

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Slaughter¹ R17889

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I, Alexander C Shackelford² of the County of King & Queen, and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I enlisted on the 3rd day of February in the year 1777, as a fifer in the revolutionary war, under Captain Charles Collier: On the 28th of the same month (February) I marched with Captain Collier's recruits, to Williamsburg and was placed in the Continental barracks, where I remained till the completion of the new magazine, or State barracks, when I went into said barracks, and remained therein, till the spring of the year 1778. Immediately after the receipt of orders to march the troops from Williamsburg to the North Captain Collier resigned, and Captain Abner Crump took command of the company in his stead: In the spring of the year 1778, I marched under the command of Captain Abner Crump, attached to the First Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson, to Valley Forge where I was inoculated for the smallpox. From Valley Forge I went to Monmouth, from Monmouth to Stony Point; from thence, to White Plains, and from thence, back to Philadelphia; where I staid ten or twelve days, and then returned to Virginia. After remaining with my friends in King & Queen, on a visit, three or four weeks, I went to Williamsburg to obtain my discharge, (having served out my tour of 3 years and a little more) and was sent by the then Governor, to Colonel Allison, who was then in command at Petersburg. I obtain my discharge from Colonel Allison, in July 1781, but was taken very sick immediately after and remained in Petersburg till all the troops left there for the South. I then returned to King & Queen, where I have resided, ever since. I knew Thomas Slaughter, of the County of New Kent, very well: He entered the service in the revolutionary war, as a Sergeant in Captain Abner Crump's Company, in which, I was, myself, a fifer, and which company was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel George Gibson. The said Thomas Slaughter marched with his company in the spring of the year 1778, to Valley Forge: There, the said Thomas Slaughter was promoted to a Lieutenant, and held that commission until his return to Virginia, in the spring of 1781. I was under the command of said Thomas Slaughter, who was Lieutenant of the company to which I was attached, at Valley Forge, Monmouth, Stony Point, and White Plains, and returned with him to Philadelphia. I left the said Thomas Slaughter at Lancaster, in Pennsylvania; and came on with Major Meriwether [probably Major Thomas Meriwether] to Virginia. When I went to Petersburg to get my discharge, I there saw the said Thomas Slaughter, in command, as a Lieutenant, and know that he marched from thence, with the troops, to the South. I never saw him afterwards, and do not know what became of him. As witness, my hand and seal, this 7th day of November, A.D. 1833.

¹ Va. Half Pay

² Sic, [Alexander Shackelford S7506](#)

S/ Alexander C. Shackelford, X his mark

In addition to what I have already stated in the foregoing affidavit, in relation to the services of Lieutenant Thomas Slaughter, I think it proper to add, that I omitted in the said affidavit, to mention, that the said Thomas Slaughter, also acted as commissary to his company during the whole time we were to the North together, and I left him in the performance of that duty, when I left the Company in Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, on my return to Virginia, as witness my hand and seal, this 7th day of November A.D. 1833

S/ Alexander C Shackelford, X his mark

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Executive Department Richmond February 28, 1850

The Heirs of Thomas Slaughter are allowed Land bounty for his services as a Lieutenant in the State line of Virginia for 3 years.

The Register will issue a Warrant accordingly, if not heretofore drawn.

S/ John B Floyd

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 10th day of September, 1783, in the name of Thomas Slaughter, as a Quarter Master for £31.2.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Wm Slaughter and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
19th day of September 1849.

S/ Allen W Morton

Acting in the absence of the Auditor

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Pension Office January 10, 1850

Sir,

I have examined the papers in the case of Thomas Slaughter, deceased. It appears that as a Quarter Master he received a certificate for the balance of his full pay amounting to £31.2.0 Virginia currency and that he was a Quarter Master to General Stevens' [Edward Stevens'] Brigade in October 1781. But it does not appear that he belonged to anyone of the regiments for which the Act of July 5, 1832 provides, nor does it ever appear (except by the testimony of Alexander C Shackelford) that he was an officer in any Regiment. The affidavit of Shackelford is not entitled to any credit whatever. He alleges that Slaughter was a Lieutenant in Crump's Company in 1778, and continued in it until 1780, but the fact is not so. Slaughter's name cannot be found upon the rolls of that or any other Company of Gibson's Regiment to which Crump's Company belonged. To entitle his heirs to half pay, it must be shown that Slaughter belonged to one of the regiments mentioned in the Act of July 5, 1832 and that he served until he became a supernumerary. Commutation cannot be allowed unless it can be clearly shown that he served in one of the regiments designated in the law of 1832 up to the 22nd April 1783.

I am Sir respectfully

your obedient servant

J L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions

[p 3: Power of attorney dated December 15, 1849 executed in the city of Williamsburg Virginia by John Slaughter, as administrator of the estate of Thomas Slaughter, deceased, who is described as having been a Lieutenant and quarter master in the revolutionary war.

John Slaughter
Admin of Thos. Slaughter.]

From the digital collection of the [Virginia State Library](#):

And a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for York County the 20th day of August 1849

Upon Satisfactory evidence to which the oath of Lewis Hogg Senior a very old and respected Citizen of this County, It is ordered to be certified by the Court that Thomas Slaughter was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State line during the Revolutionary War. That the said Thomas Slaughter served as a Lieutenant until the end of the War. That he died in York County about the year 1794 Intestate, and that John Slaughter of the City of Williamsburg is his only heir and distributee.

A copy Test: S/ Bolivar Shield, Clerk

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13th day of December 1786, in the name of Thomas Slaughter, as a Quarter Master for £49.14.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Meriwether and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
19th day of September 1849.

S/ Allin W. Morton,
Acting in the absence of the Auditor

Addendum to Thomas Slaughter R17889

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

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Tuesday May 8th 1783

Present

His Excellency;
Beverley Randolph [W4774]
Thomas Leman
Sampson Matthews [Sampson Mathews VAS2023]

James Monroe [W26271]
John Marshall [S5731]
Esquires

Thomas Slaughter having informed the Governor of a parcel of Artificers Tools in his possession which he rec'd at the Siege of York as Quartermaster to General Stevens' [Edward Stevens VAS1922] Brigade, & desiring to know what he shall do with them.

from the Council Journal