

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nimrod Taylor R10422

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State of Virginia Scott County: SS

On this 12th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court of the County Court of Scott County and State of Virginia now sitting, Nimrod Taylor resident of Scott County and State of Virginia, aged seventy-six years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of the 7th day of June 1832.

1st That he as a volunteer entered the service of the United States the first time for three months under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say, he does not recollect precisely the year in which he entered the Service on the first tour, but that the company marched from Fauquier Courthouse Virginia in the fall of the year before Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], for Pennsylvania under Colonel Triplett and Captain John Blackwell who was called Marshy John, Lieutenant and Ensign forgotten, that they marched home some distance when they got orders for all the married men to go home and fix off the young men to winter quarters, this applicant being married returned home and there remained until his second Tour hereafter mentioned, but that he does not recollect that he got any discharge, nor can he tell how long he was in service in this first tour, except that he thinks it was about a month, but that he stood ready and constantly expected to be called upon until the tour expired, nor can he say what time he remained at home before he went on the second tour, but supposes it was a year or upwards.

2nd That he is a second three months tour being drafted entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say, he entered the service in the year in which Cornwallis was pent up and Little York, but he does not recollect the dates precisely. That he then lived in Fauquier County Virginia, left home in the first days of June in that year and marched from there to Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] in Virginia, under Captain William Grigsby, Lieutenant John Baker and Ensign Thomas Nelson where he joined the Army under the command of General Demarchus (Lafayette), Colonel Elias Edmunds and Major Weltch [Welsh?] who was then a young man, but he does not recollect the precise day except that they marched as speedily on from home to the Army as possible, that they lay there at Mobbin Hills for some time, and then marched from there to some place the name of which he has forgotten except that they marched through a place called Chickahominy Swamp, one very dark night, and from the latter place they went to Williamsburg and were stationed below Williamsburg and lay there a short time, during which time 1800 of them were called out one night about dusk to go down on the British lines at Little York, but he does not recollect under what officer they went, where they were formed as this applicant supposed to arrest the British light horse but they did not come out, that they stayed there till about 10 or 11 o'clock the next

day, and marched back that day to the Army, soon after this a relief (new recruits) came and they were discharged, having been out nearly four months on a three month tour, but this applicant does not recollect that he or any of the rest of the soldiers ever got any written discharge nor pay, soon after this applicant got home he was taken sick, and so remained for five months.

That on this second tour he marched through Hanover County and the places above stated in going to Williamsburg, that they marched from Mobbin Hills to Williamsburg in Company with the regulars of Demarchus Lafayette and that they were encamped near them while there, that he does not recollect the names of the Continental officers except Lafayette as he was not under any of them, the applicant has no written evidence of the above declaration, and he knows of no person living by whom he can prove the same. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension or annuity whatsoever except the present, and declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of any agency of any State whatsoever nor has it ever been.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nimrod Taylor¹

[John Pendleton, a clergyman, and Ambrose Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 9: On August 4, 1855 in Scott County Virginia, James Taylor, Sr., 78, the son of Nimrod Taylor and his widow Mary Taylor, both deceased, filed for a pension in right of his mother. He claimed the pension for himself, Nimrod Taylor, Jr., and Judith his wife, James Johnson and Lydia his wife and Harry Davison and Polly his wife; that his parents were married about the year 1777 before his father rendered his service in the Army; that his mother died in Scott County Virginia September 7, 1840; that Nimrod Taylor, Junior, Polly Davison, Lydia Johnson and himself are the only surviving children of Nimrod Taylor and his widow Mary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Taylor, Sr." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial 'J' and 'T'. The signature is positioned above a closing bracket ']'.

[facts in file: veteran died July 16, 1834 in Scott County Virginia; the maiden name of Mary, the wife of the veteran, is not given in the file; the names of any children of the veteran and his wife who may have survived them are not given.]

¹ I do not believe the signature on this application is that of the applicant but rather is the applicant's name written by the scribe since the handwriting in the entire document is identical.