

Pension Application for Isaac Slaughter

W.17,823 (Widow: Jane)

B.L.Wt.27682-160-55

Private, Captain Brayer, Col. Clinton, N. York Line

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this [blot] day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Isaac Slaughter a resident of the Town of Hampton Burgh in the County of Orange aforesaid aged 74 years 8 months, 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. That in the month of July the 15th day, 1775 he volunteered under the command of Captain Jacobus Bruyn in Colonel George Clinton's Regiment (for the term of five or six months) which this deponent can't remember but produces proof for six months which is hereunto attached that he volunteered in the capacity of a private soldier and served for said term that he volunteered at Kingston in Ulster Ulster [sic] County and was discharged at Montreal in Canada. The he did not receive a written discharge, that he was marched from Kingston to the Landing and put on board of a Sloop for the City of Albany and from thence marched by land to Fort George and crossed the lake in Boats to Ticonderoga and went from thence by land to LaPrairie and there crossed the river St. Lawrence in boats to Montreal and there stayed during said service that they were then commanded by General Montgomery while there.

That I was attached to the company of Captain Bruyn in July the 15th 1775 and was discharged at Montreal the 25th of December following at Montreal and was about two weeks returning from that place making 5 months 24 days.

That next in the month of January 1776 immediately after they return from the north as aforesaid, I volunteered for the term of one year to serve in a company of Minute Men in Shawangunk in Ulster County under the command of Captain Matthew Hunter for the said term of one year and was placed in the vicinity of Shawangunk aforesaid during said term at different stations to protect and guard against the Indians. That during the same I was seven times sent Voley at Mamakating and we was along the frontiers on the west side of the Shawangunk Mountains—and was dismissed in Shawangunk in Ulster County in January 1777 after the said term of service.

That next in the year 1777 in the Spring of the year as this deponent believes he was classed for the Regiment in Shawangunk aforesaid and sent under the command of Capt. Ross from the regiment of Colonel Hardenburgh to Fort Montgomery for the term of 1 month and there served and was there discharged. That at the same time the Company of Artillery Commanded by Captain Moody was there and the regiment commanded by Colonel Dubois of Untied States troops was there.

That next in the year 1777 in the month of October on the 7th day of October the same day that Fort Montgomery [?]. We were ordered by Colonel James [Dawson?] the commander of the regiment in Shawangunk to repair to Fort Montgomery immediately that on the way there on the night of the same day we heard at New Windsor that the fort was taken.

That we lay there at New Windsor at the Cheval de Freise. That we lay there until the British fleet passed that place on their way up the North River when we were ordered by General Clinton to Kingston in Ulster that while at New Windsor the captured the British spy lay here and took him along to Hurly with the army and there bring him. That he had swalled a silver ball containing a message from the British Commander at New York to General Burgoyne. That from Kingston I was marched to Saugerties in Ulster County and there lay for together with the [?] we were ordered out for the term of one [?] an half months.

That next in the month of [blank space] in the year 1778 I was a volunteer for 1 month to go to [?] in New Jersey under the command of Lieutenant commandant Col. Martin and Colonel Johannes Jansen and marched from Shawangung to Ramapo and there served and was there discharged – after said service.

That next in the month of November in the 1778 [sic] I was again a volunteer for the term of 2 months in the company commanded by Captain Matthew Janson as this deponent believes and served for the said term of 2 months and was there discharged that Colonel McClaughery was a Colonel in command at that place that General Clinton was same times there that he was in an expedition of volunteers of 300 men to go to Hackensack to Bergen Woods & Hoboken after the british Wood cutters that the command of the same was given to Colonel McClaughery.

That next he was in the year 1780 (Ordered or Classed) under Capt. Conklin for 1 month at fortifying or building the fort at West Point.

That next in the year 1781 he was ordered out or classed for 1 month to lay at Napinoch under Lieutenant Martin.

That next in the year 1781 or 2 the regiment of Colonel Johannes Janson in Shawangunk was classed and each class had to furnish 1 man for 3 months to go and lay as a guard against the Indians at Mamakattung in Ulster County.

That Benjamin Frerar drew last from the class to which he belonged. That he hired this deponent to serve for his term of 3 months as aforesaid that he went & then served under Lieutenant Martin for the said service of hire.

That next in addition to the which of the above I was out at least 12 times on Indian Alarms for at least 12 days each time that I was called upon and ordered out at said time under the command of Lieutenant Martin & Capt. Conklin—that in the said alarm I was sent 2 or 3 time out at Fort Montgomery, 3 times at Fort Clinton, once over the mountain, 4 time that I have been much more in the army but will not [?]

That the whole of the service above set forth is four years 9 months for which service he claims a pension as a private in the Militia.

That to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he answers to them.

First. That I was born in the Town of (Montgomery) as this deponent thinks that he was born in the year – 1758, on the 13th day of April.

Second—That he has no record of his age unless it is recorded in the church of Wallkill in Montgomery where he was baptized.

Third. That he was living in the Town of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster at the time of entering the service, that I resided in Shawangunk for about 1 year after the peace when I removed to Montgomery in Orange County and have always lived in Orange County since that time.

4th He was drafted, was ordered out, was a volunteer and was a substitute as set forth in each case in the Militia as a private.

5th That he has set forth he was at Fort Montgomery with Capt. Moody's Company of United States Artillery in 1777 and Colonel Dubois Regiment. That he has detailed his marches & places and officers in his declaration pretty fully.

6th That he did never receive a discharge.

7th That I am known to Charles Borland Esqr and David Riggles Esqr who can testify to my good character—that hereunto is their affidavits attached proving some of my services that the remained of my proof is now sent to Kingston in Ulster County—to have the Certificate of the Clerk of that County attached to them that each of my said services are particularly proved as I can get them.

That he hereby relinquishes 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. (Signed) Isaac Slaughter.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Asa Dunnig, Clerk

State of New York
Ulster County SS.

Garret Constable of the town of Hurley in the County of Ulster aged 71 years, a soldier of the Revolution, being duly sworn deposed & saith that he is well acquainted with Isaac Slaughter, a soldier of the Revolution, that this deponent belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain Jacobus S. Bruyn in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Clinton, that the said Isaac Slaughter belonged to the same company and regiment with this deponent, that the said Isaac Slaughter served in forces of the United Colonies raised in the Colony of New York, commencing on the seventh day of August 1775 and ending on the twenty fifth day of December of the same year, that this deponent has always understood that the said Isaac Slaughter enlisted in the said service for the term of six months, at the town of Kingston in the County of Ulster, and were conveyed in a Sloop to Albany and marched thence to Fort George, and crossed the lake in Batteaux to Ticonderoga, and thence by water in boat to St. John's from thence marched by land to La Prairie and crossed the St. Lawrence in Boats to Montreal, and remained there, until they were discharged, and this deponent further said Isaac Slaughter served in the said Corps in the capacity of a private soldier during the whole of said term of service and that the said company were discharged by the Captain in Montreal but that this deponent did not receive a written discharge and this deponent further says that he this deponent arrived in the town of Kingston on the first day of January in the year 1776. (Signed with his mark) Garret Constable

Subscribed by making his mark not being able to write, and the above affidavit read to the said Garret Constable, by me, and sworn this 31st day of August 1832 before me. P.V. Gansbeck Jr. one of the Justices of the Peace of Ulster County & Commissioner of Deeds.

Letter in file dated September 12, 1924, replying to a request for information.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.17,823 it appears that Isaac Slaughter was born April 13, 1758 in the town of Montgomery.

While living in Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York he served as a private under the following enlistments:

July 15, 1775, five months and twenty-four days in Captain Jacobus S. Bruyn's Company, Colonel James Clinton's New York Regiment and was at the battle of Chambly.

January 1776, one year in Captain Matthew Hunter's New York Company.

Spring of 1777, one month in Captain Roos' Company, Colonel Hardenbergh's New York Regiment.

October 7, 1777, one and one half months in Colonel Johannes Janson's New York Regiment, in 1778 one month in Captain Cornelius Mastin's Company [?]said regiment, and in November 1778, two months in Captain Matthew Janson's Company, in said regiment, and was also in an expedition to Hackensack, Bergen Woods and Hoboken under Colonel McClaughery.

In 1780, one month in Captain Concklin's Company, and in 1781, four months under Lieutenant Mastin in the New York Troops.

In addition to the above services he was out twelve times, twelve days each, on alarms under Captain Concklin in the New York Troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 3, 1832 while living in Hamptonburgh, Orange County, New York. He died February 6, 1838.

Soldier married December 5, 1793 in Mamakating, Ulster County, New York, Jane the daughter of Archibald McBride. She was allowed pension on her application executed September 2, 1839 while a resident of Hamptonburgh, New York, aged sixty-three years.

Soldier's son-in-law Ellison C. Scott was living at 175 Spring Street, New York, in 1834. Not other family data.