

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Slack S4846

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The State of Ohio Muskingum County: On this 29th day of April 1843 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Muskingum aforesaid now sitting, John Slack a resident of Washington Township in said County aged seventy-eight 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 the 7th of June 1832 –

That he was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania on the 27th of June 1756 & resided in said Bucks County until two or three years after the revolutionary war commenced – that at the latter part of the summer of the year 1776 he was drafted at said Bucks County & at their rendezvous at McConkey's ferry [?] in said County was attached to the Company of Captain Jacob McConkey [?] in the Battalion commanded by Major James McMasters, thence marched to Trenton New Jersey & was detached with a party to pursue some men who had left the Army without a discharge & after taking the men at Corell's [?] Ferry marched with them as prisoners to Amboy & joined a body of troops stationed there – was then discharged at the expiration of three months, the term for which he was drafted –

In the latter part of July 1777 Declarant was again drafted at Bucks County aforesaid for three months & joined the Battalion of Major James McMasters – Declarant was the only fifer in the Battalion & he does not recollect that he was attached to any company but played for the Battalion, that he marched to Philadelphia thence to Darby & to Chester. They were then ordered to proceed to Bichingh [?] Fort where he remained through the term & was discharged at the expiration of three months –

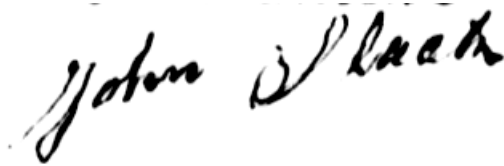
In August 1780 [unclear could be 1781] Declarant (having previous to that time removed to Loudon [Loudoun] County Virginia) was a member of Captain Adam Vinsell's [Adam Vincell's] Company and was at that time called into service (drafted as he supposes) for three months – with said company he marched first to Richmond, thence crossed the River to Petersburg, thence to Cabin Point, thence to the Isle of Wight County Virginia & there joined the Regular troops under the command of Colonel Marryweather [probably Thomas Meriwether] – After remaining there some time he returned to Petersburg & was there discharged having served out the tour of three months (Declarant believes that previous to their joining Colonel Meriwether the Battalion was commanded by Colonel Somers [?]).

In the year 1781 (Declarant cannot recollect the time) he was again drafted at said Loudoun County Virginia, was the only fifer in the Battalion of Major Risbie [Thomas Risby?] & was not attached to any company in this Battalion he marched 1st to Richmond thence to the vicinity of Jamestown & was stationed near that place when the French arrived in the neighborhood. Afterwards he marched towards York & was discharged near that place a few

days before the commencement of the Siege of Cornwallis having been completed his tour of three months – Declarant served in said term of twelve months the whole time in the capacity of a fifer. He was born as before stated, has a record of his birth in a Bible which formerly belonged to his father & which record he supposes to have been made by his father, he never received a commission in the service or a written discharge from it. He has no documentary evidence of his services – he knows of no person living to testify to the same except the persons whose depositions he herewith encloses – After the Revolution he resided in Virginia (Loudoun County) until 1806 [unclear could be 1816] & since that time at Muskingum County of Ohio – Reference can be made to the following persons near Zanesville Ohio Peter Werts George Swank, George Miller, John Miller, John Miller, John Bowers, Albert Cole & James Cummins –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ John Slack

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Slack". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Slack".

The State of Ohio Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas April term 1833 – on this 29th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court John Slack an applicant for a Pension who being duly sworn according to law, makes answers to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department as follows, to wit –

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – At Bucks County Pennsylvania, 27 June 1754

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have a record of my age in a Bible which formerly belonged to my father

Quest. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. At said Bucks County when 1st called into the service – During the latter part of the War, at Loudoun County Virginia & resided there until 1806 since that time at Muskingum County Ohio

Quest. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr. I was drafted at each term

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer The names of my regimental Officers whom I recollect were Major James McMasters, Colonel Meriwether, Colonel Somers & Major Risbie – The Company Officers Captain Jacob McCorkey, Capt. Adam Vinsell – During all the time he was in the service he served as a fifer – this service was principally spent in marches. He was not in any battle & during his tours there was no important occurrence we she can recall.

Quest. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never rec'd a written one.

Quest. 7th 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 Peter Werts, George Swank, George Miller, John Miller, John Bowers, Albert Cole, James Cummings all living near Zanesville, Ohio.

S/ John Slack

The State of Ohio Muskingum County: On this 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County Samuel Beavers¹ who being by me duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that during the revolution he resided in Loudoun County Virginia, that he was there well acquainted with John Slack, now an applicant for a pension & a resident of Washington Township in the said County of Muskingum, That in the year 1780 in the month of August he, Deponent, was drafted for three months & ordered into the southern part of Virginia under the command of Captain Thomas Sewil, Colonel Somers Battalion, that during said three months the said John Slack was a fifer in Captain Vinsell's company in the same Battalion that the said Slack entered the service & was discharged & returned to Loudoun County at the same time with himself & that he frequently saw him serving said term & further that the said Slack is a man of good character for truth & veracity

S/ Saml Beavers



[f p. 10: On April 22, 1833 in Muskingum County of Ohio, Isaac Van Horne² gave a supporting affidavit as to the veteran's service while living in Bucks County Pennsylvania; the deponent also said that he, deponent, saw the veteran at Yorktown Virginia in the fall of 1781 immediately before the siege of that place commenced.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Pennsylvania & Virginia service.]

¹ [Samuel Beavers W4887](#)

² FPA W4091