June 1781; And on the 6th of July following he was in another engagement at Jamestown near Williamsburg in said State, with the troops commanded by Cornwallis. The principal officers commanding the American troops were Lafayette & Wayne. In the latter engagement the loss in the brigade commanded by General Wayne was very severe. Says that he was discharged on the 9th day of September following after having served three months and three days in this said term of service. He received no written discharge for this term of service.

On the 5th day of April 1782 he entered the service of his country a fourth time as a volunteer militia man under the command of Capt. George Pogue [George Poage]. The name of the Lieut. not recollected. The ensign was by the name of Thomas Cartmill. The company was attached to no Regiment as it was called out to guard the frontier of the State of Virginia. He rendezvoused at Samuel Vance's on a creek called Back Creek in Augusta County aforesaid from which place he was marched to Jacob Warrick's fort, which was at that time in Augusta County aforesaid, on the head of Greenbrier. Had no superior over his captain. He was discharged on the 5th of July following having served out his full term, which was three months. He received a written discharge at the end of this term of service from Capt. Poage. Says that they were called out to guard the frontier from the Indians. That they fought no battles during this term of service. That during this term of service he was not in company with any regular troops, and that in the several terms of service before related, he was not marched in company with the regulars, that they were either before or behind them, that they were under command of their own officers. That he was taking the several periods of service together about eleven months and a half in the service of his country during the revolutionary war. That he has lost the written discharge which he received from Capt. George Pogue at the end of his last term of service. In answer to the interrogatories to be by this Court propounded, the said applicant says that he was born in Augusta County, Virginia, on the 14th day of June 1762-- that he has a family record in his bible in which he has kept his own age-- that he took his age from his father's family record-- that he resided in Augusta County until Bath County was stricken off, that he resided in that part struck off, that he continued to reside in Bath until he was thirty five years of age when he removed to the State of Kentucky, Montgomery County, where he resided thirty one years from which place he removed to the State of Indiana, Putnam County, of said, where he has lived for four years past-- that he entered the said service of the United States as herein before stated-- that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to said service-- that he is well acquainted with John Clements, who is a regular minister of the Baptist Church, and Jonathan Mires, a regular minister of the Dunkard Church, and James Montgomery, who have all known this applicant for thirty years or more, who are willing to certify to this applicant's reputation as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension list Roll of any agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn and Subscribed in open Court April 26th 1833

S/ A. McGaughey, Clerk

S/ Isaiah Slavens, X his mark

[John Clements and Jonathan Mires, both clergymen, and James Montgomery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: In 1835, the veteran son, Henry Slavens, was living in Indiana with an address of Greencastle Indiana; there is no data in this file relating to the name of the veterans wife, any marriage data or any other children. In October 1835 in Park County Indiana, the veteran filed an affidavit in which she states that he did not sign his name to his prior application because he suffers from palsy and is unable to sign his name; that he asked his son, Henry, to sign his name to the application.

Henry Slawson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.56 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months & 20 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]