

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Taylor VAS2010

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Fauquier County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable Assembly of Virginia your petitioner Benjamin Taylor who was a soldier in Colonel George Slaughter's Regiment in the Western country humbly prayeth your attention, your petitioner in the year 1780 being in an engagement with the Indians received a ball in his arm which has almost rendered it useless and not knowing that he was entitled to a pension before the time for giving in his claim was expired, Humbly prayeth the Honorable house to make some provision for him and your petitioner will ever pray

[Reverse]

Taylor's petition

27th October 1789

Referred to Claims

Benjamin Taylor's Petition

Reasonable

reported 29th of October 89

At a Court continued and held for Fauquier County the 28th day of April 1789

Ordered that it be certified that Benjamin Taylor who was a Soldier in the troops of this State was wounded in Kentucky in the service of his country and is entitled to a pension

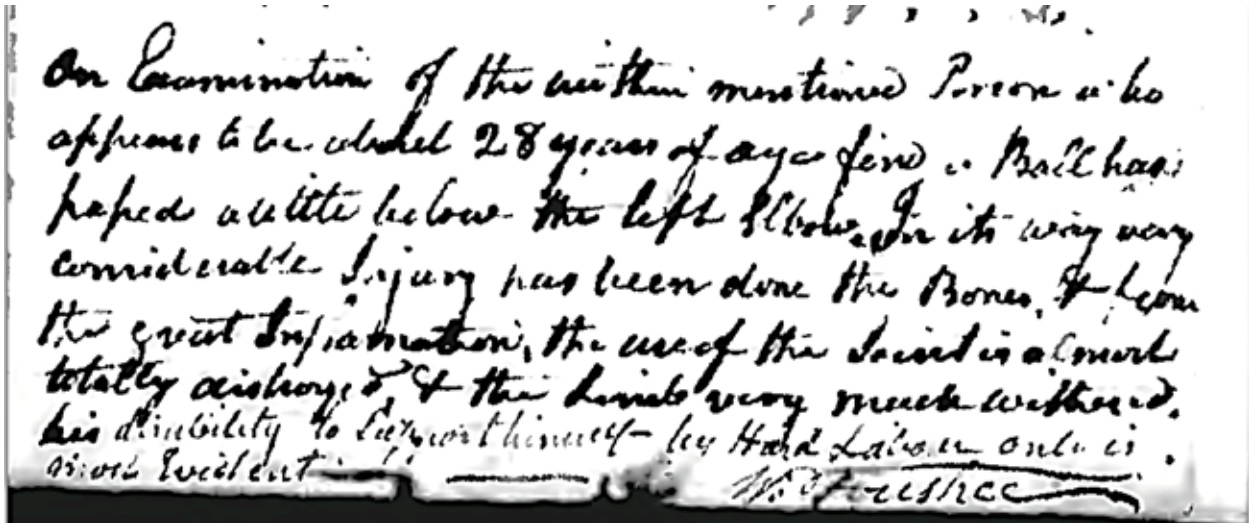
A Copy

S/ H. Brooke, CFC

Referred to Doctor Foushee who will examine the State of the wound received by the within person & respond to the Executive.

On Examination of the within mentioned Person who appears to be about 28 years of age find a Ball has passed a little below the left elbow. In its way very considerable Injury has been done the Bones & from the great Inflammation [?], the use of Joint is almost totally destroyed & the [indcipherable word] very much withered, his disability to support himself by Hard Labor only is most Evident.

S/ W. Foushee¹



An Examination of the within mentioned Person who appears to be about 28 years of age find a Ball has lodged a little below the left Elbow. In its way very considerable Injury has been done the Bones & been the great Inflammation, the use of the Joint is almost totally destroyed & the Limb very much withered. his disability to support himself - by Hand Labour only is a great Inconvenience.

W. Foushee

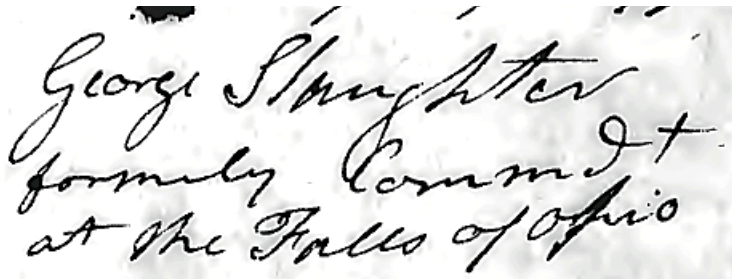
[Another file]

[Note: This file contains another petition by the veteran seeking a pension for services rendered in the Virginia State Troops under the Colonel George Slaughter. This petition is dated October 11, 1792. On the reverse of it there is a notation indicating that the veteran was awarded a pension of 15 pounds per annum with 10 pounds in arrears from April 28, 1789. In addition, this file contains the following certificate from George Slaughter.]

I do hereby Certify that Benjamin Taylor, a Soldier in my Corps, was wounded in the Arm, sometime in the Spring 1781 -

Given under my hand this 7th day of August 1792.

S/ George slaughter
formerly Commandant
at the Falls of Ohio



George Slaughter
formerly Commandant
at the Falls of Ohio

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 71-page file

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[Note: the top portion of this file is cut off and not included in the digital image posted online] ...put on the list of Pensioners, pursuant to an Act of Assembly passed at the last Session for "allowing pensions to certain persons," with an allowance of fifteen pounds yearly commencing

¹ [William Foushee R14223](#)

the 1st day of January 1793.

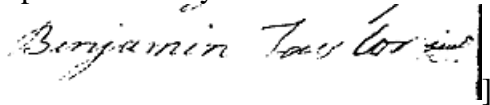
Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 26
day of March 1793

S/ Sam Coleman

S/ Henry Lee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Lee". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

[Note: This file contains the documents [many of which have been copied using split images making transcription difficult] dealing with the annual authorization, disbursement and receipt of the pension due the veteran from 1793 until February 17, 1823. The file contains numerous powers of attorney executed by the veteran on an annual basis authorizing his attorney to draw the pension money due him. These documents bear the signature of the veteran as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin Taylor". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.