

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Sloane S7523

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SLOANE, Robert

B.1752 near Belfast, County Down, Ireland

While a resident of Duplin Co., Robert SLOANE enlisted in Dec. 1775 or Jan. 1776, served three months as a private under Capt. James LOVE and Col. Alexander LILLINGTON, and was in the battle of Moores Creek Bridge. In the spring or summer, he enlisted and served three months under Capt. Isham SHUFFIELD and Col. James KENAN. During the summer of 1777 or 1778, he enlisted and served three months under Capt. Charles WARD and col. James KENAN. That fall, he enlisted and served three months in the same unit. In June or July 1780 he enlisted and served three months under Capt. James GILLESPIE and Col. James KENAN. In the spring of 1781 he enlisted and served three months in the same unit. He was in a skirmish at Big Bridge in New Hanover Co., N.C. SLOANE was allowed pension on his application executed 27 Nov. 1832 while residing in Duplin Co., N.C. FPA S7523;CASWELL'S list.

SOURCE-"Roster of Patriots in the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge" by Bobby Gilmer Moss

MILITARY-24 Sept. 1833-Duplin Co., N.C.

On the day & year aforesaid before the Court aforesaid personally appeared ROBERT SLOANE, A resident of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina aged eighty one years last April who being duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say that while this deponent was in service in the first of the year 1781 under Capt. Gillespie he saw Theophilus Swinson the aforesaid applicant in service at the Big Bridge in New Hanover County on several occasions, though he did not serve in the same company with said applicant but this deponent was well acquainted with said applicant and knew him before the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written

/s/ Jer. Pearsall, C.C. } Robert (his mark) Sloane

We PETER CARLTON, a clergyman residing in the County of Duplin and ROBERT SLOANE residing in the same hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Theophilus Swinson the aforesaid applicant, that we believe him to be seventy nine years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written

/s/ Jer. Pearsall, C. C. } /s/ Peter Carlton

Robert (his mark) Sloane

And the said Court hereby declares this opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to him that Peter Carlton who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the County of Duplin and Robert Sloane who has also signed the same, and who has sworn to and subscribed the preceding

affidavit is a resident of the County of Duplin and a credible person, and that their statements are entitled to credit

/s/Thos.Settle,

MILITARY-27 Nov.1832-Rev. War Pension Record-Robert SLOAN-M804 Roll 2200

State of N.C., Duplin Co.-Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions-Nov. Term 1832

On this the 27th day of Nov. A.D.1832, personally appeared in open court before Archibald MAXWELL,John FARRIER & Hogan HUNTER, Justices of the Court aforesaid now sitting. Robert SLOAN a resident of Duplin Co. and State of N.C. age eighty years and some months, 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

That he entered the service a minute man under the command of Col. LILLINGTON, Capt. James LOVE,David CANNON Lt., John MCCANNE Ensign, Stephen CADE Sargeant, in Dec.1775 or Jan.1776 & left this town in March 1776 or perhaps in April or May as he served over the time for which he engaged, that he engaged he thinks for three months, but perhaps six, that he resided in Duplin Co. that his entering into service was called enlisting but it may be more properly speaking volunteering that he was in the Battle at Moores Creek Bridge in Feb.1776; that he rendezvoused at Duplin Old Courthouse,& marched from thence to Rockfish Creek, below Crop Creek about seven miles in Cumberland Co. from thence to Elizabeth Town in Bladen Co where he took boating and went down Cape Fear to the mouth of Black River thence up black River to the mouth of Moores Creek and landed about that place and marched to Long Creek Bridge when a express came from Col. CASWELL to march to Moores Creek Bridge, that the he then marched to Moores Creek Bridge, and commenced makeing intrenchments near the Bridge when another express came to march higher up Black River to join and reinforce Col. CASWELL that he commenced his march & marched some distance & met an express from Col. CASWELL to countermarch to Moore's Creek bridge, that we then marched back to Moores Creek Bridge and arrived there the night preceding the night before the battle, that he was with a regiment at Rockfish in Cumberland Co. under Gen. Jas. MOORE, that the Continental officers he knew were Joseph RHODES, John WALDER,Carter IVEY, Col. MALMADY [Malmedy] a Frenchman which are all he can recollect at present, that after the battle of Moores Creek bridge he marched to Wilmington that he remained in & about Wilmington about ten days & was furloughed home for ten days then returned to Wilmington & marched thence into Brunswick Co. to Lockwood's Folly thence back to Wilmington and discharged, that he has no documentary evidence, and thinks he can prove this service by James WALLACE of this county who is very infirm & unable to attend Court.

2. That he entered another term of service under Capt. Isham SHUFFIELD, Barnet BROCK Lieut. in a regiment commanded by Col. James KENAN & Col. Thomas RUTLEDGE in the spring or first of the summer, but he can't tell what year, that he was a volunteer, that he was in no battle, that he marched from Capt. SHUFFIELD'S place of residence to Wilmington, thence to Jumping Run about two miles from Wilmington, and remained about there, making excursions on the Sound & over into Brunswick Co. till his term which was for three months was out, that in this tour he saw several ships of war lying in the ocean, belonging to the enemy, that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person by whom he can prove his actual service in this tour.

3. That he entered another term of service under Capt. Charles WARD, Charles BROWN, he

thinks was Lieutenant, in a regiment under the command of Col James KENAN, & Lieut. Col. Thos. RUTLEDGE that this term was in the summer season but he can't tell the year, but supposes it was in the year 1777 or 1778, that he was a volunteer, for three months that he was in no battle, that he marched from Duplin Courthouse now called Duplin Old Courthouse to Wilmington, thence to Jumping Run, and remained about there guarding against the enemy who were on board their shipping, that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whom he can prove this service-

4. That he entered another term of service under Capt. Charles WARD, Charles BROWN Lieut., Caleb QUINN Sargt., in a regiment commanded by Col. James KENAN, that this tour he thinks was in the fall season and he thinks in the year 1779 Or 1780, that he volunteered for three months, that he was in a skirmish at the Big Bridge in New Hanover Co. in which the Americans retreated that he was stationed on the Northwest Side of the River, that he marched from Duplin Old Courthouse to the Big Bridge and mad excursions on the sound & the vicinity of the Big Bridge, and was discharged at the end of his term at the Big Bridge, that at this time the enemy had possession of Wilmington, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by who he can prove this term of service.

5. That he entered another term of service under Capt. James GILLESPIE, James PEARSALL Lieut., Saml. HOUSTON Ensign, Henry STOKES, he thinks was Sargeant in a regiment under the command of Col James KENAN, in June or July 1780 as he believes, that he volunteered for three months that during this tour in the month of August there was a skirmish at Rockfish bridge a little above South Washington that this applicant was not in the battle as he obtained leave the same morning previous from Capt. GILLESPIE, for five days to go home & hill his corn, that he returned to his company at Rockfish after the five days were out, that the enemy had retired to Wilmington, that Capt. GILLESPIE'S co. gathered & rendezvoused at Rockfish bridge & remained there until the term was out, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

6. That he entered another term of service under Capt. James GILLESPIE, James PEARSALL Lieut., Samuel HOUSTON Ensign, Henry STOKES he things was Sargeant, in a regiment under Col. James KENAN, in the Spring of 1781, that he volunteered for three months, that he was stationed at the Big Bridge that Col. MALMADY came there and told his officers that CORNWALLIS & his army were on their march for Wilmington, and admonished them to carry off their artillery and magazines, that as this applicant was well acquainted with the River, he was ordered by Col. LILLINGTON to take command of a detachment and bring the artillery & ammunition up the River in boats to Limestone Bridge, that he brought them up as far as Isham SHUFFIELD'S landing and guarded them till they were sent for from Kingston [Kinston], that the rest of the army marched from the Big Bridge to Kingston, that his company gathered at Isham SHUFFIELDS and marched to the Big bridge, that from the Big Bridge he went up the River as aforesaid & kept charge of the artillery & ammunition till delivered into the possession of a detachment sent for them from Kingston, from SHUFFIELD'S landing this applicant returned home where he arrived the day after CORNWALLIS passed by that he has no documentary evidence and thinks he can prove part of his service in this tour by Hugh McCANN of this county

7. That he performed several occasional tours of duty amounting he believes at the lowest calculation of three months, which he is willing to despense with. That he was drafted for twelve months as one of the State Troop or a regular soldier he does not know which but hired a substitute & before this hired John MCDONALD to serve for him for & during the war.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & Year, aforesaid.

Test: James DICKSON

Robert SLOANE, X his mark

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to Robert SLOANE the aforesaid applicant, with his answers thereto:

1) Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Ireland near Belfast, County Down in 1752.

2) Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans: I have a record of my age, on a piece of paper in the possession of some of the family of John GREEN.

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

Ans: When called into service I was living in Duplin Co. I have for the most part lived ever since in Duplin, I lived a short time in New Hanover Co. once, I now live in Duplin.

4) How were you called in to service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Ans: My first entering service I call enlisting though it may more properly be called volunteering and in all my other tours of service I was a volunteer.

5) State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troop where you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Ans: The only regular officers who were with the troops where I served that I recollect were Gen. James MOORE, Capt. John WALKER and Col. MALMADY. The only continental troops I saw were at Rockfish in Cumberland Co. The Militia regiments I recollect were Gen. LILLINGTONS & Col KENAN & Col. YOUNG. The general circumstances of my service are related as well as I can recollect them in the preceding declaration.

6) Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Ans: I never received a written discharge from the service.

7) State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: Hugh McCANN, John MCKANN, David QUINN, Gibson SLOANE, Osborne CARR, William CARR, and others I could name.

We John McCANNE Senr. residing in the Co. of Duplin and Peter CARLTON Clergyman residing in the same do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Robert SLOANE who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be eighty years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Rev., and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn, and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Sign: John MCCANN

Peter CARLTON

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after pulling the interrogatories presorted? by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court of ---- certifies that it appears to them that Peter CARLTON who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman residing in the Co. of Duplin

and that John MCCANNE who has also signed the same is a resident in the Co of Duplin and is a credible person & that their statement is entitled to Credit. William CARR aged seventy eight years last May personally appeared before the Court aforesaid the day & Year aforesaid & being duly sworn maketh oath that he served with Robert SLOANE in the Rev. war under Capt. James LOVE in the minute service and believes that he served other tours of service from common report sworn & subscribed the day & Year aforesaid.

Test. P.MURPHY

Sign: William (X) CARR, Sr.

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