

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Baytop R19357                      VA Half Pay  
 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 21 November 2023.

[From [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#). Some documents in the file could not be deciphered.]

[In the original of the following table surnames precede given names.]  
 Names, Rank and promotions of the Officers of the 2nd Virginia State Regiment from their first entering to the reduction of the Regiment

Names	First Rank	Year	Different Promotions	present Rank	present date of Commission	Present State
William Brent	Ensign	1776	Aid D Camp 1776 with the appointment of Major by the State of Va 1776. Lieut Colo 14th June 1777	Colo.	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1779	Supernumerary
Charles Dabney	Capt in Minute Service	1776	Appointed Major in the State service 1776 promoted to Lt Colo 23 June 1777.	Lt Colonel Comm- andant		In Service
John Lee	Ensign	D'o	Capt of Marines appointed Capt 1st State Reg't 1st Jan'y 1777	Major	1st Feb'y 1778	Supernumerary
Henry Dudley John Baytop	Lieut	1777		Captain 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut	1 Sept 1777 1 May 1779	In Service Supernumerary

As I had not the Command of the Regiment untill May 1779, therefore cannot be acquainted with the Strength of the Regiment when first raised – discharged in April and May 1780. Remaining about 31 for the War.  
 W Brent Colo.

The foregoing is truly extracted from a document on file in this Office  
 Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 28th day of June 1842.  
 Jas E Heath Aud

I further certify that there is no evidence in this Office that Lieut John Baytop reentered the service after he became Supernumery.  
 Jas E Heath

Gloucester County Court August Term 1836. [4 Aug 1836]

It appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence that John Baytop formerly a Lieutenant the 2<sup>nd</sup> State Regiment in the war of the Revolution a native and for many years a resident of the County of Gloucester in the State of Virginia died in the month of January of the year 1799 in the County of King & Queen Virginia – that said John Baytop left a will which was duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of King & Queen – that several years since the Clerk's Office of said County of King & Queen was destroyed by fire and with it the records and papers therein contained, so that a Copy of the will of the said John Baytop Cannot be now procured from said Office – that it appears to this Court by evidence the most satisfactory and conclusive & unquestionable that the said John Baytop after making sundry specific legacies which said specific legacies did not embrace any half pay or Revolutionary claim of said John Baytop, left and made in his last will Philip Taliaferro of King & Queen County his sole residuary devisee whereby the said Philip Taliaferro became entitled to all the Estate of the said John Baytop not specifically devised – that the said Philip Taliaferro died in the County of King & Queen in the year 1800 leaving a will which said will was also destroyed with the other papers and records of the County of King & Queen

– that the said Philip Taliaferro in said will, excluded his sons Wm Taliaferro and James Taliaferro and his daughter Mrs Sarah Schackleford from any portion of his Estate, thereby giving his Estate to his other Children – that the said Philip Taliaferro left as his other heirs and devisees the following children to wit: Philip Taliaferro, Richard, Polly, Thomas, John & George – that of these children, Philip is now alive and of lawful age that Richard Taliaferro died intestate & left one child viz. John – that Polly is now alive and the wife of Matthew Kemp – that Thomas is alive and of legal age – that John is dead without issue & that George died intestate and left one child Louisa, so that the said Philip Taliaferro, Polly Kemp, John Taliaferro, Thomas Taliaferro, & Louisa Taliaferro are the only heirs and devisees of said Philip Taliaferro who was the sole residuary devisee of the said John Baytop Lieutenant as aforesaid that the said children and devisees of said Philip Taliaferro reside in the County of Gloucester, except Thomas who resides in the County of Caroline Virginia. [The rest of the document assigns administration to Philip Taliaferro.]

[Parts of the following are difficult to decipher.]

To the Secretary of the Treasury of the U. States, [2 Aug 1836]

The memorial of Philip Taliaferro, administrator & one of the heirs of John Baytop dec'd. respectfully represents to the Department, that he has qualified on the Estate of the said John Baytop, to order the receiving of the Half pay due the s'd John Baytop for his revolutionary services in the Virginia line that said John Baytop, as he is informed & has always understood, was engaged in the service of the State of Virginia in the war of the revolution as an officer in said service This memorialist is not able to state the particulars of the service of said Baytop of his own knowledge but can state his confident belief that the said John Baytop was a Lieutenant of the Virginia Line & performed service faithfully as long as his services were required & left the service honorably as he has always understood & verily believes

He therefore solicits of the Secretary of the Treasury or the Department having cognisance of such matters, the usual allowance of Half pay according to the specifications of the act of congress of July 1832

Philip Taliaferro adm'r. of John Baytop dec'd.

[The following two documents in the half-pay file are transcribed from more legible copies in the U.S. Revolutionary Pension application on fold3.com.]

Pension Office/ March 28, 1837

I certify that from an examination of the claim present at the office on account of the military service of the late John Baytop, I am satisfied that he was a Lieutenant of the State of Virginia; that he served in that grade until the first of May 1779, when he became a supernumerary officer; that he died in King and Queen County, Virginia, in January 1799; that the case is embraced by the provisions of the act of Congress of the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1832, entitled “an act to provide for the liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia.” that the claim should therefore be allowed, at the rate of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars per annum, from the twenty second of April seventeen hundred and eighty three, when the war terminated, to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety nine; and that the amount should be paid Joseph Legur, attorney of Philip Taliaferro of Gloucester County, Va. administrator of said John Baytop, dec'd.

Approved, March 28, 1837  
Secretary of War.

Commissioner of Pensions

Pension Office/ December 21, 1842

I certify that in March 1837, half-pay was allowed in the case of John Baytop, dec'd. under the act of July 5, 1832, entitled “An act to provide for the liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia;” and that the half-pay commenced on the 22<sup>d</sup> of April, 1783, when the revolutionary war terminated. It now appears that he left the service as early as the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 1782. The administrator of said Baytop is therefore entitled to half-pay on account of the service of Baytop as a Lieutenant of the 2d Virginia State regiment from the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 1782 to the 22<sup>d</sup> of April 1783, at the rate of One

Hundred and Sixty Dollars per annum. The amount is payable to Francis A. Dickins, of Washington City, substitute of John T. Catlett, attorney of Philip Taliaferro, of Gloucester County, Virginia, administrator of John Baytop, deceased.

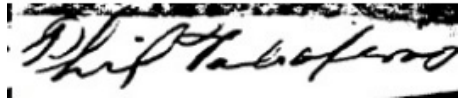
Approved

Commissioner of Pensions.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Sir Let Captain Taliaferro draw my Land warrant  
[several illegible lines]

To the Register        }                July 30<sup>th</sup> 1783  
of the Land Office    }  
[several illegible words] the above Warrant

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Baytop".A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip Taliaferro".