

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Taylor R10403

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State of North Carolina, Brunswick County: SS

On this third day of September A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting, Aaron Taylor, a resident of the County of Brunswick, State of North Carolina aged Seventy years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the militia under Captain John Haythorn, in Roberson [sic, Robeson] County, North Carolina in the year 1781. That the company was of light horse men, 100 in number. That Reuben Rosier was their Lieutenant. That they were drafted for a term of three months and after the company being formed, they went immediately over into South Carolina – and were kept marching through different sections of the State in search of Tories, routing the outlying Tories whenever they could be heard of, -- there were many in that section of the Country at that time doing much mischief. He recollects the Captain of the Tories in that part of the country was called Gibson. That nothing of much importance occurred during this three months service. That he was not in any battle with the Tories – but frequently – suppressed them and made them fly from their lurking places. That he was seventeen years of age when he was under Captain Haythorn [John Hawthorne]. That not long before he was drafted – the Tories came to his father's house – took his father off ~~with~~ by force – and he was not heard of afterwards, -- he recollects it was said, there was no doubt but that they killed him. That he does not recollect much about any other officers besides the Captain under whom he immediately served – but recollects the name of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], and that he was called the “Lead-man” in those parts and he believes his Captain when in service was under the command of General Morgan. That at the end of three months he was discharged by Captain Haythorn, having served out the Tour for which he was drafted – and returned home with Captain Haythorn both belonging to the same County. That not a great while after this, he thinks sometime in 1782 – the Tories becoming again very troublesome and doing much mischief – he volunteered with many others in his County under Captain Haythorn in a light horse company again. That they went again into South Carolina where the Company joined General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Army – but did not remain long with him – being the light horse the company was kept going about to discover & rout the Tories. That there was no battle fought with them, and nothing of any consequence occurred. That he was at the time young & illiterate and cannot recollect sufficiently to describe the Country through which he marched – that he is still illiterate and cannot minutely describe the particulars of his service – his memory being also weak. That he recollects he served on this tour four months – and being discharged he went home. As soon as he reached home, he recollects hearing that peace was proclaimed. That he has no documentary evidence and that he

knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. That he served in the whole, seven months as a private soldier in the revolutionary war – and for this he claims a pension. He was not engaged in any civil employment during these terms of service, but attended solely to the duties of a soldier. 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.

To the Interrogatories propounded by the War Department, he makes the following replies.

To the first Interrogatory he saith.

I was born in Roberson [sic, Robeson] County State of North Carolina in the year 1764.

To the second Interrogatory he saith.

I have no record of my age.

To the fourth Interrogatory he saith.

I cannot recollect the names of any other officers or other circumstances than those above mentioned. I was once drafted and once volunteered.

To the fifth Interrogatory he saith.

I cannot recollect the names of any of other officers or any other circumstances than those already mentioned.

To the Sixth Interrogatory he saith.

I did receive a discharge by Captain Haythorn and kept it I suppose 20 years – it was finally misplaced.

To the Seventh interrogatory he saith.

I am known to Edward Fitzgerald and Etheldred Sellers who can testify for me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Aaron Taylor, X his mark

[Edward Fitzgerald, a clergyman and Eldred Sellers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Not having replied in the proper place to the Third Interrogatory, the Declarant here begs leave to reply to that Interrogatory.

That he was living in Robeson County, North Carolina when called into service. Since the Revolutionary War I have lived in Brunswick County North Carolina. I now live in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

S/ J. B. Smith, JP

S/ Moses Hewitt, JP

S/ J. A. Smith, JP