

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Taylor S1728

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County

On the \_\_\_ day of September 1832,

Personally appeared in open Court before James Sharp, John Daugherty and Jacob Vangant, Justices of the Court of Pleas [sic] and quarter sessions now sitting, Lewis Taylor, aged about 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 passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was commanded by General Christy [William Christian] in the Indian war against the Cherokee Indians. Col. Williams [Joseph Williams] from Surry County North Carolina and Captain Joseph Dotson [were my officers]. I was a volunteer and entered the service some time, I think, in the month of August in the year 1775 and left the service, I think, sometime in the latter part of November thereafter. I was in a battle fought at Must Groves [Musgrove's Mill, August 19, 1780], Inerree [Enoree River] commanded by Colonel's Clarke [Elijah Clarke] and Shelby [Isaac Shelby]. This battle was the fought against the British and Tories. I lived in South Carolina when I entered the service and marched through South Carolina & part of Georgia to Augusta. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to my service. I entered the service a second time, I think, sometime about August of 1777 during the war under the command of Col John Thomas Sr. & Captain John Thomas Jr. as a volunteer and continued in service until the end of the war duly set at all times to the orders of my officers.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribe the day and year aforesaid.

S/Lewis Taylor, X his mark

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ W.B. Wagner, D.C.

The Court propounded the following interrogatories, to wit

1. Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in the State of Virginia Albemarle County in the year of 1759 I think

2. Have you any record of your age, if so where is it

Answer. I have known.

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live

Answer. I was living as heretofore stated [in] Surry County North Carolina I have lived since the war in the same state in Rutherford County from there I removed to Franklin County Tennessee where I now live.

4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, if a Substitute for whom.

Answer. As before stated I was a Volunteer.

5. 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 & the General circumstances of your service.

Answer. I recollect General Green [Nathanael Greene] in addition to those before mentioned & Major Jolley [Joseph Jolly]. I belong to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon. I cannot at this time recollect [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> important circumstance during my service.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge, if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer. I never received any written discharge. I was dismissed & called on as occasion required. I was in actual service in all about four years.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can Testify as to your character for veracity and their belief to your services as a Soldier in the revolution

Answer. John Hickerson & John Camden Esquires and many others & Pearson [Parson] Henry Hunt lives in my neighborhood and can give the information required.

[Henry Hunt, a clergyman, Peter Willis, John Hickerson and Solomon Hogh gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County: County Court August Session 1833

The amended declaration of Lewis Taylor, an applicant for a pension under the act passed 7 June 1832. This applicant states that he served for a term of three months in the performance of the tour of duty first mentioned in his and next original declaration. Affiant was in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Dotson & in the regiment commanded by Col Williams. Williams' Regiment went from Surry County North Carolina. Christy or Christian was the commander of the expedition. This was in the year 1775 at the time stated in his original declaration. He cannot recollect the day of the month he entered the service, nor the day he was discharged but is certain he served three months as a private in the aforesaid tour.

Sometime after this affiant moved with his father to the District of Ninety Six in South Carolina. After they moved there & in November 1777 affiant again volunteered under Captain John Thomas, and the regiment commanded by Col John Thomas. During the time affiant was under Col Thomas, they were employed in guarding the frontiers of South Carolina from the Indians but was in no battle. Affiant was in active service under Thomas upwards of one year. He is positive as to that length of time & in this service.

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In the month of February 1779 affiant with said company & regiment were marched to the Savannah River opposite of Augusta and joined the Army there under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] where they remained until the last of May & from thence the regiment was dismissed & returned home. Affiant was four months in the performance of this tour of duty but was in no battle.

After affiant came home, he again volunteered under his brother Captain George Taylor & joined the army commanded by Colonels Clarke and Shelby and was in the Battle of Musgrove's Mill on Enoree [river] in the District of Ninety Six. Immediately after this when Cornwallis was invading South Carolina, affiant with his brother Captain George Taylor & some others crossed over Broad River into North Carolina & in Rutherford County the company or party the said George Taylor being the captain, joined the troops commanded by Col Charles McDowell who retreated across the mountains to Watauga. They were there joined by Colonels Campbell [William Campbell], Shelby and Sevier [John Sevier] & went back to fight Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson]. Affiant was a footman and was not in the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], but was left behind with the other troops & the mounted man went and defeated Ferguson. Affiant did not join the Army after the battle of Kings Mountain -- but went back to South Carolina as they had no further use for the troops. Affiant was upwards of two months in this tour. He cannot specify dates but is positive it was more than two months.

In the month of August 1781 affiant again volunteered under his brother Captain George Taylor in a regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon & Major Joseph Jolly. They were marched to the neighborhood of Charleston & affiant remained in service three months. The troops were stationed at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River. Affiant served as a private in all his various tours of service & he was engaged in no civil pursuit during the periods respectively above mentioned when he was in service.

S/Lewis Taylor, X his mark

Sworn to in open court the 26th, August, 1833 S/ E. Russell, Clerk

[p 17: On October 5, 1840 in White County Illinois, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Illinois agency. In this document he refers to himself as having been under the command of Captain Cobb and Captain John Thomas in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas under General Pickens. He states his reason for moving to Illinois is that all of his children have moved to Illinois and he could not stay behind.]

[p 19: On March 5, 1842 in Davidson County Tennessee, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Tennessee agency stating is his reason for moving from Illinois to Tennessee "that he does not like the country".]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]