

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Taylor R10436

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State of Virginia County of Orange: SS

On this 24th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me William Dulany one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, William Taylor resident in the County of Orange in State aforesaid, aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, 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; He was drafted in the last week of the month of March 1777 and joined Captain John Spotswood's Company at a place called the old Trap in the lower end of the said County of Orange which said Company was attached to the 11th Virginia State Regiment commanded as this declarant believes by Alexander Spotswood. This declarant by the consent of his officers put in his place a man by the name of Matthew Fright, who was an indented servant and bought by this declarant out of Jail at the price of \$200 paid for in specie, which said indented servant was an able bodied man and served the full Term of three years, The Term for which this declarant was drafted. This applicant having by his servant rendered the military service required by the Government, thinks in Justice he is entitled to receive the bounty of the Government for three years service as a private soldier. He received a discharge in full for the said service from Captain Spotswood, but has lost or mislaid the same. He has no documentary evidence of his services, but relies upon the facts herein before set forth, and the affidavits of Zachariah Taylor and Samuel Ham which are herewith annexed to this declaration.

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 and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Taylor, X his mark

[John Gibson, a clergyman, and John Clark gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

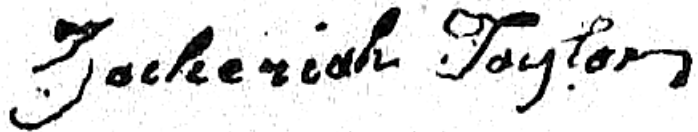
I Samuel Ham of the County of Orange being now about eighty-five years of age and well acquainted with William Taylor of the said County do hereby certify that under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia past I believe in the year 1776 – providing that in the event the officers of the Army failing in recruits to fill the said Army – every 15 militia men were to furnish a man for said service for three years – which were to be allotted by form of the [indecipherable word] magistrates and field of officers of the County in which they resided. And I believe William Taylor of said County was one who had been selected in that way for the purpose of serving a tour of three years in the Continental Army – from this circumstance – having seen him on his way to the Army or an officer on the 12th day of March 1777 – with an

able bodied man as a substitute – and after that, said Taylor returned home & remained there the three years unmolested. And the received opinion of the people of our section, was, that the said Taylor – had been discharged regularly for three years – from the fact of his having furnished a substitute – Several other men who stood precisely in the similar situation in relation to the draft, failing to join the Army, were hunted up – and dealt with as deserters. Given under my hand this 24th day of August 1833.

S/ Samuel Ham, X his mark

I Zachary Taylor of the County of Orange being now about seventy-three years of age and brother to William Taylor, who lived with our mother in said County I believe in the year 1777 do hereby Certify that the said William Taylor was drafted to perform a tour of service for three years and previous to his setting out to join the Army he purchased an able bodied man (a white man) to put in his place as a substitute to perform his said three year tour – which man remained at my mother's sometime – and said William Taylor afterwards, set out with said man to a place in the lower part of this County called the Old-Trap for the purpose of giving him up to the officers of the Army as a substitute – and returned in a few days to our mother's & remained there, generally, for the next succeeding three years – and believed he obtained a discharge for said tour – by reason of the substitute aforesaid – more particularly – from the fact of his remaining at home during the three years, quietly, and without ever being called on, during that period as a militia man – Given under my hand this 24th day of August 1833

S/ Zachariah Taylor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zachariah Taylor". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ James Taylor