

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Slate S45141

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State & Commonwealth of Kentucky Hardin County and Circuit SS

On this 9th day of September 1818 before me Alfred Metcalf, Circuit Judge in and for the 5th judicial district and sole judge of the Hardin Circuit court in said district, personally appeared James Slate, aged sixty-one years resident in Hardin County aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration 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"; that he the said James Slate enlisted in Williamsburg in the State of Virginia in the spring of the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain George Nichols of the second Regiment in the Virginia line, and continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the summer of the year 1783, when he was discharged from service at Richmond in Virginia but his discharge is lost by time or accident; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777, Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Stony Point [July 16, 1779], at Charleston South Carolina when it was taken [May 12th, 1780] by the British and at the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; that he has never received any pension under any law of the United States, and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services – Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Alfred Metcalf

State of Kentucky Hardin Circuit Sct. June Term 1820

Ordered that the following schedule the admitted to record having been 1st sworn to in open Court

Schedule

District of Kentucky Hardin Circuit Sct.

On this 16th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record in the County and district aforesaid James Slate aged sixty-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows he enlisted in the year 1776 under Captain George Nichols in the old 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood. Served three years in that Regiment. I was detached out of that Regiment into Colonel Porter's [? text very faint] Regiment of footmen in which I served about two years then I was taken prisoner at Charleston and continued until the general exchange of prisoners took place at Charleston about the time peace was made.

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 whatever

disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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. I have no property of any kind nor no family and I am a cripple in one of my arms and very unable to work.

[Attested by the clerk of the County Court of Hardin County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 9th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 7 years.]