

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas B. Taylor VAS2027

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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Accomack County]

To The Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates  
The Petition of Thomas B. Taylor a Native of the County of Accomack but now living in the County of Norfolk Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner did Inlist Early in the American War and did belong to The Ninth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col. George Matthews [sic: George Mathews], that he was in the Action at German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and was there Wounded by having two Balls in one legg which disables him to this day and at times very sore, he also receiv'd. a Muskett Ball in his Hip which Ball has never been Extracted and has disabled him in such a Manner[?] as not to be able to gett a support for himself Wife and Children so long as he had property he [three undeciphered words] to gett a pension but his Necessity is so great that he Must Suffer without the Aid of his Country which has been always liberal to [undeciphered word] in his Situation, and in order to Compleat his Misfortune he Rented a House last year near the Town of Norfolk which Blew down and destroy'd. all his Furniture and Reduced him to the greatest distress he is without a House to put his Wife & Children and himself and Reduced to the greatest poverty As your Petitioner has never receiv'd any Pension tho Intitled to it ever since the War, as he Contin'd a Soldier to the End of the War, he hopes his Country will direct him to be put on the Pension list tho he Cannot live but a very few years will be but a small compensation to his distress'd. Family, he also prays that he may receive a few years pay for his Pension for his present relief or he Will Suffer Much this Cold Winter being destitute of every Comfort and [undeciphered word] granting his Reasonable Petition he Will ever Pray &c &c

I do hereby certify, that Thomas B. Taylor, a native of the county of Accomack, served a Soldier in the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment, in the war of the Revolution; that he was wounded in his leg at the battle of German Town, and taken prisoner.

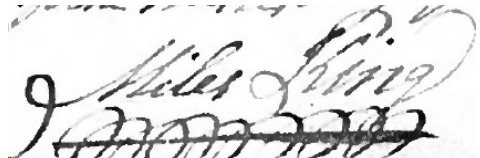
Given under my hand at Norfolk, 22<sup>d</sup> Novem'r. 1812

Jno. Cropper Jr. [John Cropper W3781] formerly

Lt. Colo. Comm'dt. 11<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regiment

Norfolk Borough, I do Certify that the Within Named Thomas B. Taylor lives Near me and I know he was a Soldier in the Ninth Virginia Rigmt and was Wounded as Stated in his Petition, and is now Very Lame and Reduced to poverty and the greatest Distress, and I think never was a Man More Intitled to a Pension from his Country, tho a Pension Can serve him but a short time as he is Sixty five years of Age, a Sum Advanced for his present Releif would be of great Service to him which I hope will be at least five years Pension, I know his property was destroy'd by the falling down of the House he Rented, and Was Near Killing him & his Wife they just went out in time to save there lives, Given Under my hand a Norfolk this 26 day of November 1812

Miles King [possibly pension application W20342]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Miles King". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Dec'r 8<sup>th</sup> 1812 ref'd to Claims/ Reasonable Dec'r. 12<sup>th</sup> 1812/ Reported d'o./ Bill drawn 22 Dec'r 1812

[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

[The file contains a power of attorney to Richard Henry Lee signed as shown.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas B. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Recd a warrant of One hundred dollars  
1813 Jany 23 Rich'd H Lee Atty for Thos B. Taylor

NOTE: On 17 March 1814 Burton Taylor assigned power of attorney to collect the pension due to his late father, Thomas B. Taylor.