

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Slaughter¹ W19045

Lucy Slaughter f40VA

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State of Virginia County of Rappahannock: SS

On this 10th day of December 1838 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Lucy Slaughter a resident of said County aged sixty-nine years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" – That she is the widow of William Slaughter deceased late of this County, who was a soldier and an officer in the Revolutionary War – That the service of her husband was all rendered before they were married, so that she cannot state it on her own knowledge – That she knows he acted as an officer and was in the service for several years but cannot specify his service. That she relies upon the testimony of John Roberts who was with him and to the fact of the allowance of his claim for land – and to documentary evidence as to marriage &c.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Slaughter on the 10th of April 1785 – that her husband the aforesaid William Slaughter died on the 30th day of July 1821; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Lucy Slaughter, X her mark

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I John Roberts² late a Major in the War of the Revolution do hereby certify that William Slaughter now deceased was an officer in the Regiment that guarded the Convention Troops at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia, that he duly enlisted in 1778 or early in 1779, that in the year 1779 or 1780 he was appointed an Ensign in the said Regiment that in the year 1781, May, the greater part of said Regiment having served out the period of its enlistment, the said Slaughter was relieved from service, that he did not resign his Commission but relieved for the want of command, as did John Taylor and others and I believe that said Slaughter, would again have entered the service in an equal or higher grade had he been required to do so.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of April 1832

S/ Jno. Roberts

¹ BLWt1836-150

² [John Roberts W2347](#)



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State of Virginia Rappahannock County

On this 7th day of February 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the said County, Major John Roberts of the said County, aged upwards of eighty years, who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith. That he was a Major in the Regiment of guards at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia to guard the Convention troops. That he enlisted a company for that service and that William Slaughter late of this County enlisted into the company about the close of 1778 with one of the subalterns, for which reason he cannot state the exact day. That on the 14th day of February 1779, the company marched to the Barracks. That the said William Slaughter received from him the appointment of Sergeant and marched with them. That Slaughter continued to be Sergeant in the company till sometime in the summer of 1779 say August of that year, when John Slaughter the Ensign of the company resigned his commission and William Slaughter was commissioned Ensign to fill the vacancy. That he continued to act as Ensign in said service until May 1781 when the Regiment was discharged. That he did not resign his commission but retired for the absence of command, as did John Taylor and others, and that he believes that the said Slaughter would again have entered the service in an equal or higher grade had he been required to do so.

S/ Jno Roberts

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State of Virginia Rappahannock County SS

On this 24th day of October 1839 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Major John Roberts of said County aged upwards of 81 years, and of good character for veracity, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith in answer to questions put to him in my presence: – That he had given a deposition sometime last winter in regard to the Revolutionary service of the late William Slaughter. That as to the month in which said Slaughter was commissioned Ensign as stated in that deposition, he could not speak positively, but from circumstances in his recollection he is satisfied that it was not later than August. That as stated in the deposition referred to John Slaughter resigned the ensigncy and William Slaughter was commissioned in its place, and that those circumstances left an impression on his mind as to the time which enables him to say that it could not have been later than August. That in regard to the time of his enlistment he could not speak positively for the reason mentioned in his deposition is that he did not enlist him himself. That his appointment as Sergeant he is still satisfied was in February as on the 14th day of February 1779 he set out with his Company to the Barracks and appointed his noncommissioned officers when he started of whom William Slaughter was 1st Sergeant that the time of Slaughter's discharge from service was May 1781 as he has evidence among his papers.

S/ Jno. Roberts

[p 18: testimony of Zachariah Turner that the family register shows that William Slaughter and Lucy Brown were married the 10th day of April 1785.]

[p 3: Finding dated April 18, 1852 by the Culpepper County (Virginia) Court that Captain

William Slaughter late of the Virginia Continental line departed this life leaving as heirs at law of Elizabeth S Slaughter, William Slaughter, John Slaughter, Eleanor Slaughter who intermarried with Benjamin Fecklon [?], Lucy Slaughter who intermarried with William Carrington [?], Robert Slaughter, Gabriel Slaughter, Nancy Slaughter who intermarried with George T Thomas, Reuben Slaughter and George Slaughter.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$225 per annum commencing March 4th, 8 1836, for her husband's service for 3 months as a Sergeant and 21 months as an Ensign in the Virginia service.]

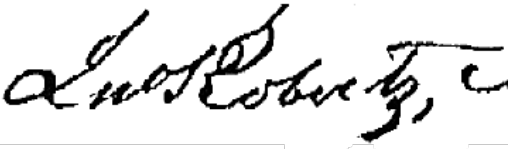
Addendum to William Slaughter W19045

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 12 June 2021.

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]. The file also contains a certificate by John Roberts dated 20 Aug 1833 that is similar to those above and the following.]

I John Roberts late a Maj'r in the War of the Revolution do hereby Certify that William Slaughter now Dec'd was a Soldier in the Regiment that guarded the Convention troops [Hessian and British soldiers surrendered at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia [4 mi NNE of Charlottesville], that he duly enlisted in 1778 or early in 1779, that in the year 1779 he was appointed an Ensign, in the said Regiment, that in the year 1781 I think May the Regiment was discharged and the said Slaughter returned from service; that he did not resign his Commission, but returned for the want of Command as did the other officers of said Regiment and I believe that said Slaughter would again have entered the service on equal or higher grade had he been required so to do. I some months since gave a similar Certificate as this. Given under my hand this 5th day of Dec'r 1833.

[Rappahannock County]



John Roberts, Jr.