

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Sloan S32522

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State of Illinois County of McLean: SS

On this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court now sitting Thomas Sloan a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-Two years on the 22nd of October last and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 in the fall season in the company commanded by Captain Robert Smith in Colonel Allen Alexander's Regiment of the North Carolina line [sic, militia] – and that at the time of his enlistment he lived about ten miles from the town of Charlotte in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina. I served in this Tour about two months went down as low as Cross Creek in pursuit of the Tories – Returned home and was discharged by his Captain. The next fall enlisted in Captain William Alexander's Company was stationed at Camden about three months does not recollect the name of the Colonel was discharged by his Captain and returned home. About the next August 1778 enlisted in Captain Hardin's [John Harden's] Company was stationed near Wilmington, does not know the Colonel's name Stayed about 3 months, was discharged by his Captain and returned home. Sometime in December enlisted in Captain John Brownfield's Company in the Brigade commanded by Brigadier General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] does not remember the Colonel's name went down to Purisburg [Purrysburg] served with the Continental Troops, was in several skirmishes with the British and Tories, was wounded in 2 places through the left thigh and one in the right arm (shown to the court) the scars yet appeared white on a scout two or three days before General Ash's [John Ashe's] defeat at Briar Creek<sup>1</sup> was in the hospital about 2 months and was then carried home in a baggage wagon was unable to work for about 2 months after his return in consequence of his wounds he served in this tour about 5 months was discharged by his Captain. In the winter of 1779 enlisted in Captain William Alexander's company does not recollect the other officers Joined the troops near Charleston South Carolina under Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge] was in service this Tour about 3 months was discharged by his Captain and returned home. In the summer of 1780 enlisted in Captain Wilson's [Zaccheus Wilson's] Company and served in several others principally scouting was in a skirmish at Wahabs [sic, Wahab's]<sup>2</sup> house with the Tories recollected Major Graham was one

<sup>1</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>2</sup> September 21, 1780 Wahabs Plantation <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/wahabsp.htm>

of his offices in this affair and in another skirmish at Polks Mills<sup>3</sup> under the command of Colonel Dickson [Joseph Dickson] was beaten back off the British & Tories after taking their sentinels prisoner was in several other skirmishes – was in the service this term about 4 months, returned home, received no discharge as he was detached constantly as a scout from one place to another. In the fall of 1781 enlisted in Captain William Gardner's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fifer [Caleb Phifer] General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade went down to Wilmington and was gone about 3 months discharge by his Captain and returned home –

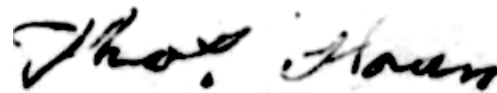
In the said Thomas Sloan further states that he has none of his said discharges now as he took no pains to preserve them – was born in the State of Pennsylvania A.D. 1760 October 22nd and moved to Mecklenburg County when he was about 6 years old where he resided through the war he left in 1799 for Tennessee where he resided about 13 years from thence he removed to Hopkins County Kentucky he resided there about 8 years thence he moved removed to Edwards County Illinois where he resided until he removed to this County where he now lives – has had a record of his age but has lost it – has no documentary testimony that can refer to Jacob Newman and David Keeler of Kentucky Hopkins County – And the said Thomas Sloan states that during the whole of said service he was at no time in the best of his recollection in the regular Continental service in the North Carolina line or militia and served in such as a private – refers to James R Scott a clergyman & William Owendorff as attesting witnesses of his veracity both of McLean County.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and do declare that his name is not on any pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid in open Court before me.

S/ Isaac Baker, Clerk

S/ Thos. Sloan



The following Interrogatories were compounded by the Court viz.

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Pennsylvania in 1760.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have had formerly but have not at present.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service?

Answer. In Mecklenburg County North Carolina.

Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war?

Answer. I removed from Carolina to Tennessee thence to Kentucky thence Illinois where I now reside

How were you called into service?

Answer. By voluntary enlistment in every instance

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served.

Answer. Benjamin Brown – but none other recollected.

With what Continental Regiments did you serve

Answer. With the 5th and 6th stationed at Purrysburg

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[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_wahabs\\_plantation.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wahabs_plantation.html)

<sup>3</sup> October 9, 1780 [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_polks\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_polks_mill.html) &

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_polks\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_polks_mill.html)

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it?

Answer. I received discharges from service from the captains in every instance except one from Captain Wilson I received no discharge being employed as a scout for the period of about 4 months.

What has become of these discharges?

Answer. They are all lost.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. James H Scott, a clergyman and William Orondorff

[James H Scott, a clergyman, and William Orondorff gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois McLean County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Thomas Sloan who being duly sworn deposed 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 not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade. For 2 months I served as a private in the first tour. 2nd. 3 months, in the 3rd tour of service 3 months, For the 4th tour I served 5 months, for the 5th tour I served 3 months, in the 6th tour I served 4 months, In the 7th tour I served 3 months: all of which tours I served as a private in the North Carolina line and as stated in my declaration, making in all 23 months actual service and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Thomas Sloan

Subscribed and sworn to before made this 4th day of June A.D. 1833

S/ David Wheeler, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$76.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year and 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]