

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Taylor R10408

Catharine (Katharine)

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[f p 9]

State of Tennessee Fentress County: SS

On this the 18th day of May 1841 personally appeared before me William Lea a Justice of the peace in and for said County Catharine Taylor aged sixty-five [¹] years having no record of her age she being a resident citizen of the County of Fentress aforesaid and after being duly sworn for that purpose on her oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows, that she is the widow of a certain George Taylor whom she was always informed understood and believes was an enlisted soldier of the United States in the war of the Revolution and to her undoubted belief Enlisted as and Enlisted soldier for three years in some place in the State of Virginia she thinks probably in Rockingham County State of Virginia and she is induced to believe that he in the time of his service was at Detroit Fort Pitt and near Philadelphia, She is not advised as to the names of his officers or the Regiment or line other than that he was and enlisted soldier for three years. She relies wholly on the Rolls, that the war Department may show or contain. She having no Record or Documentary Evidence of his service she would suggest, that her said husband was about 5 feet 10 inches high was probably about seventeen years old when he enlisted he had black eyes dark hair and impediment of speech, he was of the Irish descent of people and raised in Virginia. She is inclined to think his three years service included pretty much the latter part of the War and that he was a private.

She states that she was married to the said George Taylor, the said soldier, about four miles South of Greenville on Chucky River [Nolichucky River]. She was married to said soldier the month of August, the precise day of the month not recollected but from calculation, and undoubted sources and fair calculations she believes she was married in the year 1782 she was by a Baptist preacher but owing to the length of time she has not now a knowledge of his name. Declarant states that from the Record of her son Isaac Taylor with whom she lives, which shows his age and from corresponding circumstances she knows it must be correct, that she was married in 1782 and that her said son was born 1783. She further states that she continued the wife of the said George Taylor for about fifteen years until September the precise day of the month not now Recollected, the said George Taylor died in bed with Declarant at some late hour of the night – probably between midnight and day, that he died suddenly that she Declarant, awoke in the night

Wm. Lea

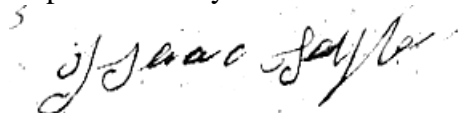
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and found him dead by her side, he had been gather [gathering] fodder the day before his death and complained of an aking [aching] of the arm. She continued the widow of the said George Taylor from his death to the present moment. She was married to the said George Taylor in August 1782, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but her [marriage] took place not prior to his leaving the service but prior to the prior to the first day of January 1794, namely at the time as above stated.

Sworn and subscribed this 18th day of May 1841

S/ Catharine Taylor, X her mark

[f p 12: On May 18, 1841 in Fentress County Tennessee, Isaac Taylor, 47 years old, gave testimony in support of his mother's application for a pension stating that he was about 13 years old or some older when his father George Taylor died in Greene County Tennessee; that his father claim to be a soldier of the regular order of the state of Virginia for three years; that he has a record containing his age and the ages of his children and that the age of his wife Agnes Copeland in a hymn book that has been eaten with rats or mice in some measure



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[f p 7: family record:

Isaac Taylor was born the 23rd day of August 1783

the age of his Children

Jerusey Taylor was born the 27th of August 1808

Pleasant Taylor was born the 21st day of February 1810 [last digit unclear]

Mahaly Taylor was born the 18th of April 18??

Lerey Taylor was born the 8th of October 1812

Alfard Taylor was born the 6th of February 1814

Didama Taylor was born 1815

Malindy Taylor was born the 3rd June 1817

G. W. Taylor was born the 5th of December 1818

Landon Taylor was born the 8th of November 1820

S/ William Lee, JP

[f p. 28]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462.) that a settlement was made on the 24th day of October 1783 in the name of George Taylor as Sol. Inf. [Soldier of Infantry] and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £53.15.10 delivered to Capt. Sheppard but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
11th day of May, 1854

S/G. W. Clutler

Adr. P. Accts.

[No Seal of Office]

[f p. 30: On August 15, 1842 in Fentress County Tennessee, the widow offered additional testimony saying that she had recently learned that her husband was enlisted by Captain Robert Beal in 1777 and served a great portion or all his time under Colonel Gibson in the Virginia line and that he was discharged in 1780.]

[f p 45: Finding dated August 2, 1852 by the Fentress County Court that George Taylor died in September 1798 and left a widow Catharine Taylor who survived him and remained unmarried until her death on the 21st day of February 1852; that the following named children survived her Isaac, William and Polly and that George Washington Taylor is the Administrator of the said Catharine Taylor.]