

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richardson Taylor S15671

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State of Kentucky Logan County Sct.

On this 3rd day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Logan County Court now sitting Richardson Taylor resident of said County of Logan in the State of Kentucky aged Seventy-three 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 June the 7th 1832.

This declarant was born in New Kent County in the State of Virginia in the year of our Lord 1760, and was raised from a small boy in James City County in the State aforesaid, he arrives at the date of his birth from his father's family register. He has a written record of his age in his family Bible.

Shortly after the Commencement of the Revolutionary War in the year 1778 to the best of his recollection he was called into the service of the United States as a private soldier and was attached to a Company of Militia Commanded by Captain William Walker. We rendezvoused at Williamsburg, where the Company to which he was attached was stationed to guard & protect the arms & public Stores in that place, to the best of his recollection Virginia was the same year invaded by a British Army who burnt the ship *Thetis* built on Chickahominy River in the aforesaid County of James City, her rigging & tackle having been previously removed on Diaskeen [? could be Diaskun¹] Creek a tributary stream of said River. He remained stationed as aforesaid at Williamsburg for three months & was then discharged, but did not receive a Written discharge.

Shortly thereafter he thinks in the same year he was again called into the Service of the United States a private in said Captain Walker's Company of Militia and stationed as a guard of the tackle and reading of said vessel deposited as aforesaid in said County of James City in the State of Virginia where he remained for three months & was then discharged but did not for this tour receive a written discharge.

Again in the year 1779 as well as he now recollects Virginia was invaded by a hostile Fleet and army when he was again called into the service of his Country as a private in a Company of Militia Commanded by Captain Goddin [perhaps, John Goddin] & was marched to and stationed at Hampton in the State of Virginia a Colonel Curl [?] & Matthews had command of this Station at the time he was there, the British fleet lay at the same time in Hampton Roads he served a three month tour in this Campaign & was discharged at Hampton but did not get a

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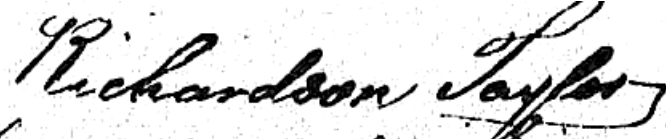
written discharge –

He perfectly recollects performing three separate and distinct tours of duty, and to the best of his recollection he served three months each time as before stated, making in the whole nine months actual service in the Army of the United States during the War of the Revolution. He always obeyed the calls of his Country when legally called on and remained in actual service until honorably & legally discharged therefrom by Competent Authority each discharge from said Service was a verbal discharge as above stated & without having received any compensation for the Service, except the proud consolation that I then & still enjoy of having rendered some service to my Country in her struggle for liberty.

He was been a resident of Russellville in Logan County Kentucky for nearly seventeen years past and knows of no person living by whom he can prove any part of his services – 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 any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richardson Taylor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richardson Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered below the typed name.

[Robert W January, a clergyman, and William J Morton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]