

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Taylor S17137

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State of Missouri County of Montgomery: SS: On this __day of May in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery aforesaid now sitting – Daniel Taylor a resident of Lewiston Township in the said County and State, aged about eighty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following statement in addition to one which she has heretofore made in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 for the relief of soldiers of the revolution. That he was, he thinks, in the year 1776 in a battle which was fought near the mouth of the great Kanawa [Kanawha River] between the Colonial forces under the command of General Lewis and the Indians that he was then a married man – that he was born in Jersey about forty miles from the City of New York in the year 1748 on the 18th of September according to the record of his birth which was in his father's Bible out of which he copied it – that his father when this affiant was still quite young removed to Frederick County Virginia near to Winchester, that this affiant remained there until he had [paper torn, word missing] a man and there learned his trade of a house carpenter [paper torn, text missing] he removed from there to Green-brier [Greenbrier] River to a settlement [paper torn, text missing] as there and remained there 12 years having married there and it was some few years after his removal to this settlement that the revolutionary war broke out, the settlement on Greenbrier at this time was small and could not produce more than thirty or forty men and was from its distance from the interior and the proximity to the wilderness extremely exposed to danger from the Indians inhabiting to the West and South who were generally Hostile to the Americans, in this situation the inhabitants of the settlement were organized into militia under the command of one John Cook and this affiant in conjunction with the rest of the command of Captain Cook erected a Fort at a place called the little levels within one mile and a half of Greenbrier River and gave it the name of Fort Defiance, that this Fort was built in the year seventy-six and from the time of its erection this affiant was engaged during nearly the whole of every summer for six years under the command of Captain [paper torn text missing] in spying, guarding the Fort and ranging during [paper torn, text missing] time several of the men were killed by the Indians but the Fort was not attacked being on an eminence in open ground , the Indians it seemed were unwilling to expose themselves to the danger of an open attack – a Fort within about 14 miles of Fort Defiance was attacked by about 800 Indians but was successfully defended this was Fort Donaldson – during the 6 years that this affiant was engaged in guarding and defending the Fort Defiance and the neighboring settlement, he assisted on several occasions to equip young men of the settlement who were desirous to partake in the defense of this Country against the British invader, though he never went himself and indeed it was the desire of the government that the Fort and settlement on Greenbrier should be maintained as a protection to the interior settlements , and the people of the

settlement accordingly received a message said to come from the board of war requiring them to maintain deposition and promising them that their services rendered in its defense and protection should be accounted as services rendered the government in the line of the Continental Army – this affiant after remaining at Fort Defiance [paper torn text missing] years or thereabouts, returned to the neighborhood of Winchester where he remained some 3 or 4 years and then moved back to Greenbrier and after a [paper torn, text missing] of years moved to Kentucky where he resided part [paper torn, text missing] the time near Bardstown and first in the [indecipherable word] and after remaining there some twenty years he removed to this County where he has remained a sense and expects to die – it is impossible for this affiant to state the number of months or years that he was engaged in active service in defense of his Country, but he thinks that this all not to preclude him from receiving something from his government with which to smooth his path to the grave and in his circumstances anything would be much better than nothing at all – his extreme age too has affected his memory but he believes he is very safe in saying he must have been engaged in actual service under Captain Cook for at least one year, as the greatest part of each summer for 6 years was occupied by him in the woods [?] or the fort as he before said – this affiant states that the other officers of the company were George Clendenin Lieutenant and John McNeil Ensign that he himself was a private and for the greater part of the time acting [paper torn text missing] spy – that he was a volunteer in all his service and never got a discharge, but each one went his way when the war was over – this affiant does not know of anyone living by whom he is able to prove the services mentioned above – he is known to several persons who are now in this state and to many in Kentucky who have known him for many years, but they are out of his reach and he is obliged to resort to his neighbors and this County for the only testimonials of his character and the reputation of his revolutionary services which she is able to produce – amongst these he names Nathaniel Dryden, Amos Kibbe & Jacob L Sharpe this affiant further states that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or of the United States and that he has never made any application for a pension save the present and hereby relinquishes all claim to pension or annuity for or on account of revolutionary services save what he seeks by this petition and which may be granted him under the law of the 7th of June last – this affiant believes that he has stated all that he knows material to this application and further saith not.

S/ Daniel Taylor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'D'.

Questions put by the court to applicant with his answers thereto – What evidence have you of your age and where you were born? Answer I have already stated all I know on that subject – What officer discharge you and where is your discharge? Answer – I can not say that I was discharged at all nor did I ever receive a written discharge for further answer I refer to what I have before said – Question? Stated what officers were known to you and were engaged in the same service with you? Answer. In addition to those I have already named I knew none at Fort defiance, there were no general officers there. Question – State in what battles or skirmishes you were engaged? Answer – I was engaged in no battles, the nature of the service was not likely to produce any unless the Fort had been attacked and being for the most part a spy when out it was my business to gain information of the enemy. Question name the Country through which you marched and so forth? Answer – when absent from the Fort on spying service I touched at no

known points – the country was a wilderness unknown but to hunters and savages – Question – where did you live when called into service? And where since the war and how were you called into service? Answer – I have before answered all I know on the subject –

[Daniel Dryden, Jacob L Sharpe and Amos Kibbe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: the above document would appear to be a response to objections made by the War Department to an earlier application filed by the veteran, but this file contains not such application.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]