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Pension Application of William Taylor R10438

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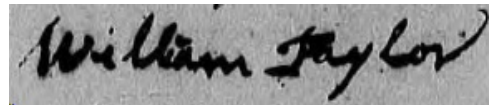
County of Davidson }

On this 24th day of August 1843 personally appeared before me Justice of the peace in and for the County of Davidson and State of Tennessee William Taylor a resident of the County and State abovementioned aged ninety 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 7. 1832: That he entered the Services of the United States under Captain James Bluford [sic: James Buford] at Bedford Court House (commonly called New London [now in Campbell County VA]) in May 1778 [see endnote] to the best of his recollection, served under the said Captain Bluford eight months and was what was termed a minute man – went from New London after joining the company to Williamsburg Virginia Remained there a few weeks and then marched from there in pursuit of the Indians to the Long Island of Holston where they were committing depredation on the inhabitants – after remaining on Holston several months pursuing the Indians returned again to Bedford County Virginia having served the period of time for which he enlisted – In the Spring of 1779 went under Captain Henry Bluford [sic: Henry Buford] back to Holston and remained until the Spring 1780 when he was placed under the command of Captain George Hurd in driving cattle from Henry County virginia for the army, was in this employment eight months then returned home to Virginia and retired from the Service– In consequence of old age and almost entire loss of memory the declarant does not know the Regiment he belonged to but Col Shelby was one of the officers under whom he served– he further asserts that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. Also the cause of his not making earlier application for a pension has been in consequence of his not knowing that there was any pension made for those that could not adduce positive proof of Service. 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– the declarant in reply to the interrogatories as is required by the regulation of the war department doth reply to

Question 1st– That to the best of his knowledge he was born in the year 1753 Answer 2nd That he has no record of his age– Answer 3^d. when called into Service he lived in Bedford County Virginia. Since the Revolutionary war I have lived or he has lived upwards of fifty years in the State of Tennessee, and continues to live in Tennessee– Answer to Question 4th he enlisted under Captain James Bluford for eight months, but whether of the Continental or State line he cannot say– Answer to 5th Question– Colo Shelby and Campbell were the officers who were with the troops where he served. Answer 6th He never received a written discharge as he recollects, but was discharged verbally in Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia by Capt. Henry Bluford. Answer 7th As to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services in the Revolution he would refer to Thomas Demoss, Abraham Demoss, John Davis, Ephraim H Foster Esqr, James Demoss, John Harding and Col. James L. Green all Citizens of Davidson County Tennessee Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Before me

Wm Cumming

Justice of the peace for Davidson County



NOTES:

The campaign of Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN included the Battle of Long Island on 20 July 1776 and concluded with the Treaty of Long Island a year later. Commanders in

that campaign included Col. Evan Shelby and William Campbell.

In the letter transmitting the pension application the pension agent wrote, "Mr Taylor is so old that he is almost destitute of memory as regards past events, and I may add the present." Taylor's claim was rejected for lack of proof of service.