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Pension Application of Thomas Slay, Jr., Nat'l Archives Microseries M804, roll ____, Application # S16540

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DeKalb County, GA, October 30, 1832-Personally appeared... Thomas Slay, Jr, aged 75 years:

As well as he recollects, in a short time after the commencement of the Revolutionary War, the date not recollected, he enlisted as a volunteer in the militia service under Captain James Fair and marched from his residence in Anson County, North Carolina to **Charleston**, South Carolina, where he was in a siege of what was called forty days and nights under the following named officers: Captain George Lowman and Colonel Malmedy, who were officers in the regular service, under which officers he enlisted for six months as a regular soldier. General Lincoln was chief commander.

He then returned home and remained thereabouts for three months, after which time he joined General Francis Marion's army at **Kolb's Ferry** and **Big Pee Dee** in Marlborough District, and served 2 three month tours under officers whose names are not recollected, and was in many skirmishes from **Charleston** to **Georgetown**, and from there to **Wilmington**.

He served under Captain Bogan, an officer in the militia service under the command of Colonel Thomas Wade in pursuit of the Tories for three months and then under Captain James Fair, which was the second three-month's tour under him. He served six months as a regular soldier under Captain George Lowman and Colonel Malmedy, officers in the regular service during which time he was taken a prisoner.

The first general engagement he was in was at **Charleston** and the second was at **Eutaw Springs**, between Camden and Charleston, on the **High Hills of Santee** under the command of General Greene. He also served under several other militia officers whose names are not recollected. The last general engagement he was at, was at **Eutaw Springs**. He further states that he supposes he served about six years as a regular soldier and volunteer together. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, having had his house consumed by fire. He further states that he can prove part of his service by John Dabbs, a resident of said state and county...

Personally appeared in open court on the day aforesaid, John Dabbs... that he was acquainted with Thomas Slay... The said Slay served in one company and the deponent in another, and they were frequently together, and he knows of his own knowledge of the said Slay having served about six months in the army, in the states of South and North Carolina, and he has been informed and has reason to believe that the said Slay served a considerable time afterwards and was in the **Battle at Eutaw Springs**.

DeKalb County, GA, November 4th, 1833-Personally appeared Thomas Slay:

According to the best of his recollection, he served for three months in the year 1780. I served as a private and volunteer in the militia of North Carolina, and in the same year, I enlisted at **Charleston** in the regular army for the term of six months, three months of which service I performed, and was then taken prisoner by the British, and got off on parole.

For six months in the year 1781, I served as a volunteer and private in the militia of North Carolina, said service being performed in two tours of three months each. For six months in the year 1782, I served as a volunteer and private in the militia of North Carolina, this service also having been performed in two tours of three months each. For three months in the later part of 1782, or forepart of 1783, I served as a volunteer and private in the militia of North Carolina...

DeKalb County, GA, July 9th, 1833-Personally appeared, Thomas Slay, aged 80 years:

That shortly after the commencement of the Revolution, he enlisted as a volunteer in the militia service under Captain James Fair, for a three month tour, and marched from his residence in North Carolina to Charleston, South Carolina, where he was in a siege of what was called forty days and nights under the following named officers, Captain George Lowman and Colonel Malmedy. After the first three months had expired, he then volunteered for three months under Captain George Lowman and colonel Malmedy, and under a regular discipline, General Lincoln, chief commander, and as soon as he enlisted for six months under the above-named officers, he returned home to his residence in Anson county, North Carolina, and remained there and thereabouts for three months.

After which time, he states he joined General Francis Marion's company or army at **Kolb's Ferry** on **Big Pee Dee River** in Marlborough District in South Carolina, and then volunteered under Captain James Fair for 2 three months tours, and he stated he was in many skirmishes during that service, from Charleston to Georgetown and from there to Wilmington. He states that after the expiration of the above-named tours under Captain James Fair, he volunteered under Captain Bogan, officer of the militia, and under the special command of Colonel Thomas Wade for a three-month tour. He states he served that time entirely in pursuit of the Tories.

He states he also served under Captain Brackin for some considerable time, but how long he does not recollect and under the special command of General Marion. He states that during the time for which he enlisted under Captain George Lowman and colonel Malmedy, General Lincoln Chief Commander, he was taken prisoner by the British at Charleston in South Carolina, and imprisoned for about a week.

He states that the first general engagement he was in was at Charleston and his second was at **Eutaw Springs** between Camden and Charleston on the **High Hills of Santee**, under the command of General Greene. He states that was the last general engagement he was in, but he was at the taking of Wilmington after that time...

He states he was born on the eastern shores of Maryland in Pennsylvania, Quenans County. He states he was living in North Carolina when he was called into service...

Another transcription of this same application

Pension application of Thomas Slay S16540
State of Georgia, DeKalb County

On this day personally appeared in open Court before the superior Court of the said county of DeKalb now sitting Thomas Slay, a resident of Said County and State aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier under the following named officers and served as herein states: As well as he recollects in a short time after the commencement of the revolutionary war the date not recollected he enlisted as a volunteer in the Militia Service under Capt James Fair and marched from his residence in North Carolina Anson County to Charleston in the State of South Carolina where he was in a siege of what was called forty days and nights under the following named officers Capt George Lowman & Col Malmady [sic, Malmedy] who were officers in the regular service under which officers he enlisted for six months as a regular soldier. Genl Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] chief commander. He then returned home and remained thereabouts for three months after which time he joined Genl Francis Marion's army at Culp's Ferry and big Pedee [sic, Big Pee Dee River] in Marlborough district and served two three months towers [sic, tours] under officers whose names are not recollected and was in many skirmishes from Charleston to Georgetown and from there to Wilmington. He served under Capt. Bogan on officer in the militia service under the command of Col Thomas Wade in pursuit of the Tories for three months and then under Capt James Fair which was the second three months tour under him. He served six months as a regular soldier under Capt George Lowman and Col Malmedy officers in the regular service during which time he was taken a prisoner. The first general engagement he was in was at Charleston and the second was at Utaw Springs [sic, Eutaw Springs] between Camden and Charleston on the high hills of Santee under the command of Genl Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. He also served under several other Militia officers whose names are not recollected. The last general engagement he was at was at Eutaw Springs. He further states that he supposes he served about six years as a regular soldier and volunteer together. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service having had his house consume with fire. He further states that he can prove part of his service by John Dabbs a resident of said state and county. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Thomas Slay, T his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 10th Oct 1832
W T Colquitt, J.S.C