

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Theophilus Taylor R10433

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State of Georgia, Habersham County

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1837 personally appeared in open [court] before the Superior Court of said County now sitting Theophilus Taylor a resident of Captain Ferreby's District in the County aforesaid and State of Georgia, aged Seventy Eight years, who did 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit – He was drafted for three months in Montgomery County State of North Carolina in January 1781 under Captain Pawns [sic, Samuel Pond] and Col. Childs [Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Childs], was marched from Montgomery County to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and carried some beeves for the use of General Blufort's [sic, Abraham Buford's ?] wounded men who was then stationed at that place, he was then marched back to Massey's [?] Ferry on Pedee River, where he remained for some time Guarding the Ferry, from there he was marched to Rockingham's Mills, where he remained for some time, Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade] then took the Command of the Company and marched us down to Betty's Bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge]<sup>1</sup> on Drowning Creek where he had a severe engagement with Hector McNeil (who commanded the Tories & some British) after the fight was over he was marched back to Kimbry's near Massey's [?] Ferry, where he was stationed for some time, when his time was out he was discharged. Served this time three months. He then went over into Anson County N. C. where he was again drafted for 18 months, under Captain Theophilus Webb & Col. Lacy, he was then ordered to Charleston South Carolina, and marched within a few miles of that place, and was stationed at what was called the Four Holes – where he remained until his time was out, when he received a printed discharge from Colonel or General Poak [sic, Polk ?] . Served at this time 18 months. Is known to Gabriel Smith of Carroll County Georgia by whom he expects to prove a part of his services, and to Jeremiah Taylor of Habersham County Georgia by whom he expects to prove that he ever had the discharge alluded to from Colonel or General Polk -- & to John Stonecypher<sup>2</sup> of Franklin County Georgia.

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.

Answers to the Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Was born in the State of Virginia, but as his parents moved from there while he was a child he does not know the name of the County, he supposes from the best information he can get that he

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1 August 4, 1781 [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_beattis\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html)

2 [John Stonecypher S16539](#)

was born in the year 1759.

2<sup>nd</sup> Has no record of his age

3<sup>rd</sup> Was living in Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina when he first entered the service, he then moved into Anson County N. C., he then moved into Chesterfield District in the State of South Carolina, he then moved to Franklin County State of Georgia, where he now resides, but by a Division of Franklin and Habersham counties, his residence has fallen into the County of Habersham

4<sup>th</sup> Was drafted both tours

5<sup>th</sup> Has stated the names of all the officers he knew, except Major Miller under whom he served and has stated the general Circumstances of his service in his declaration

6<sup>th</sup> Did receive a discharge from Colonel or General Polk, which he has since lost

7<sup>th</sup> Is known to Col. James Blair, Benjamin Cleveland & Jesse Ayers who can testify to my Character & veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ J. T. Carter, Clk

S/ Theophilus Taylor, T his mark

[James Blair & Benjamin Cleveland & Jesse Ayers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

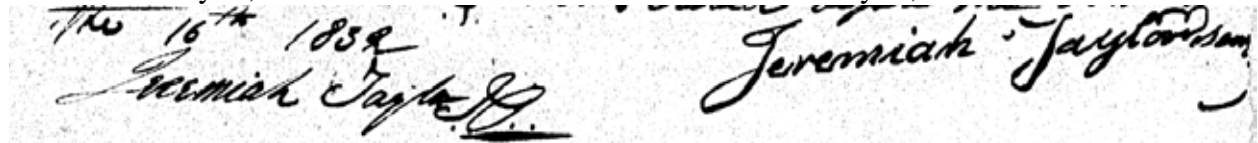
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State of Georgia Habersham County

Personally came before me Jeremiah Taylor Junior one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Jeremiah Taylor Senior and after being sworn in due form of law Doth on his oath Make the following Statement that he was knowing to the service of Theophilus Taylor in the Revolutionary War but being too young was not in service with him but that he had personal knowledge of his being in said service by seeing him in the same and that he saw said Theophilus Taylor have his printed Discharge assigned by the proper Officer after said Revolutionary War was over. Saw said Discharge was given for Eighteen months Tower [tour]. Sworn to & subscribed before me October the 16<sup>th</sup> 1832

S/ Jeremiah Taylor, JP

S/ Jeremiah Taylor, Senior

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. On the left, the signature reads 'Jeremiah Taylor, JP' with the date 'The 16th 1832' written above it. On the right, the signature reads 'Jeremiah Taylor, Senior'. The signatures are written on a light-colored, possibly aged paper.

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Georgia, Carroll County

Personally appeared before me Richard Smith a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, Gabriel Smith<sup>3</sup> who being duly Sworn deposed & saith that he is well acquainted with Theophilus Taylor of Habersham County, who he is informed is now applying for a Pension under the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, That he knew the said Taylor in the time of the Revolutionary War, that he then resided in Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina, that the said Taylor served a three months tour of duty as a private Soldier in the revolutionary war under Captain Childs in part when Captain Childs was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Captain Samuel Pond Commanded the company the balance of the Tour, Thomas Wade of Anson County Commanded as Colonel at a Scrimmage with the Tories at Beatti's Bridge on Drowning Creek, this deponent does not recollect whether or not Wade was the Colonel commandant of the Regiment to which they belonged or not but that Childs was the Lieutenant

<sup>3</sup> Probably the same man as [Gabriel Smith NC18](#)

Colonel from the time of his promotion, of the further service of Mr. Taylor this deponent is not apprised.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1837.

S/ Richard Smith, JP

S/ Gabriel Smith, S. his mark

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State of Georgia, Franklin County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Jeremiah Taylor who being duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith that he was well acquainted with Theophilus Taylor who now resides in Habersham County State of Georgia and is now applying for a pension in the time of the Revolutionary War and was [sic] been up to the present time this deponent has frequently saw the said Theophilus Taylor in the Army in the time of the said war and knows that he did Serve an eighteen months Tour under Captain Theophilus Webb he also served a three months Tour under Captain Pond this deponent has often saw in the possession of the said Theophilus Taylor a discharge from Captain Webb and perhaps Captain Pond and was with the said Taylor when he lost said discharge which was done by a falling into a Creek and getting his papers wet the said Theophilus Taylor has always been Esteemed a Soldier of the Revolution. This deponent has heretofore made in Affidavit about the Services of said Theophilus Taylor but does not now recollect precisely what he then said that said affidavit was taken in a hurry and he thinks he now recollects more facts than he then dead.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this sixth day of September 1845.

S/ C. Addison, JP

S/ Jeremiah Taylor

[p 23: Power of attorney dated June 5, 1852 executed by William Taylor in Habersham County Georgia in which he refers to himself as the son and legal representatives of Theophilus Taylor who died October 5, 1845 having applied for a revolutionary Pension which was never granted. He signed the document with his mark.]

[Facts for the file: Veteran died October 4, 1845 in Georgia; he was not survived by a widow; he was survived by 5 children: William Taylor, Sally Holcomb, Jeremiah Taylor, Hetty Holcomb and Delpha Johnson. Williams was 64 in 1852 and then living Habersham County, Ga.]