Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Slape S39075

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State of Tennessee } Circuit Court
Campbell County } April Term 1818

Be it remembered that on this the 29th day of April 1818 came Thomas Slape into open Court and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is a citizen of the County of Campbell aforesaid, that he is aged about 64 years that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war in the Continental line as a Drummer, with Lieutenant John McClehany [sic: John McElhaney] in Captain Lewises [probably John Lewis's] Company colonel Williams Regiment on the 29th day of August 1777 for three years, served faithfully in said service until a few days before the expiration of said 3 years when he re-enlisted for and during the War with Lieutenant James Morton in Captain John Stiths [John Stith's] Company 4th Virginia Regiment and served untill the close of said War and was then honorably discharged at Winchester Barracks – Said deponent also states that he sent his discharge to the War department, by Francis Walker to obtain his land bounty, which he obtained, but his discharge was not returned or has he ever seen the same since nor knows not where it is —

Said deponent also stated that he does hereby relinquish all claim whatever to all and every pension or pensions heretofore provided except by the act of Congress of 1818 or has he ever been a pensioner.

Said deponent also states he is poor and much needs the aid of his country for support, that he has no means of proving the time he entered or quit the service but by his own oath

Thomas hisXmark Slape

On this 4th day of December 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, (having the power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a court of record by the laws of said state,) for the said county, Thomas Slape aged seventy nine years, resident in the county of Campbell aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he served the United States six years as a musician in the Revolutionary War in the Second Virginia Regiment comm'd. by Col. [George] Gibson in the Comp'y. commanded by Capt. Lewis

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

1 Cow of the value of \$10 - 8\$ Head of Hogs 6 Pewter Plates 1 Pewtel dish - 6 knives & forks 1 axe - 1 Hand Axe - amounting in all to \$30 \$30

Has a wife aged about sixty years – a daughter aged 19 years and healthy – no other person in family – Has no home is old and infirm and not able to labor for a living – That he is a pensioner now and his pension certificate is of No 15670 Thomas hisXmark Slape

NOTE:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists Thomas Slape/ age 19/ height 4' $8\frac{1}{2}$ "/ black hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ born in England/ residing in Albemarle County/ enlisted for the duration of the war.