Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Slaven S6110 VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 21 Feb 2020.

Virginia Randolph County Sct

At a Court held for the County of Randolph on the 23rd day of August 1819

Present John M Hart Adam Myers }

Ely Butcher & Robert} Gentlemen Justices &c.Chenowith}

Personally appeared in court John Slavin of the County & State aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to Law on his Oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the provission made by the late Act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War – that he the said John Slavins enlisted as a private in Augusta County Virginia in the latter part of the year 1776 in a Company of Regulars under & then commanded by Captain Micheal Boyer [sic: Michael Bowyer BLWt288-300] of the 12th Virginia Regiment command by Col. James Wood [BLWt2419-500] that he joined the Regiment in Morris Town [Morristown], New Jersey; the Brigade was commanded by General Scott [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] – that he served in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & several skirmishes; that he remained in Actual & Active service for two years and upwards when he was discharged on the 13th day of October 1778 at Robinsons Farm opposite West point, and that his discharge was signed by Colonel Alexander Robinson attached to Scotts Brigade. & that he then obtained a regular & Honourable discharge which he sent to Richmond to obtain his title to Land. & that he dose not know whether said discharge is now in existance and that he at present has no other proof of his said services and from his reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his countrey for support

Virginia Pendleton County towit

On this First day of February 1820 before me the subscriber, one of the justices of the peace for said County, personally appeared Major Henry Fleisher [Henry Flesher VAS3599] of said County who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath give the following testimony in behalf of John Slaven of said County, a Revolutionary Soldier, in order to enable him the said Slaven, to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War: That he the said John Slaven, enlisted in Augusta County Virginia, in the Company commanded by Capt. Michael Bowyer, of the 12th Virginia Regiment (commanded by Col. James Wood) in the latter part of the year 1776, Rendezvoused at Staunton, Virginia – From Staunton he marched (in company with this Deponent) to Tiger's Valley [sic: Tygart Valley], where he continued untill March, when the company was moved to Winchester Virginia; From Winchester the company marched to Jersey, and joined the main army under Washington, at Middle Brook [Middlebrook]; That he the said Slaven continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States untill the 10th of October 1778, when he was discharged from service in the State of New York, at the White Plains, That he was in the Battle of Brandywine, Germantown [4 Oct 1777], & other skirmishes. Sworn to and Declared before me the day and year aforesaid. Thos. Kinkead

Virginia At a Court held for Pocahontas County at the Courthouse thereof on the 7th day of August in the year 1832. Present – Jacob W Mathews John Bradshaw, Joseph Moore, Robert H. Beale, John Gilleland, Patrick Buiffey, Isaac Wood, William Blair, Benjamin Tallman, James Tallman, Thomas Hill, William Cashley, Jacob Lightner, Nathan Gilliland & James Sharp gentlemen Justices State of Virginia Pocahontas County On this 4th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, John Slaven, aged seventy two years, 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Capt. Michael Bowyer, 12th Virginia Regiment Commanded Colo. James Wood. Gen'l. Scott's Brigade – that he served three years as a private in the Regular Army of the Revolution, as will appear by the records in the War office, and that he is the same John Slaven that was on the pension list roll of Virginia. By a law of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 and afterward stricken therefrom By a subsequent act [of 1 May 1820] in consequence of holding property at the time, which excluded him of the benefit of said Act. And that he the said John Slavens resided in the same place that he did when application was first made as above, then Pendleton County now Pocahontas County John Slaven Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before William Slaven

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix in the pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. Singleton wrote 'Entitled' on his report on Slaven.]

John Slavens Served 3 years. has received \$240-

the undersigned saw Mr. Slavens on the 2nd Jany 1835 and received from him a very minute and satisfactory account of his revolutionary services. – he was three years in the Regular Service – previous to seeing him I learned from a gentleman (who [illegible word] to speak advisedly on the subject) that the name of Mr Slavens' name was found on the roll – under these circumstances I deemed it unnecessary to take his statement in writing which would have been a very lengthy one indeed.

W. G Singleton Feby 15, 1835

[The following are from <u>bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia</u>. The first two items are in the file of Galford, John. The image is very poor. Punctuation partly corrected.]

I certify that as the Lieutenant of Captain M. Bowyers Company in the month of July 1776 I enlisted Thomas Galford [VAS3669], James Reddin [VAS3670] and John Slaven – our destination then was to form at the mouth of the Little Kanawha, or other parts of the Western Country which Circumstances might require for the Term of two years – which Company marched under my command. But in consequence of sundry murders committed by the indians on the waters of & on Tygarts Valey Governor [Patrick] Henry sent an Express which ordered [two undeciphered words] or for the fall or winter at Tygarts Valey

The Legislature in December 1776 attached this company with others similarly situated to the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by the then Colo James Wood. In consequence they were marched to join the american army; when in Winchester proposals of reenlistment was made & many of the Men enlisted for three years or during the Warr. The before mentioned men with some others declined reenlisting but proposed if they were permitted always to serve under my command that they would serve three years. The being expert Marksmen & Valuable soldiers. I thus engaged with them determined if I should be removed to any other department that their case should be represented to Genl. Washington. It so happened that they continued under my command during their full term which they faithfully performed & were honorably discharged

In the Battle of Brandywine (& previous) Thomas Galford distinguished himself – was wound by a musket Ball in the knee. His left thigh shrunk & caused him to halt in consequence I had him appointed orderly Sergeant which rank he held when discharged. But a reluctance to be Called a pensioner induced him to decline application for support altho in low Circumstances

If therefore these men have not obtained warrants for the proportion of land three years service entitles them to they have a just claim to that Bounty

Viz Thomas Galford as Sergeant James Reddin } as privates

John Slaven } Given under my hand in the City of Richmond Jan'y 29th 1808 Ro Gamble [Robert Gamble BLWt869-300] late a Capt in the Virginia Continental line

It does not appear by the books in this office that the above named Tho. Galford, James Reddin & John Slaven, have received their bounty in Lands. Wm Price Reg'r Land office/ Jany 29 1808

On certificate from the Executive dated 29th Jan'y 1808, a Warrant No. 5391 issued 30th Jan'y 1808 in favour of John Slaven for 100 acres of land in consideration of his services as a private of Va. Continental line for three years.

Land Office/ 19 Jan'y 1820.

Wm. G. Pendleton Reg.

John Slavens, a Comon Solder, in a Company of Infantry Commanded by Capt Michael Boyer in the 12th Virginia Reg't Commanded by Col Jas Wood, which said Slavins served 2 years and upwards and was Discharged at west point, North River, New york Last [blank space] who was Regularly Inlisted by s'd Capt Boyer & thee said Slavins Discharge was sent to the officer. [undeciphered] From whence the land warrent Issued & thair filed

a Copy [undeciphered name]