

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Taylor R10428

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At a court held for Buckingham County at the Courthouse on Monday the 8th day of March 1841

State of Virginia Buckingham County, to wit: On this 8 day of March 1841 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Buckingham aforesaid now sitting Samuel Taylor a resident of said County of Buckingham & State aforesaid aged upwards of eighty 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 as a private Soldier under the following officer, to wit: Captain John Chambers the said Chambers having taken the place of Captain Cannon, he has now no recollection of the field officers or any of them in Command, when he entered the service and he served as herein stated. He has now no recollection of the day month or year on which he entered the Service at first. That he served two tours of duty. He served out his first tour and was discharged from the service when he delivered up his gun and bayonet which time will be seen by reference to his receipt therefore hereto attached and bears date the 16 day of March 1781. He was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and there fought under the command of Generals Lawson & Green [Nathanael Greene]. He was under the command of General Lawson before he reached Guilford at which place General Lawson joined General Green. He does not remember the names of any of the places through which he passed. He has now no recollection of the Continental regiments or companies with which he served. That he was drafted as well as he now remembers when he first went into the service. That upon his return home from his first tour he was in the same year in which he returned home called into service again. He does not remember the time of the year he entered the service the second time nor does he remember whether he was drafted or volunteered to serve the second tour. He entered the service the second time under Captain Robert Cary and passed through Williamsburg Virginia, and was confined by sickness in the County of King William Virginia for some time during his second tour. He was again under the command of the same General Lawson. He also remembers a General Stephens [probably Edward Stevens], who was an officer commanding when he was in service. He also saith that his memory is now very imperfect by reason of old age. He was born and raised in the County of Buckingham aforesaid and State of Virginia. He was a resident of said County of Buckingham when he was drafted as before mentioned returned to said County when first discharged as aforesaid was a resident of same at the time he entered the service the second time and when again discharged he returned to said County and has continued to live there he and from that time to this. His second discharge he received from his said Captain Robert Cary and is hereto appended and bears date the 18th day of September '81. He has no other documents in relation to his Service except those appended. He is from loss of memory by reason of old age unable to

state how long he served as a soldier in the revolution but to the best of his recollection he believes he served eight months and fifteen days. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Taylor, Senior, X his mark

[John Ayers, a clergyman, and Thomas Cobbs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following are the interrogatories propounded by the Court to said Samuel Taylor the above applicant and his answers to them to wit:

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia, but I do not know the year –

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age, the same has been lost as I understand and believe –

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 the County of Buckingham Virginia when called into service, have lived there ever since and lived there still –

How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I believe when I was first called into service I was drafted and have no recollection whether I was drafted or volunteered a second time I was in service. I was no substitute –

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service?

Answer. I can make no other answer to this then by referring to my declaration aforesaid for I have therein stated all that I can remember.

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

Answer. All the papers that I ever received as far as I now remember are hereto annexed.

Certainly they are all I now have and they stand for themselves.

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

Answer: In answer to this question I would refer to all my neighborhood and all who know [me] particularly to John Ayres & Thomas Cobbs, Captain William Moseley, Doctor James Austin and John Patterson.

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Rich'd Beasley [?]

16th March 1781

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[On March 6, 1854 in Cumberland County, VA, Edmund Taylor filed a power of attorney in which he states he is one of the heirs of Samuel Taylor who was a revolutionary Pensioner.]