

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sloan S18206

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District: SS: In the Court of Chancellery July 1832

On this 18th day of July A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before Henry W DeSaussure, Judge of the Court of Equity now sitting, John Sloan, a resident citizen of the above mentioned State and District, aged about seventy 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: Viz.

The said John Sloan when a young man entered the military service as well as he recollects in the spring of the year 1779 as a volunteer under the command of Captain Edward Martin, of Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment of South Carolina Militia, on the return of James Sloan, his father, from the Stono expedition – was on active service at the taking of the Congaree Fort, recollects Colonel Taylor and Lee commanding on that occasion – continued in service to an engagement at a place known by the name of the Juniper, being exchanged from Captain Martin's command, does not recollect the name of his Captain – inclined to believe that the commanding officer was either Middleton or Henderson: was on duty for some months at Orangeburg in the State of South Carolina – was ordered with a flag to Charleston by Colonel Richard Winn, and on his return lost his horse at the Four Holes, at which place he joined the troops under the command of Generals Sumter & Henderson – was on duty at the time of the battle of the Eutaw Springs, and was in pursuit under command of Colonel Hampton from the Eutaws to Moncks Corner – was in different [indecipherable word], of scouting and reconnoitering parties – and continued in constant and active service until the termination of the War: the said John Sloan at no time ever received or applied for a discharge from the service, and has never received any the least compensation therefore and the said John Sloan does hereby relinquish every 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 the State of South Carolina or any other State; and begs to refer to the testimony and certificate of Major Henry Moore, William Robertson & Robert McCreight support and confirmation of the truth and veracity of the above statement – Deponent further states that he has no documentary evidence in possession to show that he served as is above stated.

Sworn to in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Henry W. DeSaussure

S/ John Sloan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Sloan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

State of South Carolina Fairfield District

On this 18th day of July 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Henry W DeSaussure one of the Chancellors of the said State in the Court of Equity now sitting at Fairfield Court House Major Henry Moore¹ a resident citizen of said District, who being duly sworn saith that he is seventy-eight years of age, was Captain Lieutenant in the Artillery Regiment called the 4th South Carolina Regiment on the Continental establishment, & that he receives a pension from the United States under the Act of Congress passed 1828. This Deponent further saith that he is well acquainted with John Sloan a citizen of said District about 70 years of age; that he knew him when he was about 12 years of age at school. That he is a man of good character & standing in the community & has always sustained the character of a good Whig in the war of the revolution. In the year 1779 when General Prevost appeared before the City of Charleston Deponent saw the said John Sloan under arms in the defense of the City as a soldier in the militia under the command of Colonel John Winn who has been dead for several years; Richard Winn who is also dead, became afterwards Colonel of the Regiment then commanded by Colonel John Winn. Deponent thinks Richard Winn when Prevost appeared before Charleston was an officer in Colonel John Winn's Regiment. Deponent has understood that said John Sloan was in service at Orangeburg and also at the affair of the Juniper.

Sworn to in Open court the said 18th of July 1832

S/ Henry W DeSaussure

S/ Henry Moore



State of South Carolina Fairfield District

On this 19th day of July 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Henry W DeSaussure one of the Chancellors of the said State, William Robertson² who made oath that he is seventy-two years of age last April, sides with[in] seven miles of John Sloan in the District aforesaid, and has resided within a few miles of where he now lives since he was born. Deponent was acquainted with the said John Sloan from the beginning of the Revolutionary war, and knew him as a member of Captain Edward Martin's Company of militia, belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Winn. Deponent can't recollect the time, but believes it was long before the close of the war, and Deponent believes from all that he heard and understood during the war and from having sometimes been with him that he continued to serve as a soldier faithfully to the end of the war.

The character and standing of the said John Sloan are respectable and Deponent has no doubt of the truth of his declaration made of the particulars of his service.

Sworn to in open court the day and year above.

S/ William Robertson, X his mark

South Carolina Fairfield district

On this 19th day of July 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Henry W DeSaussure one of the Chancellors of the said State, Robert McCreight³ who states that he was

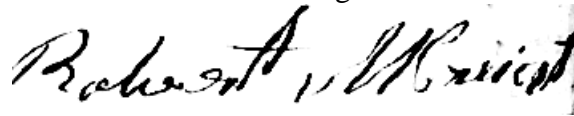
¹ [Henry Moore S46010](#)

² [William Robertson S21951](#)

³ [Robert McCreight S21881](#)

seventy years old last Christmas and that he emigrated from Ireland, where he was born, in the year 1773 and came to the District aforesaid and has lived 7 or 8 miles from John Sloan ever since. Deponent was acquainted with John Sloan during the whole of the Revolutionary War, and knew him some time as a soldier in Captain Edward Martin's Company in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Winn, at another time as a soldier in Ellison's Company in the same Regiment. Deponent was out in service with said Sloan on one tour in Captain Martin's Company for about 2 months. Colonel Winn commanded. The Regiment marched to Orangeburg from thence to Purrysburg and was discharged at a point on the Savannah River below Augusta. Deponent says said Sloan performed other tours of Service down to the period of peace, but he was not with him other than is above stated. Said Sloan has always been considered a man of good character and an excellent soldier.

S/ Robert McCreight



State of South Carolina Fairfield District

Personally appeared before me John Sloan a resident citizen of said District aged about seventy-one or seventy-two years of age who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Supplemental declaration to his declaration dated the 18th of July 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. Viz. The said John Sloan is a native of the Kingdom of Ireland and was born about the year 1762 or 1763. He has no record of his age but believes there is such record in the hands of his brother in the State of Tennessee. At the time he was called into service as is hereinafter mentioned he was residing on Jackson's Creek then in Craven County, but within the present limits of Fairfield District. He has resided in said District ever since the revolutionary war, and still resides there & not more than four miles from the spot where he resided when he first entered the Service. The said John Sloan when a very young man entered the military service as well as he can now recollect in the spring of the year 1779 as his father's substitute who was then advancing in years, and never served afterwards. He does not on account of old age and consequent loss of memory recollect who was his Captain, but thinks Wade Hampton commanded the Corps to which he was attached, & recollects that the service was performed on the seaboard. In that year he performed two tours of duty, but cannot state for the cause above assigned the exact length of either. In the year 1780 he went into the service as a volunteer under the command of Captain Edward Martin then of Colonel David Hopkins' Regiment. He was out nearly the whole of that year on various tours of duty to the almost total neglect of all civil pursuits, and served in that year altogether more than six months. On one expedition in that year the Regiment visited Tulifinny [Tulfinny] and that post of Beaufort. The object of that expedition was to check the progress of the enemy and to prevent them from invading the State from Savannah. The said John Sloan further says that he was called into service in the year 1781 under the command of Captain Edward Martin, and whilst in service at Ancrum's he volunteered under the command of Colonel William Washington to aid in an attack upon the Congaree Fort. He was at the capture of the Fort. He recollects that besides Washington Colonel Lee of the Legion and Colonel Thomas Taylor of the militia were in command. The said John Sloan after the fall of Congaree Fort continued in the service as a volunteer and was in the battle of the Juniper under the command of Colonel Myddleton [Middleton] in a company commanded by Captain John Gray. The said John Sloan further

declares that he was afterwards called out under the command of Captain Martin, Colonel Richard Winn having succeeded to the command of the Regiment to which Martin's company was attached, and performed duty at Orangeburg for several months – There General Green [Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief. From Orangeburg he marched with Winn's Regiment to the neighborhood of Georgetown: Here the Regiment was detached from the main Army in pursuit of the loyalists under Colonel Cunningham, in which service he was actively employed for 5 or 6 weeks. He thinks from the time he left home to march for Orangeburg until the termination of the expedition was 5 or 6 months. The said John Sloan further declares that he was afterwards ordered to Charleston with a flag by Colonel Winn to conduct a number of disaffected women to Charleston, that he joined Captain Martin's Command at the Four Holes where he continued in service about a month. Captain Martin was relieved at the Four Holes and returned home. He thinks he was in service at this time altogether about two months. At the latter place Sumter and Henderson were in command. The said John Sloan further declares that being out on an expedition for two months before the battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs] under Captain Martin Winn's Regiment in the low country, the object of which was to cut off their supplies of the enemy from Charleston, he was in the pursuit of the enemy after the Battle and followed them to Moncks Corner. On his return home from this expedition he was nearly a year actively engaged as a volunteer under Captain Martin on scouting parties in the upper Country, where great and continued vigilance was necessary to suppress the Tories and preserve order. The said John Sloan deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served 2 years and 6 months on the various tours of duty in which he was engaged as above set forth; He always served as a private and a volunteer, and for the time above mentioned he claims a pension. He has no documentary evidence of his service, obtained no written discharge from his officers and considered the return of peace as his sufficient discharge. For all his services he has never received any compensation from this State nor the United States – And he does hereby relinquish every 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 the State of South Carolina or any other State, and days leave to refer to the testimony and certificate of William Robertson, Robert McCreight and Major Henry Moore.

Sworn to before made this night day of November in the year of our Lord 1833.

S/ J Elliott, CCP

S/ John Sloan

[James Elliot clerk of the court of common pleas gave the standard supporting affidavit and added that there is no clergyman residing in the immediate neighborhood of the applicant.]

[facts in file: Veteran died July 30, 1846 in Fairfield District South Carolina survived by no widow but by the following children: William, Thomas, Samuel and Robert Sloan and Mrs. Howard Robertson and Mrs. Phillips.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina State Troops.]