

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Cuff Slade S33684

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Bristol SS.

On this tenth day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Southern Circuit, personally appeared Cuff Slade aged [blank] years, resident in the said Circuit, who being by me first duly cautioned according to law, on his oath made the following declaration, by him signed, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war."

I Cuff Slade of Somerset in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts a free man of color and a private soldier in the War of the Revolution, on oath do testify and say that I enlisted during the War as a private soldier into the company commanded by Capt Slocum in the Regiment commanded by Col [Christopher] Greene on the Continental establishment Rhode Island line and that I continued a private soldier in the War & fought against the Common Enemy till the close of the War and was then Honourably discharged in writing, which written discharge I have lost. The time of my enlistment I do not certainly know, but according to my best knowledge & belief it was in the year 1778, or 1779. After my enlistment I was marched to Rhode Island, from thence to New York from thence to the Southland & I was at the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781].

I further testify and declare that I am in reduced circumstances & stand in pressing need of support from my country.

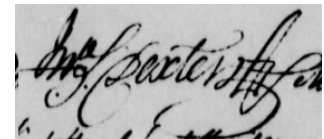
Cuff hisXmark Slade

It appears by the Regimental Book, in which the Entries of Occurrances and casualties from and after the 1st day of January 1781 were principally made by me, That Cuff Slade, a coloured Man, by me recollected, now residing in Somerset in the State of Massachusetts, in the Month of March 1778 inlisted into the service of the United States a Private Soldier, to serve during the War: That he did serve in the Regiment successively commanded by Colonels Christopher Greene and Jeremiah Olney in the Rhode Island Line on the Continental Establishment, from the time of his inlistment aforesaid, (excepting from the 8th day of July 1780 to the 1st day of March 1781, during which time he was absent from said Regiment and returned, "Deserted") until the fifteenth day of June 1783 when he received a furlough (granted in pursuance of a General Order of the 2nd of the same Month,) which, on the ratification of the definitive Treaty of Peace, became an absolute discharge from said Regiment.

[John Singer Dexter] Major of said

Providence May 15th 1819

Reg't at the close of the War



I, Cuff Slade, do say that I am not possessed of any property whatever, my household furniture and clothing, which is very inconsiderable, excepted. That my occupation is a daily labourer, chiefly at farming. That I am unable to perform a common days labour, owing to my advanced aged, and having my feet frozen in the Revolutionary service: That my family consists of myself and my wife, Parthenia Slade, who is sixty three years of age, and from her occupation, spinning and washing, is unable to contribute anything towards my support, and that I have no property whatever.

Somerset July 14th 1820.

Cuff hisXmark Slade

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BRISTOL SS. Circuit Court of Common Pleas July term 1820. having the power of fine and imprisonment

On this seventeenth day of July 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for said county, Cuff Slade, aged sixty three years, resident in Somerset, in said county, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

That I was in the Company commanded by Capt Zephania Brown [Zephaniah Brown], and in the Regiment of Col. Jeremiah Olney, and that I made declaration of my services on the 10th day of April 1818, and of my circumstances, and that my Pension Certificate bears No 11,499.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

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NOTE: A document in the file states that Slade died on 6 April 1821.