

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George T. Sloan (Sloane) W22231¹

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State of South Carolina Laurens District: On this 22nd day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before J. S. Richardson one of the Judges of the Court of common pleas now sitting for the District aforesaid, George T Sloan a resident of the District of Laurens & State of South Carolina aged 76 years the 3rd of December last 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 7 1832.

He entered the American naval service in the following named ships and officers. Soon after a cruise in the *Fair American* was out to wit the 10th of September 1778, he entered on board the *Trumbull* Frigate Captain Nicholson [James Nickelson] commander then lying in the Harbor of Boston, as Sergeant of Marines, bound for a cruise, in company with the *Dean* Frigate. In the latitude of Cape Sabb [sic ?] fell in with and scattered a fleet of transports and vittlers bounded Ford New York, made seven prizes and brought the whole safe into Boston Harbour. This cruise lasted 8 months. So soon as the *Trumbull* reached the Harbour this Declarant was put on shore in company with and under the command of Lieutenant Thomas Allen on the recruiting service until the return of the *Trumbull*, from a second cruise which she made and returned the 20 August 1779, making in the whole 11 months & 10 days – shortly afterwards to wit the first September [date written over and illegible, but presumably 1779] this Declarant repaired on board the *Trumbull* for another cruise as Sergeant of Marines, and started again in company of the *Dean* Frigate – from which Frigate we soon parted in a squall. We soon afterward fell in with and engaged the *Watt* a letter of mark [letter of marque] from Liverpool. In this engagement which lasted about 21 minutes, we ran under her larboard quarter to board & here this Declarant was wounded by a boarding pike severely. This action was not successful both vessels hauled off to refit & did not renew the fight. While on this cruise we captured a ship and Brig bound from Hallifax [Halifax Nova Scotia] to New York and this Declarant being a practical Navigator was ordered on board the prize Brig *Hannah* with 8 hands Thomas Wilson master with orders to run her safe into the port at St. Eustacia [St. Eustatius] in the W. Indies [West Indies], but being driven off by contrary winds before the port could be reached; we were so closely chased by two of the British cruisers, the prize was run ashore on that island, however, and by taking to our boats we escaped onshore. This was between the 20th of December 1779 & 1 January 1780 making a cruise of three months and three weeks. From this place this Declarant & crew soon sailed for Boston in a merchant Vessel. And hearing no more of the *Trumbull*, supposed from the leaky condition we left her [in] that she was lost – this Declarant on the 20th of January 1780 entered on board the *Ranger* sloop of war, Captain Simpson commander, as

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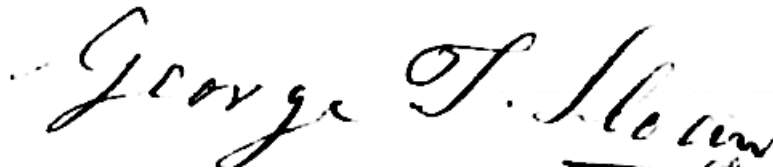
Gunnery mate, bound on a cruise to the southward, in company with the Frigates *Boston*, *Providence* & *Queen of France*. In the Gulph [Gulf] stream we were chased by a British fleet of 10 Sail into Charleston Harbor, and there surrendered with the City the 12 May 1780. From which place – he escaped in a short time into the country and had no more an opportunity to join the service. This last was a service of 3 months and 20 days – making the whole of my service in the Revolution one-year 8 months & 22 days.

This Declarant was born in the City of Cork Ireland – has a record of his age taken off his Father's family Bible when he left Ireland & since entered in his own Family Bible. Joined the first American vessel at sea – the next in Boston after the war was over he followed the sea for a number of years, then settled in Spartanburg District South Carolina where he lived 25 or 30 years, then removed into the adjoining District, Laurens, where he now lives & has lived for the last 15 years. Never received a discharge – Knows no one who can testify to his services from their personal knowledge.

This Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. Parson Joshua Gilbert and General Thomas Wright can testify as to Declarant's character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Sea-man.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court
S/ John Garlington, Clerk

S/ George T Sloan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George T. Sloan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the text of the affidavit.

[Joshua Gilbert, a clergyman, and Thomas Wright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: On June 3, 1844 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Mary Sloan, in the 71st year of her age, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George T Sloan; that she married him on the 20th day of November 1793; that he died June 9th, 1836; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 14: On June 4 1844 in Spartanburg district South Carolina, Dianah Smith testified that she was present at the marriage of George Sloan to Mary Sloan; that they were married by William Smith Esquire, a magistrate but she cannot recall the date of their marriage.]

[fn p. 63: Rachel Page gave testimony on September 29, 1845 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, that she is the sister of Mary Sloan, the wife and now widow of George T Sloan; that she remembers that William Aylmer Sloan, the oldest son of George T Sloan and Mary his wife was born a little over 8 months after the marriage of said "Thomas and Mary and that the said William who is still living was always considered in the family as a seven months child."]

[fn p. 18: On June 4, 1855 in Laurens District South Carolina, Mary Sloan, 80, filed for her bounty land entitlement; she states that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Smith; that she was married on 20 November, 1774 [sic, ?, she said 1793 in her earlier application—also, if she were 80 in 1855, she would not have been born in 1774.]

[fn p. 24: On May 29, 1866 in Greenville District South Carolina Richard E Sloan, 54, Charles S Sloan, 47, Martha Sloan, 60, residence of Greenville District South Carolina gave testimony in that they are the children and heirs at law of Mary Sloan deceased who was a pensioner of the United States; that she died March 19, 1864 near Buena Vista post office in South Carolina at the residence of her daughter Martha; that their mother was to the best of their knowledge 91 years old at the time she died; that she was supported during the rebellion up to her death by her grandson Thomas B Snow; that their mother bitterly opposed the rebellion; that she last drew her pension with the age of her son Alfred Sloan who has since died; that they make this application for themselves and for Catherine West Moreland, 68, a widow of Spartanburg District and Mary Ann Reignolds 50, also of Spartanburg district, the sisters of the affiants and the daughters of their mother Mary Sloan.

Richard E Sloan
Charles S Sloan
Martha Sloan

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months & 10 days service in the South Carolina Navy as a Sergeant & mariner on the frigate *Trumbull*.]