

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Taylor S14647

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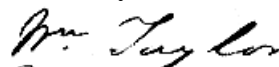
State of Kentucky Rockcastle County Sct.

On this 26 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Rockcastle now sitting William Taylor a resident of Rockcastle County & State of Kentucky aged 74, this fall 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 seventh, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as follows to wit; First in 1777 in Rockbridge County State of Virginia where he resided, in the month of October he entered the service of the United States as a militia Private in the line of the State of Virginia for three months in the Company commanded by Captain Gray [probably David Gray] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Bowyer, his Lieutenant was Paxton [perhaps John Paxton], Ensign forgotten. He does not remember his Major. In this engagement he was [in] no regular Battles but only some scimmages. He marched in Virginia from Petersburg to Suffolk, then James Town thence to Richmond Virginia where he was discharged (1778) by his Captain aforesaid (Gray) after having served out his term [of] three months] which he has long since lost. He does not remember any regular officers on said trip except General Muhlenberg under whose orders his Regiment served. Next he in the year 1781 he was drafted in Rockbridge County, State of Virginia in the [company] Commanded by Captain Elliott [probably James Elliott] in the line of the State of Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fleming [perhaps William Fleming] or Morphit [? PERHAPS, George Moffett], which he does not remember, but Morphit lived in Augusta Virginia & Fleming in Botetourt same state. When he entered the service he was marched from Rockbridge to Williamsburg and in that section & to the siege of York and remained there until Lord Cornwallis was taken. And after serving out his term of service for three months as aforesaid he was discharged by Captain Elliott as aforesaid at Williamsburg, which he has long since lost. On the last trip he remembers regular officers General Washington, General Lincoln & many others whose names he has forgotten. He has no documentary evidence that he knows of or person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State, nor has it ever been.

Sworn & subscribed to this day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm Taylor



[John Quin, a clergyman, and General William Smith, James Fish & John Colyer gave the

standard supporting affidavit.]

That he was born in Virginia Augusta County, he has no record of his age. He lived in Rockbridge County Virginia when he entered the service as stated by him as aforesaid and since the Revolution War he lived in Rockbridge County then in Augusta Virginia & back to Rockbridge County & [indecipherable words] to Kentucky where he has lived in Rockcastle County for 22 years. As to the manner of entering the service he has explained but this I [indecipherable word] was upon his own account. To the 5th question he has explained. As to his discharges, he has explained. He received no Commissions, but was a private. As to his character for veracity and his service in the Army he refers to the Reverend John Quin, General William Smith & Thomas Jones.

S/ Wm Taylor

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]