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Pension application of William Slone S7528

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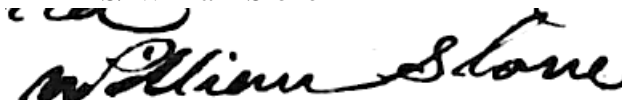
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State of Virginia Scott County Sct:

On this 9th day of February 1835 Personally appeared William Slone Senior before me the undersigned a Resident and Justice of the Peace in and for the County and state aforesaid the aged William Slone being 78 years of age the 14th of October last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he was drafted in Bedford County State of Virginia and entered the service of the United States in the militia and served under the following named officers to wit under Colonel James Calaway [James Callaway] Captain William Leftridge [probably William Leftwich], Jonathan Richerson [Jonathan Richeson] Ensign Stephen Sanders we marched from Bedford to Fincastle to the lead mines there was stationed and served three months left the service in the year of the Indian treaty he states he was again drafted in the County and state aforesaid the 1st of January 1781 and served under Colonel Camel [probably Campbell] Captain Richerson Major John Calaway [John Callaway] in the Light Infantry we had some engagement at Ramsaoroles mill [this may be a mistaken reference to the engagement at Ramsour's mill on June 20, 1780, but more likely a reference to the action at Ramseys mill on Deep River March 19, 1781] and one at the Cowpens and at the Reedy fork – we were at the Moravian town Salisbury area town North Carolina we had a scrimmage at the haw fields and was in the battle at Gilford Court house [Guilford Court House March 15, 1781] we were on the right wing and in the time of said battle my gun lock was shot off he states he served under Colonel Linch [Lynch] a part of his time left the service the 5 day of April in the year 1781 and for such service he claims a pension he states he has no witness now living near him that he knows of who he can prove his service by who was in the service with him there is one if he is living in Wayne County Kentucky and one in Montgomery Virginia but he being old and frail he is unable to go to them to get their evidence in this case and in consequence of old age and bodily infirmity he cannot attend the court he therefore makes this his declaration before a Justice of the Peace he states he served with an embodied Corps called out by competent authority he states he served 6 months in defense of his country and in the time of the alleged service was not engaged in any civil pursuit of any kind save that of the service of the United States and he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state or if any only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia

S/ William Slone



and I Joshua Speer do hereby declare my opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

S/ Joshua Speer, JP

NB he states he received a discharge from under the hand of Captain Richerson and that is lost or mislaid so he cannot tell what has become of it and he is old, frail and helpless and greatly needs the pension for his service &c.

The following interrogatories were this day put to the aforesaid applicant before me Joshua Speer a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and state aforesaid

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Halifax County State of Virginia in the year 1756

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

I had in writing but at this time I do not know that it can't be found it was in my Bible when I was a schoolboy

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

I was living in Bedford County when called into service I lived in Montgomery 3 years then moved to Scott County and am now living in the same

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

I was drafted and served 3 months and again drafted and served 2 months I volunteered and served one month which makes 6 months service

5th 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.

John Pendleton clergyman, Reuben Pendleton, William Trabue and my neighbors in general can testify for me &c

6th 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.

General Nathaniel Green, Colonel Washington was of the Light Infantry troop, Colonel Charles Linch, Major John Calaway Captain Jonathan Richerson were my officers and the General circumstances of my service was as I before stated in the declaration

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[John Pendleton, a clergyman, and William Falen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Scott County to wit

On this 13th day of June 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Scott County and State of Virginia, now sitting, William Slone, a resident of said County and State, who was born on the 14th of October 1756 in Halifax County and state aforesaid, aged eighty-one years eight 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 the 7th 1832.

That he was born at the time above stated, and the place above stated: that he has a record of his age in his family Bible. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was living in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia when he was drafted into

service under command of Captain William Leftridge, Lieutenant Stephen Sanders and Colonel James Caloway about the first of July, but of what year he does not recollect, and marched in Colonel Caloway's Regiment to the Lead Mines on New River, where he served a Tour of three months, was discharged by Captain Leftridge which discharge he has lost, and returned to Bedford County, where he remained and lived till the 2nd day of January previous to the battle of Guilford Court House North Carolina, at which time he was again drafted into service on the command of Captain Jonathan Richardson, Major John Caloway and Colonel Charles Lynch of the Rifle Regiment who was ordered to join Colonel Washington's Troop of Cavalry, after joining Colonel Washington's Troops, he was in an engagement at the Reedy fork, in North Carolina, shortly afterwards he was in another engagement at Ramsour's Mills, also in an engagement at the Haw-Fields, and shortly after this he was in the Battle of Guilford Court House where General Green [Nathanael Greene] was chief commander. Colonel Lynch's Regiment continued under Colonel Washington and was placed on his right, forming his right wing in the said battle at Guilford Court House. Colonel Lynch's Regiment remained with Colonel Washington's till the 5th day of April next after the battle at Guilford Court House at which time he was discharged, but does not recollect whether he received his discharge or not his 2nd tour however ended at this time under Captain Richardson.

He states that he has no documentary evidence of his discharge, having lost his discharge for his first tour and that he does not know of any living person by whom he can prove the facts of service, except Thomas Slone who is a non-resident old and infirm. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Slone, X his mark

[Robert Speer of Scott County and James Williams of Scott County gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia Scott County to which

This day came Thomas Slone before me Joshua Speer Jr. a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that I am knowing to William Slone serving two tours [tours] as a soldier in the Revolutionary War one at the lead mines on New River the other in North Carolina I was with him in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina under Captain Jonathan Richardson under Colonel Charles Lynch in his Rifle Company with troop of Light horse commanded by Colonel Washington in joining the Regiment commanded by General Green.

Given under my hand this 5th day of June 1837

S/ Joshua Speer

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]