

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Slater S18205

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State of Virginia New Kent County, to wit

On this 17th day of March 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before William H Macon, Bro. Crump, John Aug<sup>l</sup> Taylor and Thomas H Towell and Rd. Graves the Court of New Kent County now sitting Edward Slater a resident of the County of New Kent and State of Virginia 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 entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated, that he 1st entered as a regular militia man under Captain Geo. Baker [George Baker] of the County of New Kent Virginia (the Colonel was Richmond Allen of said County & State, the precise date of his entry into service is not recollected, but he knows the fact that it was about the commencement of the Revolutionary war) at Williamsburg Virginia and after remaining there from four to six weeks, (not less than four weeks) returned home, and remained until called on, which was some few days, then marched to York Town Virginia under Captain George Baker where he remained on duty in a tour not shorter than four weeks and again returned home and remained only a few days and was again ordered to the Half Way house Elizabeth City County Virginia under Captain George Ball of New Kent County Virginia where he remained on duty a tour not shorter than 10 days, & then returned home, in a few days received orders to March to Hampton Virginia under Captain George Baker where he served in the regular service a tour of duty not shorter than eight months and was discharged. That he resided in the County of New Kent Virginia when he entered the service, he was attached to the militia of the County which was ordered out en masse – he was in no battle – he has before stated where he was at different times marched & stationed – The 1st time he was called into service at Williamsburg Virginia he recollects that General Nelson was in command at that place – that he has no documentary evidence of his service never having received one in writing, but was informed by his Captain at Hampton Virginia in a General order to his Company that the troops stationed there were discharged & all left there at the same time; that he knows of no person living in the County except John Breeding who knows the fact of his having served in the Army – and his Certificate accompanies this declaration –

To the Interrogatories directed by the War Department to be propounded to every applicant he answers

That he was born in the year 1759 in the County of New Kent Virginia

That he has no record of his age, but recollects well to have seen it in his father's family Bible.

That he was born in the County of New Kent, has lived in said County all his life. That during his whole term of service in the Revolutionary War (which she has undertaken to state with as much exactness as his mind at this time will enable him to do) he was a regular militia man.

That he has stated in his declaration the names of some of the Officers as well as he recollects –  
That he never did receive a written discharge.

That he is known to John Breeding and James Williams who can testify as to his character for veracity, and his belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, and that Colonel William H Macon the presiding member of this Court, will also certify as to his character and his belief of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Slater

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Slater". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Slater".

[James Clopton, a clergyman, John Breeding & James Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months & 6 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]