

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Taylor R10416 ½

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: On this 21st day of May 1833 – personally appeared before me William Rockhold a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Jacob Taylor a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy-four 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Deponent says that in the year seventy-seven he entered in the County of Frederick Virginia under Captain Steel for three years and was attached to the 7th Regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg and served he thinks about one year and a half under said Steel and then was attached to Captain Manyweather's [Meriwether's] Company same Regiment and rendezvoused at Stanton [Staunton?] from thence marched to the Valley Forge, Carolina and then to the Cowpens and was in the heat of the battle fought at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] where the Enemy's troops was Defeated & sustain great loss Deponent says he was shot through the thigh with several buckshot and was stabbed in the leg with a bayonet and suffered greatly with said wounds which are yet plain to be seen the wound in the leg received by the bayonet has ever since at times been a running sore and at times very painful, Deponent was then taken to the Hospital & lay there some months after recovering so as to travel was furloughed for a time and went to his father's in Frederick County Virginia, at the expiration of said furlough Deponent was partially recovered & set out again for the Army & passed by the way of Hillsboro North Carolina & there fell in with some of General Morgan's troops & lay some 2 or 3 weeks with the Ague & fever on recovering took up the line of march with some 6 or 8 other soldiers who had been furloughed and joined my Company at Camden South Carolina and continued with the Army at said place some 2 or 3 months and again was furloughed with many others that was unable to do duty on account of the ague & fever. Deponent returned to a relation's on the Yadkin River which relation sent him to his father's in Frederick County Virginia. Shortly after & before Deponent was in a situation to join the Army the term for which he had enlisted expired about said time Captain Meriwether returned to Frederick County Virginia and gave me a written discharge.

Some few months thereafter Deponent was Drafted to serve a three months tour and refused to serve said tour alleging that he was unable to do duty on account of his wound received at the Cowpens and the emaciated state of his health on account of the ague & fever a court-martial was called to try him & others consisting of Colonels John & Robert Smith with others and it was proposed by said court if Deponent would depose on oath that he was unable to serve that he should be excused to which proposition Deponent did not accede [accede] not knowing it to be the fact until tried. Deponent was then ordered out and did march and served

said three months tour under Captain George Bell Colonel Wood's Regiment and was marched to York and was at the taking of the British Army at said place and after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [Cornwallis] guarded the prisoners to Winchester & continued to guard them in the Winchester Barracks to the expiration of said three months for which he was drafted and then received a written discharge from Captain George Bell. Deponent says he served in all three years & three months and received two discharges which is worn out or destroyed and that bar not in his possession and what has become of them he will not undertake certainly to say, he further says that he does not know of any living witness within his reach or control whereby he can prove the above facts. Deponent says he was born in Frederick County Virginia in the year 1759 that he has no record of his age but speaks from the history given him by his father, was called into service both tours of duty from the state and County that gave him birth, Deponent says he has lived in Sullivan County Tennessee nearly in the same neighborhood where he now resides for 31 years, the first tour of Duty he enlisted the 2nd he was drafted was with General Green [Nathanael Greene] & Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at York with Washington, Lafayette & others – did receive to written discharges first from Captain Meriwether & the 2nd from Captain Bell they were both lost or destroyed.

He Deponent is well acquainted with almost every person for many miles around him and is gratified in believing none of his neighbors doubt his veracity and knows of none living to prove his services by whose testimony he can command.

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 territory or state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Jacob Taylor, X his mark

[William Morrell & Benjamin Roystone gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Dearborn County: SS

On this eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord 1849 personally appeared before me David Conger one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court for the County of Dearborn and State of Indiana – Jacob Taylor – a resident of Kelso Township in the County and State aforesaid aged between ninety and ninety-one 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated – to wit – Under Captain Steel Commandant of a company in the Regiment commanded as he thinks by Colonel Boyer: – that he entered the service in the latter part of the year 1777 – when he was under the age of eighteen years, at Winchester, Frederick County Virginia: – that in the first period of his service, he served three years and eight days and considered himself in the regular service having been enlisted: – That he was a private. That at the time of entering the service he was residing in Frederick County Virginia. That after his first term of service, to wit three years & eight days he was regularly discharged – That after he had received his discharge from the regular service and before the surrender of Cornwallis, Affiant further states, that he was drafted in the militia in Frederick County Virginia near Winchester – and that in the second period of his service, he served in the militia of Virginia for three months: – That he was a private in a Company commanded by Captain Bell [possibly George Bell] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __. That a portion of this three months, after the surrender of Cornwallis, he was stationed at Winchester in guarding British prisoners – Affiant further states

that during the whole period of his service he was a private in the ranks and that he engaged in no civil pursuit. That he left the service of the United States in the month of December 1781 –

Affiant further states that he remembers being encamped at Valley Forge: – That he was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. That he was in the Battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and also at the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. That during his service as a regular soldier he was furloughed on account of sickness for about one month. That this sickness happen to him while the Army lay at the Yadkin River in North Carolina. That at the battle of Cowpens he received a bayonet wound in the leg. That this was in has disabled him having continued a running sore until the present time.

That of the officers engaged in the Battle of Cowpens he remembers the names of Colonels __Morgan, Howard and Washington. That he also remembers General Greene. That General Greene commanded the division of the Army from which he was separated and that Colonel Morgan commanded the division to which he belonged. That a short time after the Battle of Cowpens he served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lee.

Affiant further says that owing to loss of memory occasioned by sickness and extreme old age he cannot call to mind positively the names of officers and many incidents of the Revolution in which he was concerned. That he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his claim to a pension from the Government. That he had preserved until about 16 years ago a furlough and discharge. That he believes that both of these documents the is the furlough, heretofore mentioned in this declaration and his final discharge – were obtained from among his papers while he was living in Tennessee by a certain William Rockhold of Sullivan County Tennessee. That he has not seen or heard of those papers since he left the State of Tennessee. That said William Rockhold agreed to make (and he believes did meet) an application for a pension for him in the year 1833.

Affiant further says – that in the division of his father' the state the family Bible containing the record of his age fell to the lot of his youngest sister who when he last heard from her was living in Virginia.

Affiant further says that he knows of no person whom he can procure to testify to his service.

Affiant further states – that 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 his knowledge and further says not.

Attest S/ O B Torbet

S/ Jacob Taylor, X his mark

S/ Daniel Taylor

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ David Conger, Associate Judge

[Daniel Shuck, a clergyman, and Philip Lawrence gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following interrogatories were on the 18th day of June 1849 propounded by me to Jacob Taylor at the time of making his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 and also the answers to the interrogatories as spoken by the said Jacob Taylor.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – in Frederick County 5 miles from Winchester Virginia on the 12th of November I cannot recollect the year but am 91 next November.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age?

Answer Not here I haven't

Question 3rd Where is it?

Answer – It was left with my sister in Virginia I expect she has got it.

Question 4th Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Frederick County Virginia. Since the War I have lived part of the time in the State of Virginia and part of the time in the State of Tennessee in Sullivan County East Tennessee. I now live in Kelso Township, Dearborn County Indiana

Question 5th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. The first time I was enlisted. I considered myself in the regular service. I was in the regular service three years and eight days. The second time I was drafted. The first time I enlisted.

Question 6th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Daniel Morgan – I believe and Lee. I did know but they have gone out of my mind. Steele was our Captain when I first entered the service. I was in Winchester Virginia then and some one slipped County money into my pocket and told me I was enlisted. Then I was not eighteen years of age. Steele was the first that I served under. I recollect Mennyweather [Meriwether]; he was our second Captain I think Yes – Captain Steele got killed and we were attached to Meriwether's company. I recollect Captain Bell I was in his company. I recollect Colonel Bowyer – he was the first Regiment in which I served. I remember General Greene. We were separated from his division and were under Colonel Morgan. I was at the battle of Cowpens – where I received a bayonet wound in the leg. 2 or 3 years ago I could recollect all about my service and I told it time after time but I've now lost my recollection a great deal. I received a furlough once on account of sickness while the Army lay on the Yadkin River in North Carolina.

Question 7th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I got my first discharge from Meriwether, I think – Captain Bell gave me a discharge while I was in the militia service. I had a furlough besides. I kept the furlough & discharge until about 16 years ago. They were obtained from among my papers when I lived in Tennessee by William Rockhold of Sullivan County Tennessee, to make an application for me for a pension I have not seen or heard of them since.

Question 8th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – Daniel Taylor, is acquainted with me and Philip J Lawrence and Daniel Shuck and Jackson Lewis. I have known them. I have lived here some time and am known by all my neighbors.
S/ David Conger, Associate Judge

[Facts in file: veteran died August 23, 1849 in Kelso Township, Dearborn County Indiana; reference is made in the file to a daughter and to a younger sister but knows names are given.]