# Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of John Sloan (Slone) S1590 Transcribed by Will Graves

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I, John Sloan a citizen of Sumner County and State of Tennessee, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the State of North Carolina as a Dragoon in the State Troops as a private for the term of ten months in the Revolutionary War under Colonel Wade Hampton on the 16th day of April 1781, & continued in service under General Sumter for & during the term of ten months, until the termination of the Revolutionary War, at which period I was a private soldier in Captain William Alexander's Company in the 3rd Regiment of the line of Dragoons. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80, to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not, on the 15th day of March 1828, on the Pension List of the United States, And I further declare that my Discharge is lost or mislaid.

S/ John Sloan

John Hoan

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of September 1829 S/ James Walton, JP

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The Amended Declaration of John Sloan, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

State of Tennessee Sumner County:

On the 15th day of March 1833 personally [appeared] in open Court before Thomas Stewart Judge etc. of the Circuit Court of Sumner County, now in Session, John Sloan, a resident of said County and State, aged about seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. Applicant was born in the State of Pennsylvania in 1759, where he lived until 1766, when his father moved to Mclenburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County, North Carolina. In the month of July 1776, Applicant volunteered under Captain William B Alexander & was under the command of Colonel Fifer [John Phifer] & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] to guard the frontiers at the head of the Catawba River where we remained for weeks, when we [were] ordered home to make the necessary arrangements to

march against the Cherokee Indians, in two weeks, which we did, and were engaged against the Cherokee Indians<sup>1</sup> until about the first week in November, at which time we were marched back home and disbanded, having been in service during this time about four months – During this time we killed a few of the Indians in battle – skirmishes – In the first of the year 1779, just after General Ash's [John Ashe's] defeat<sup>2</sup> [he] went down to the two sisters [Two Sisters Ferry] on the Savannah River to see his brother,<sup>3</sup> who had been wounded & was in the Hospital; when he got there he substituted to serve out the balance of John Todd's time who belonged to Captain Brownfield's [John Brownfield's] Company, under General Rutherford, which he served out being four weeks, done nothing but lie at the above place. In the latter part of July 1778, went out under Major Smith & Captain William B Alexander after the Tories in South Carolina, on the South fork of the Catawba [River], was out five weeks in the months of August & September. In the summer of 1779 turned out as a volunteer for three months under General Locke [Francis Locke], Colonel George Alexander & Captain William B Alexander – engaged during this Tour about Charlotte, North Carolina & down on the Waxhaw Creek which Tour Applicant served & was disbanded a few miles below Charlotte Court House. In 1780 in the month of August was engaged as a Guard three weeks at the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] under Colonel John Brandon, William B Alexander, in the latter part of which month volunteered for three months under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], Colonel Fifer [Caleb Phifer] & Captain William B Alexander to annoy the British when at Charlotte. We got to Ramsour's Mill just after the battle [June 20, 1780] after which Applicant was dismissed, having served four months under General Davidson although his engagement was only for three months – during all the above Terms Applicant served as a private, he does not now recollect that he received a written discharge for any of the above Terms. In the month of March 1781, Applicant enlisted as a Dragoon under Colonel Wade Hampton for ten months, General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade, Captain Peter Burns, after three or four months, Burns & some other officers were made supernumerary officers & sent home after which, Applicant was attached to Captain William R Alexander's Company, during this term Applicant was engaged in the taking of Friday's Fort [May 1, 1781]<sup>4</sup> & Orangeburg [May 11, 1781]<sup>5</sup> on the Edisto River; a part of the time Applicant was placed in Camden to make shoes for the soldiers; at the end of the ten months Applicant was regularly discharged at Orangeburg by Captain Alexander. Applicant was engaged after this in two or three little scouting Parties after the Tories the time or length of which he cannot recollect. The ten months Tour he served as a private Dragoon. The above is a history of the services of Applicant in the Revolutionary War, he is confident, that he served fully two years – Applicant resided in Mecklenburg County North Carolina until 1797 when he removed to Sumner County, Tennessee, where he has resided ever since. He has no Documentary evidence of his service. He knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his services, except John Wilson whose Certificate was appended to his Original Declaration. & He hereby relinguishes 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 or Territory.

Sworn to in open court 15th of March 1833

S/ John Sloan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\_cherokee\_expedition\_1776.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Battle of Brier Creek March 3, 1779 <u>http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Thomas Sloan S32522

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\_fridays\_ferry.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution orangeburgh 2.html

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S/ M. Baldridge, Clerk

[John A Browning, a clergyman, and William Carr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I John Wilson, a Resident of Sumner County, being about 93 [could be "73"]<sup>6</sup> years of age, do hereby certify, that I was raised in the same neighborhood with the above named John Sloan, that I knew him intimately when a boy & ever since, I was present when he enlisted for ten months under Colonel Hampton & know of his return in the spring following – I had a brother-in-law in service at the same time. I know that he went into service in one spring & returned the next – I was not in service with him, but lived in the same neighborhood with him & know when he went into service & about the time he returned – Subscribed & sworn to this 16th of March 1833 in open Court.

Sworn to in open court 16th of March 1833

S/ John Wilson

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for twoyear service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>7</sup> relating to John Slone (Stone, Slown)	AA12
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7089	
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December the 20<sup>th</sup> 1785

I do hereby authorize and empower Thomas Alexander to receive my Negro Draw or what may be Coming to me for my Services in the ten months Service under Captain Burns in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment as witness my hand the date above written

S/ John Slone

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <u>http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/</u>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the <u>Just take me to the search page</u> link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

I hereby empower William Alexander to Receive the within Mentioned Draw January the 4<sup>th</sup> 1787

S/ Thos. Alexander

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[p 4 : Printed form of Indent No. 236 Book M dated first of October 1784 "delivered to Mr. John Slown [sic] late Private in Burns' [Peter Burns'] Troop, w. Hampton's [Lt. Col. Wade Hampton's] Regiment Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last."]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina Treasury, William Alexander, and Henry Smerdon as well as the following:

Charleston October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1787 pay the contents to Henry Smerdon or order for Value received S/ John Slown

John Stown