



declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Capt. Michael Bowyer, 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment Commanded Colo. James Wood. Gen'l. Scott's Brigade – that he served three years as a private in the Regular Army of the Revolution, as will appear by the records in the War office, and that he is the same John Slaven that was on the pension list roll of Virginia. By a law of the United States of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and afterward stricken therefrom By a subsequent act [of 1 May 1820] in consequence of holding property at the time, which excluded him of the benefit of said Act. And that he the said John Slavens resided in the same place that he did when application was first made as above, then Pendleton County now Pocahontas County John Slaven  
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before William Slaven

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix in the pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. Singleton wrote 'Entitled' on his report on Slaven.]

John Slavens Served 3 years. has received \$240—

the undersigned saw Mr. Slavens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jany 1835 and received from him a very minute and satisfactory account of his revolutionary services. – he was three years in the Regular Service – previous to seeing him I learned from a gentleman (who [illegible word] to speak advisedly on the subject) that the name of Mr Slavens' name was found on the roll – under these circumstances I deemed it unnecessary to take his statement in writing which would have been a very lengthy one indeed.

W. G Singleton Feby 15, 1835

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The first two items are in the file of Galford, John. The image is very poor. Punctuation partly corrected.]

I certify that as the Lieutenant of Captain M. Bowyers Company in the month of July 1776 I enlisted Thomas Galford [VAS3669], James Reddin [VAS3670] and John Slaven – our destination then was to form at the mouth of the Little Kanawha, or other parts of the Western Country which Circumstances might require for the Term of two years – which Company marched under my command. But in consequence of sundry murders committed by the indians on the waters of & on Tygarts Valey Governor [Patrick] Henry sent an Express which ordered [two undeciphered words] or for the fall or winter at Tygarts Valey

The Legislature in December 1776 attached this company with others similarly situated to the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by the then Colo James Wood. In consequence they were marched to join the american army; when in Winchester proposals of reenlistment was made & many of the Men enlisted for three years or during the Warr. The before mentioned men with some others declined reenlisting but proposed if they were permitted always to serve under my command that they would serve three years. The being expert Marksmen & Valuable soldiers. I thus engaged with them determined if I should be removed to any other department that their case should be represented to Genl. Washington. It so happened that they continued under my command during their full term which they faithfully performed & were honorably discharged

In the Battle of Brandywine (& previous) Thomas Galford distinguished himself – was wound by a musket Ball in the knee. His left thigh shrunk & caused him to halt in consequence I had him appointed orderly Sergeant which rank he held when discharged. But a reluctance to be Called a pensioner induced him to decline application for support altho in low Circumstances

If therefore these men have not obtained warrants for the proportion of land three years service entitles them to they have a just claim to that Bounty

Viz Thomas Galford as Sergeant  
James Reddin } as privates

John Slaven }  
Given under my hand in the City of Richmond Jan'y 29<sup>th</sup> 1808  
Ro Gamble [Robert Gamble BLWt869-300]  
late a Capt in the Virginia Continental line



It does not appear by the books in this office that the above named Tho. Galford, James Reddin & John Slaven, have received their bounty in Lands. Wm Price Reg'r  
Land office/ Jany 29 1808

On certificate from the Executive dated 29th Jan'y 1808, a Warrant No. 5391 issued 30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1808 in favour of John Slaven for 100 acres of land in consideration of his services as a private of Va. Continental line for three years.

Land Office/ 19 Jan'y 1820.

Wm. G. Pendleton Reg.

John Slavens, a Comon Solder, in a Company of Infantry Commanded by Capt Michael Boyer in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't Commanded by Col Jas Wood, which said Slavins served 2 years and upwards and was Discharged at west point, North River, New york Last [blank space] who was Regularly Inlisted by s'd Capt Boyer & thee said Slavins Discharge was sent to the officer. [undeciphered] From whence the land warrent Issued & thair filed  
a Copy [undeciphered name]