Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Slater¹ W3881 Transcribed by Will Graves

Elizabeth (Betsey) f44VA

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[f p. 6]

State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

On this 2nd day of June 1843 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Betsey or Elizabeth Slater, a resident of Albemarle County State of Virginia aged sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"

That she is the widow of Isaac Slater, who she has often heard state was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he was enlisted into the Army by Ensign John Goodale [perhaps Ensign John Goodall of Taylor's Virginia Regiment] of the County of Orange State of Virginia, he enlisted to serve until the War ended; declarant has often heard her husband the said Isaac Slater state that he served upwards of two years in the Army as a soldier as aforesaid, and that whilst in the service he marched to the South and was in the Carolinas and was afterwards at the Siege of Yorktown the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and continued in the Army until the ending of the War, declarant cannot now name the Regiment to which he belonged neither can she give the name of any of the officers under whom he served except Ensign Goodale who enlisted him, but must refer to the testimony that will accompany her declaration to prove the Services of her husband as aforesaid, She further declares that she was married to the said Isaac Slater in the County of Albemarle on the 7th day of January in the year 1790, that her maiden name before marriage was Betsey Macauley [Betsey McCauley?]; that her husband the aforesaid Isaac Slater died on the 29th day of August 1831; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Betsey Slater, X her mark

[f p. 3: family record:

Isaac Slater & Bettey his wife was married the 7th day of January 1790 Sunday 24th Frances Daughter of the above said Born October 1790 John Son of the above Born 7th of May 1792 Wednesday Night 13th May Thomas Son of the above Born 1795 The 4th of April 1798 at night Henderson Slater Son of Isaac Slater and Bettey Was Born Vincent Johnson Son of Bettey Johnson Born the 7th day of April 1795

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Jeremiah Gerrison Son of William Garrison and Agnes His Wife Was Born the 16 Day of Jenuary 1769

[f p. 39]

State of Virginia Rockingham County: SS

Be it known that before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Meadows² aged eighty-three years (to the best of his recollection and belief) and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Isaac Slater, who was an enlisted Soldier in the revolutionary war and served in the same Company with affiant, under the command of Captain Garland Burnley, to guard the prisoners at Albemarle barracks in the State of Virginia, that his Regiment was commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor, that he does believe that the said Isaac Slater, Served as a soldier in the Army of the revolution, fully for the term of three years or a longer period, that he affiant enlisted to serve during the continuance of the prisoners at Albemarle Barracks, and that he continued in the Army as one of the guard to said prisoners for space of two years and eight months, when the prisoners was marched from the Barracks and he discharge, that he found the said Isaac Slater in the Service when he joined the Army and he continued in the Army and belonged to the same Company during the whole time that he affiant remained in the Service and he believes that he left him in the Service, and affiant further states, that the above named Services of said Isaac Slater took place in the years of 1778, 1779 & 1780 to the best of his knowledge and belief.

S/ James Meadows, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of December 1843 before me S/ Jacob Miller, JP

[f p. 11: On May 2, 1855 in Albemarle County Virginia, Betsy Slater, 80, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Isaac Slater; that she was married to her husband in Albemarle County on January 7, 1790; that her name prior to her marriage was Betsy McCauley; that her husband died August 29, 1831 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 42: Zachariah Garison [Zachariah Garrison], 75, testified on November 21, 1843 in Albemarle County Virginia that he was present at the marriage of Isaac Slater to Betsy Mcauley [sic] some 53 or 54 years ago; that he was acquainted with all their children, viz. Frances, John, Thomas and Henderson.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service for 2 years as a private in the company commanded by Captain Burnley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor in the Virginia Continental line.]

² FPA S8895