

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Ezekiel Slocumb S7526

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State of North Carolina, County of Wayne: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 21st day of August 1832, Personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Ezekiel Slocumb a resident of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina aged 72 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated. He volunteered under Captain Lazarus Crawford in April in 1780. That he rendezvoused at Kinston N. C. and then after two days marched to Fayetteville North Carolina and stayed under the said Captain in that town about two weeks – under Col. Benjamin Exum – and Richard Caswell, Jr. Lieutenant Colonel – and General Richard Caswell Senior. He was marched to South Carolina and placed under Command of General Gates near the dividing line between North & South Carolina. That he remained under General Gates until he was defeated at Camden in which battle was the Declarant. That immediately after the said defeat he went to Ramsey's Mills and placed himself under Col. Seawell [sic, probably Benjamin Seawell or Sewell or Sowell] – and Colonel Brittel [probably William or Thomas Brickell or Brickle], that he received a Furlough from Colonel Seawell which the Declarant now has & which reads as follows:

“Camp Ramsey's Mills August 30 1780. Ezekiel Slocumb a Soldier in Colonel Exum's Regiment has leave of absence till 10th of September and two rendezvous at Hillsborough by that day.
S/ Benjⁿ Seawell, Col. Com.”

That he received an honorable discharge at Hillsboro having rendezvoused there on the 11th September – which discharge was signed by Colonel Exum – which discharge after a diligent search by the Declarant cannot now be found. The discharge bore date the Declarant believes bore date the last of October or first of November 1780.

That during the Service he was in the capacity of private; and remembers General DeKalb and Colonel Moore commander of the Horse at the Battle of Camden.

His Company officers were at first Captain Crawford, Lieutenant __ Ensign Willoughby Williams – at South Carolina he was placed under command of Captain Jonathan Smith and Lieutenant Alexander Smith.

In August 1781, the Declarant volunteered in a troop of Horse under command of Captain David Jernigan – Lieutenant Charles Holmes, Jesse Jernigan Jr. Ensign and the Declarant was Sergeant of the Truth. In this troop the Declarant served nearly one year – during which time he was engaged in repressing disaffection in the Counties of Wayne, Johnston, Duplin & Lenoir in the State of N. C. --

Domestic disturbances in the aforesaid Counties being nearly suppressed in August 1782 the troop had no Service to perform and dissolved.

The Declarant knows no individual living in this County who served with him and either of the aforesaid Terms or sufficiently near whose testimony could be procured to substantiate the truth of his aforesaid Declaration.

The Declarant has received no pension for his aforesaid services & has never before made application for one. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ezekiel Slocumb



[Curtis Hooks and James Griswold gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Wayne County

On this fourth day of January 1833 personally appeared before me James Griswold a Justice of the Viz. assigned to keep the peace in and for the County of Wayne & the State aforesaid Ezekiel Slocumb, who being duly Sworn deposed and saith, That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: "For six months I served as private, For 10 months I served as Sergeant & for such services I claim a pension:"

This Affiant further deposed and saith, (being duly sworn thereto according to law) in more fully answering the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department than was done in his Declaration made on the 21st of August last – more especially Interrogatories Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7 (1) That he was born June 1760 in Wayne County North Carolina. (2) That he knows no record of his age other than the Prayer Book, into which, many years since he copied the date of his birth from an old family Bible then in possession of his Mother and which he knows not now where he can find [it]. (3) That he lived when called into Service and always lived and now lives in Wayne County North Carolina. (6) That in his first Term of service, as stated in his Declaration aforesaid, he received a Discharge dated & signed as therein Declared and which he believes has been lost or destroyed. This Affiant many years since had his pocket Book stolen from him containing some money & some valuable papers – among them he thinks might have been his discharge from this his first Tour of service – at any rate after a diligent search therefore this Affiant has been unable to find it. That in his second Tour as set forth in his said Declaration he received no discharge – the company disbanding without the formality of granting or receiving Discharges being volunteers bound to no particular term of service. In this his second Tour he served as Sergeant – but received no commission – none being then granted to an officer of that Grade. (7) That he can state as persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who (he believes) can testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, the Honorable Jesse Spright, Gabriel Sherrard, Esq., Gen. Nicholson Washington, Robert Collier, Esq., Joseph Everitt, Stephen Smith & Samson Lane, Esq.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ James Griswold, JP

S/ Ezekiel Slocumb

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$95 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months

service as a private and Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]