

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Slaughter S1875

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State of Tennessee Washington County: October Sessions 1832

On this 15th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Washington County now sitting William Slaughter a resident of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee aged seventy-six years April last past, 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, That he was born in Hanover County Virginia in the year 1756 the 18th day of April, as appears from the register kept by the declarant's father, and lived in said County and State until August 1777 when he was drafted in the said County of Hanover to serve a three months Tour of duty and enrolled in said County under Captain Elisha White and was attached to Colonel Francis Foster's Regiment in said County, was marched to Williamsburg, Virginia where he with his Regiment remained some weeks was then marched to York Town or Little York in Virginia where his Regiment was stationed for some weeks, when he with his Regiment was again marched back to Williamsburg where he remained until discharged. He states that General Thomas Nelson commanded the militia during said Tour, there being no regular troops there as well as now recollected. The Troops to which he belonged being called to that point to watch the maneuvers of Governor Dunmore, and prevent his landing, he also states that he served out this Term of enrollment, which was for three months and was verbally discharged by his said General Thomas Nelson.

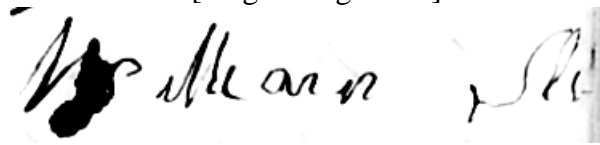
He states that shortly after he returned home from said Tour of duty he moved to New Kent County Virginia and in the year 1778 he & others hired a substitute. That in the spring of 1779 he was a resident of New Kent County Virginia and was drafted in said County to serve a three month Tour and enrolled in said County under Captain Ledwell Bacon [perhaps Lydall Bacon] & was marched to Williamsburg Virginia where he joined the Army under the command of General Thomas Nelson, was again attached to Colonel Francis Foster's Regiment. He states that the Army was employed in keeping Governor Dunmore with his Troop from landing, that the Army was marched to little York and back to Williamsburg and also was marched up Chickahominy after a party of the British under the command of General Armstrong he states that he was again discharged verbally by General Thomas Nelson at Williamsburg after having served out his Tour of enrollment which was for 3 months.

He states that in August 1780 as well as now recollected he was again drafted in New Kent County Virginia and enrolled in said County under Captain John Bacon for a three month Tour, was marched to Williamsburg Virginia, where he joined the Army under General Thomas Nelson his Colonel's name was also Nelson. He states that he remained at Williamsburg and

little York until the expiration of his Tour – He also states that the French Army was at that place also but he does not know the names of any of the officers as he belonged to the militia. He was again discharged by General Thomas Nelson at Williamsburg, was verbally discharged. That he never received a written discharge for any of his Tours of duty. He states that he was not in any Battle. He states that he served in the War of the Revolution in all in the three several Tours as above stated in actual service nine months. He has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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 the Agency of any State, nor is there a resident Minister of the gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the Secretary of War.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this day and year 1st before written.

[illegible signature]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Slaughter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a vertical line to the right of the signature, possibly indicating the end of a line or a page boundary.

[Smith Hunt & John B Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 12: a certificate dated May 11th, 1853 granting the administrator of the estate of William Slaughter the uncollected portion of his pension from March 4, 1844 2 June 29, 1844 [presumably the date of his death] .]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]