

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim for James Taylor BLWt1420-100 VA
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State of Virginia
County of Giles [1 Nov 1828]

I James Taylor aged ninety years do upon oath testify and declare that in the year 1777 I enlisted for the term of during the war and served in regiment Number Eight, under the command of Colonel Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] of the Virginia line and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war when I was regularly discharged from the said Eighth regiment commanded by Colonel Nevil [sic: John Nevil BLWt1595-500] (the eighth and twelfth regiments having been previously consolidated). I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised on the part of the United States, nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever; Therefore know all men by these presence that I James Taylor aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Anthony Evans Jr of Bedford County to be my true and lawful attorney for me and my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid and my said attorney is hereby fully authorised and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purpose above expressed.

James hisXmark Taylor

[James Taylor's identity was certified by Jacob Taylor, age 70.]

[The following is for a different James Taylor in the same file:]

STATE OF, Pennsylvania } SS
County of Fayette } [6 Dec 1830]

I, Joseph Taylor a son and the only heir at law of James Taylor late of the County of Allegheny [sic: Allegheny] and State of Pennsylvania but now deceased, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the said that the said James Taylor was a Private in the detachment of Capt Willing [see endnote] belonging to the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary War. I do further testify and declare, that I have never received a warrant from the United States for the quantity of land due the said deceased, from the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his right to it in any manner during his life time. [Power of attorney follows.]

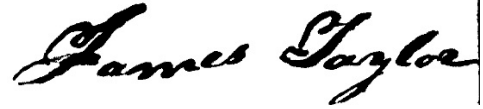
PERSONALLY appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the the county aforesaid, Joseph Taylor and [illegible name] both credible and disinterested persons, who, being duly sworn, did depose and say, that they verily believe that the said James Taylor named in the within declaration, signed by Joseph Taylor served in the Virginia line during the Revolutionary War; That they have understood that he died about 43 years since, viz. on or about the [blank] day of [blank] 18 at New orleans within the Territory of Louisiana leaving no widow, and that he the said Joseph Taylor who is a resident of said County is the reputed and only heir at law of him, the said James Taylor deceased

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

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James Taylor aged Eighty years being duly sworn says that in the month of May 1777 he enlisted at the Town of Dumfries in the State of Virginia for during the war and served in the Eighth Regiment commanded at that time by Colonel Muhlenberg of the Virginia Continental line, in which regiment this deponent continued to serve until some time in the year 1781 as well as this deponent recollects, at which time the 8th and 12th Regiments were consolidated at which time the command of the regiment devolved upon Colonel Nevel, who commanded the said regiment until the close of the war and this deponent was

discharged by him at Winchester some time in 1783. This deponent had the misfortune to have his discharge destroyed many years ago by having his house burt [burnt] by which accident what papers he had were entirely destroyed. This deponent has never received from the State of Virginia any bounty land on account of his services, in the revolution neither has he ever sold, assigned or in any manner disposed of his claim

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Taylor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the main text block. A vertical line is drawn to the right of the signature.

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I John Taylor [S38421] do certify that I was a soldier of the 8th Virginia Regiment during the revolution and served with James Taylor from the time of his enlistment until the time of his discharge in 1783 and well know that he performed the services set forth in his declaration and that he was discharged at the time and place which he states Given under my hand this 1st day of November 1828.

John hisXmark Taylor

NOTES:

The second James Taylor in the federal pension file above may be the James Taylor whose name appears on a list of volunteers at Fort Pitt to go on an expedition against Fort Panmure at Natchez MS under Capt. James Willing (<http://revwarapps.org/b158.pdf>).

The federal file also contains the misfiled bounty-land application of a George Somers, Sr made by his son, George Somers, Jr on 18 Mar 1831 in Fayette County PA.

The Virginia bounty-land file includes the application of John Taylor S38421.