

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Slaughter W11458

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State of Georgia Greene County – On this twelfth day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid, George Slaughter, a resident of the County of Greene & State of Georgia, aged sixty-eight years & seven months, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision may by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, in the Militia of the State of Virginia to the best of his recollection in January 1781, that he was drafted for tours of three months whenever called upon during the war, and served in a company commanded by Captain Richard Allen, 1st Lieutenant Moses Arnold the other officers he does not recollect – directly after he was drafted (about the last of January 1781) this company to which he belonged was marched from Cumberland Court House to a place near Portsmouth in Virginia (which then was occupied by the British) where they joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Parker which Regiment was detached from General Steuben's Army. Colonel Parker's Regiment while he was with them reconitred [reconnoitered] the country lying on the James River in the neighborhood of Portsmouth, he further states that he was in no general engagement during this tour of service except a few skirmishes with the Tories, he further states that he remained in Colonel Parker's Regiment until he was discharged which was about the first of the ensuing May.

This Deponent further states that he was called out again in the same company & under this command of the same Company Officers early in the summer (date not recollected) of the same year 1781 & marched from Cumberland Court House, to Carter's Ferry on the James River, crossed the River & joined the Army under General Lafayette, the American Army when deponent's company joined them were pursuing the British Army commanded by Lord Cornwallis, the British Army was marching in the direction of Richmond Virginia, when Cornwallis had come near Richmond he turned, & pursued us through the Counties of Henrico, Hanover, & New Kent, he, then quit the pursuit, & marched his Army to James Town, we followed him to that place, General Lafayette then detached General Wayne with a part of his Army who gave it the British Army battle at James Town – Lord Cornwallis after this engagement took shipping with his Army & went off. General Lafayette then marched the American Army into Hanover where the Militia were discharged after serving about a month and a half.

This deponent further states that he was called out again in the same company in August of the same year, his company was attached to Colonel Skipwith's Regiment of Militia, his company marched from Cumberland Court House to Swans Point on James River, landed at James Town & marched to Little York, where we joined the main Army that was then laying siege to the British Army under Cornwallis at that place, deponent states that about a week after

his Company had joined the Army a place called Pedgeon Hill [Page in Hill], occupied by three outpost or out works of the British Army was taken by the Americans, – This deponent further says that he remained at this place (Little York) until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], after which he was discharged.

This deponent further states that he resided in the County of Cumberland & State of Virginia at the time that he entered the service, and that he served six months & one half taken altogether.

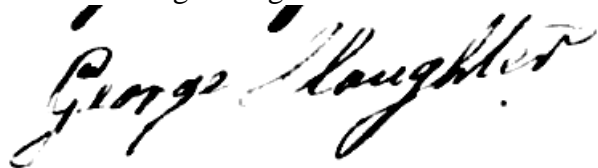
This deponent further states that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension, or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test

S/ Vincent Sanford, Clerk

S/ George Slaughter



Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer (by the applicant) In the state of Virginia Cumberland County in the year 1764

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

Answer 2nd I have my father's record of my age in my possession!

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

Answer – I was living with my Father in Cumberland County in Virginia when I was called into service, I resided in Virginia until the fall of 1795 & have resided in the State of Georgia since 1796 – I now reside in Greene County Georgia

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

Answer – I was drafted to serve tours of 3 months whenever called –

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 – I have seen & been with him in service General Washington, Lafayette, Scott & Wayne, of the Continental Army & have served with the following Militia officers Colonel Skipwith, Major Holcomb, Major Meriwether, Major Decleoman, & Major Garlainton

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 have received a discharge from the service but it has long since been destroyed or mislaid –

Sworn & subscribed in open Court

S/ George Slaughter

[Joel P. Leveritt, a clergyman, and Edward H Wingfield gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 14: On February 25, 1856 in Greene County Georgia, Susan Slaughter, 72, filed for her

bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Slaughter, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Greene County Georgia October 18, 1818; that her name prior to her marriage was Susan Dorsey; that her husband died in the year 1845. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 18: On April 24, 1856 in Greene County Georgia, Susan Slaughter, 72, filed for her widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of George Slaughter, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$21.33 per annum; that she married him October 18, 1818 and that he died February 25, 1845.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 6 months and 12 days. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]