

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Taber (Tabor) R10372

Agnes Taber

f19NC¹

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State of Tennessee, Morgan County

On this the 8th day of December 1839 Personally appeared before me Thomas Jack a Justice of the peace in and for said County Agness Taber a Resident citizen of the County of Bledsoe, State of Tennessee aged seventy-one years the __ day of January last past, having no record of her age being born the 15 day of January 1769, and after being duly sworn for that purpose on her oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows – that she is the widow of John Taber deceased, who was a private in the Army of the Revolutionary war and who to the best of her knowledge and belief Entered the service in __ County, North Carolina some time in the forepart of the year 1780 a private militia Soldier, and served two tours of three months each under Col. Earles [Lt. Col. John Earle] whose first name was John served at and about the Rocky River and Broad River, and stationed at Colonel Earles part of the time, and in the Early part of the spring Ensuing, he engaged under, she believes Captain Gray [James Gray] and was she believes under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and Major Tatum and in the time was detached off from the Army Stationed at or near Charleston and served as she believes nine months in the time was some time at Beach Island in the South Sea, and she believes was discharged in 1781, perhaps, in the fall, not being certain only from the information she has derived from her deceased husband and from her own calculation having heard him speak of beginning in the Spring and serving nine months, and serving nine months, and serving till after the Sieges of about the Close of the War after the Surrender of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] as to her husband's discharge she recollects of hearing him speak of having a printed discharge, but at what time she is not certain of what he said became of it he said he was one of the Levee soldiers and served in North and South Carolina about Charleston and maybe at Charleston she cannot [be] positive and served on the South seacoast at Beach island she has no record of her marriage Except [sic, unless] her son John Taber or her brother-in-law Elias Taber has, some record, she knows of none, she further states that, she was married to her said husband in Rutherford County North Carolina by Daniel Brown a Baptist preacher on the 16th day of April 1788, that she can prove her marriage aforesaid by Mary Thompson living in Anderson County Tennessee and, she states that, she was not married to her said husband prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place on the 16th day of April 1788 the time above specified, being prior to the first day of January 1794. That she has not intermarried since the death of her said husband but continues his widow she states that it is much most inconvenient to her to get to a Justice of the peace and [sic, in] person

¹ Ancestry.com version is more legible than the Fold3.com version

to attend to her case in Morgan County living remote from the County Town of Bledsoe, and from a Justice of the peace and from a man to transact the business and living near to Morgan County, and being attended on by a Justice of the peace by going a small distance across the line her husband died __ June 1832.

Sworn and subscribed the eighth day of December 1839 before me.

S/ Thomas Jack, JP

S/ Agness Taber, X her mark

[Mary Thompson, 71, of Anderson County, Tenn., gave a supporting affidavit as to the marriage of Agness and John Taber.]

[On April 30, 1854, Agnes Taber wrote a letter (evidently in her own hand writing) to the Commissioner of pensions inquiring about the status of a new application she made through Samuel M. Knight to whom she had given a blank power of attorney. She states that she had agreed for him to take 20% of any recovery he was able to obtain for her.]

State of Tennessee, Fentress County

On this 23rd day of May 1840 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared George Shelton² a resident citizen of this County with whom I am personally acquainted a Revolutionary Pensioner of good Character and undoubted veracity and after being duly sworn according to law on his Oath make the following affidavit Viz.: that he was personally acquainted with John Taber who is now dead and knows of the said John Taber having served one tour of nine months or upwards in the war of the Revolution, and knows of Taber being at the Beach Island near Charleston and the South Sea belonged to Captain Gray's Company in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Earls, lived neighbors in North Carolina in time of the War of the Revolution and afterwards lived in the same neighborhood long after the war in Anderson County Tennessee as to the marriage of John Taber and Agnes his present Widow – he cannot state when it took place but knows her to be his widow and as to the service of John Tabor he is warranted in stating that he did actually serve one tour of upwards of nine months.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ George Shelton, X his mark

S/ James L. Kennedy, JP