

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Taylor S16000

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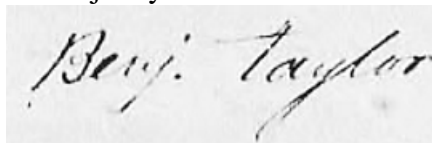
State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau } SS Cape Girardeau County Ct. November Term  
1835

On this third day of November personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Cape Girardeau County now sitting Benjamin Taylor resident of Stoddard County in the State of Missouri aged seventy-six, 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 service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1781, this declarant resided in Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina on the Catawba River, about 17 miles from the town of Lincoln in said County, that in the spring of that year 1781, he volunteered as a private for the term of 12 months under one Captain Ephraim Perkins in the militia, and were shortly after marched down, under the command of Colonel McDowell [probably Charles McDowell] to Frohocks Mill near Salisbury in Rowan County in said State of North Carolina, -- that after remaining there a short period he asked and obtained leave of absence with a view of procuring someone to serve in his place in which he failed; during his absence from the Army on leave as above stated, he was taken sick, and was unable to rejoin the Army until a very short time before the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]; being absent two or three months -- two as he believes -- after his recovery from sickness and a short time before the battle of the Eutaw Springs he joined the Army again at High Hill Santee River in South Carolina and entered into a company there under the command of one Captain Benjamin Carter's company Lieutenant Sherlock Lieutenant Martin Armstrong Colonel in the second Regiment of North Carolina troops General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commander in Chief. From the High Hill on Santee, this deponent with the Army crossed Santee River and marched on to Eutaw Springs where on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September of 1781 on Saturday, they met the British forces when a battle ensued well known as the battle of the Eutaw Springs. This deponent states that he was in that Battle, and had his gun shot off at the breach, a bullet lodged in his cartridge box and his canteen bursted as this deponent believes by a grape shot. On the same day of the action the American Army recrossed the Santee River, where they remained until the British evacuated also, the battleground, which was on Sunday night & Monday morning; and Monday the Americans returned and buried the dead -- this deponent continuing with the Army during its marches after the battle. That at the battle aforesaid, Sherlock the Lieutenant of the company to which deponent belonged, had his thigh broken. He recollects the following officers as attached to the Army, Colonel Martin Armstrong, Colonel Malbee or Malabee [sic, Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy)] a Frenchman, who was killed at High Hill Santee in a duel, Major Donohue [sic, Thomas Donoho] of the first Regiment of North Carolina troops, Captain Alexander Brevard, one Joseph Brevard who belonged to the staff Colonel Carrington who acted as commissary and one Captain Yarber

[? probably Edward Yarborough] of the second Regiment. This deponent further states that after burying the dead at the Eutaw Springs, he was marched with the Army back to High Hill on Santee River in South Carolina where he went into winter quarters and remained until spring; and in the spring of 1782 they were marched to Pond Ponds [sic, Pon Pon River, now the South Edisto River] in South Carolina where the Army remained for some time and from thence were marched to Bacon's Bridge in the same State and from thence to Ashley River, where this deponent obtained his discharge. That previous to marching to Ashley River, this declarant cannot state how long, he was transferred to the company of Captain Hall [Clement Hall] from whence, he received a written discharge. The discharge received by this deponent was passed to one General Moore and he believes it now to be entirely lost, as he has understood and believes that said General Moore has not now got it. This deponent states that his father died when he was young, he was born as he understood and believes in South Carolina. His father left no record of this deponent's age, and he was raised among strangers, he cannot tell his precise age, but from circumstances within his recollection, as he was a young man in the Army he believes his age to be 76. That he served in the Army as above stated at the least 12 months, from the first day of August 1781 until the first day of September 1782 – that he served a longer time, he knows but cannot fix any other certain date. That during all of the time of his service he was a private, that when he volunteered into the service as above stated, he resided in Lincoln County North Carolina on the Catawba River about 17 miles from the town of Lincoln in said County. He has no documentary evidence of his service, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify of his service, except as below stated. 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 to the day & Year first aforesaid.

S/ Benj. Taylor

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

S/ Peter R. Garrett, Clerk

[Moses Bailey, clergyman, and John Allen, a neighbor, testify as to the reputation for veracity, age and military service in the revolution.]

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James Chronister<sup>1</sup> residing in the County of Cape Girardeau in the State of Missouri do hereby certify that I became acquainted with Benjamin Taylor who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration at Pond Pond in the State of South Carolina, where this deponent knew said Taylor in 1782 as a private soldier in the company of Captain Hall and continued to be acquainted with said Taylor until the American Army arrived at Ashley River in said State, where this deponent recollected on inquiry being made about said Benjamin Taylor the reply was, he was discharged. This deponent knows the said Taylor to have served in the Army of the revolution in the second Regiment of North Carolina troops, as this deponent was in the first Regiment of said troops and served in the same. As to the time the said Benjamin Taylor served he does not know. This deponent after the close of the war knew the said Taylor at his residence in Lincoln County North Carolina for about 20 years, during which time the said Taylor was reputed and believed by his neighbors generally to have been a soldier of the revolution and Since the removal of said Taylor to Missouri this deponent has known him 10 years and the

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<sup>1</sup> [James Cronister \(McCronister\) S34989](#)

reputation & belief prevails among his neighbors.

Sworn and subscribed to in open Court this third of November 1835.

S/ Peter R. Garrett, Clerk

S/ James Chronister, X his mark

1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was informed and believe I was born in the State of South Carolina in the year 1760 or 61. My father died when I was young leaving no record of my age. I was raised among strangers, but from my recollection of the time when I served in the revolutionary war, I judge I must be 75 or 76 years old.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

A. I have none.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. I lived in Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina on the Catawba River about 17 miles from the town of Lincoln in said County: After the revolutionary war I continued to reside in said County of Lincoln until I moved to the State of Missouri, which was in the year 1822 or 1823 to the County of Cape Girardeau in said State, in which County I remained two years & since that time in what is now called Stoddard County.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

A. I volunteered.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. I recollect Colonel John Martin Armstrong, Major General Greene, Major McDowell, Colonel Carrington, Joseph Brevard, Captain Alexander Brevard, Colonel Malmedy, Militia Captain Yarber, Captain Hall. I recollect the second Regiment and Major Donoho of that Regiment. I served for more than 12 months and was at the battle of Eutaw Springs in the fall of 1781 under the command of Captain Benjamin Carter was marched to High Hill Santee River, Pond Pond, Bacon's Bridge & discharged at Ashley River in 1782.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

A. I did receive a discharge as stated in my declaration from Captain Hall by order, as I believe of Major General Greene, which discharge I transferred to General Moore of Lincoln County North Carolina, who as I understand passed it from his hands, and I know not where it is.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

A. Moses Bailey, John Allen, George F. Bollinger, and James Chronister.

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State of Missouri, fourth Judicial Circuit, SS

Stoddard County, Circuit Court March Term in the year of our Lord 1836, first day of the Term.

Benjamin Taylor of lawful age personally appeared in open Court, and makes oath that in the year 1781, there being a call for twelve months men in the State of North Carolina to serve for that period of time and that one out of every 13 or 14 men being obliged to serve to be determined by draft that this affiant, with a view clear the draft turned out as stated in his declaration filed at the war department, heretofore made before the County Court of Cape Girardeau County, that this affiant by turning out to clear the draft, the lot of 13 or 14 to which

he was attached was not subject to the draft; that he served as he heretofore stated, in the declaration sent on to the War Department. That he never applied for a pension under the act of March 18, 1818. That he was what was called a twelve months man; and does not recollect whether he was called a regular or militia man but believes, the militia were three months men, but on this subject his recollection is indistinct. Colonel Martin Armstrong commanded the Regiment to which this affiant belonged during the war as this affiant stated in his declaration heretofore forwarded, and that he served as therein stated in said war – and further this affiant saith not.

Sworn and subscribed to in open Court this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1836.

S/ Jonas Eaker, Clerk

S/ Benj. Taylor

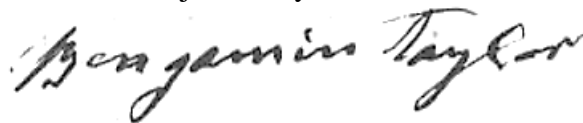
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State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau } SS

On this seventeenth day of September 1839 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for the said County of Cape Girardeau personally appeared Benjamin Taylor who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Ephraim Perkins in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McDowell that afterwards he belonged to a company commanded by one Captain Benjamin Carter in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Martin Armstrong in the second Regiment of North Carolina troops, that afterwards he was transferred to the Company commanded by Captain Hall all in the service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Missouri, that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the secretary of war, which certificate on or about the fifth day of March 1839 at or near be Neely's Landing in the State of Missouri was lost by Henry Sanford his agent, in whose care he had entrusted the same.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Taylor

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S/ John W. McGuire, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]