

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Laroy (Leroy) Taylor S1934

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State of Tennessee, Washington County: September Term 1832

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel [sic, Powell?] now sitting as a Court of Law & Equity in and for the said County of Washington Leroy Taylor a resident Citizen of said County & State, aged 74 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 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, to wit: that being a resident citizen of the County of Burke State of North Carolina during the Revolutionary War, that he volunteered in the County of Burke aforesaid under Captain Reuben White a Captain of the North Carolina militia under the command of Colonel Charles McDowell of General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade, to serve a three months tour of duty and was marched to the head of Catawba River (place called the Pleasant Gardens) where the troops were all to meet & when met a convention of the officers took place, and his Captain having been killed before they arrived at the Pleasant Gardens by the Indians this declarant was appointed by Colonel McDowell to command the company which White had command of before his death, and in the Council of officers, was ordered back to White's Fort on John's River, to guard said Fort (the Indians being numerous in the neighborhood & did march back to said Fort with the company under his command, & there remained over the term for which he engaged and dismissed his men without written discharge, and went on to paymaster Matthew Locke drew the money for the pay of the company under him & paid them off said Locke at the time residing within a few miles of Salisbury). That the time of his entering into said service was about the month of October 1776, under date of the receipts hereto annexed (which from accident have been preserved in the rack of ancient things) two with the receipts of Nicholas dated the 30th December 1776, for 69 days, they [sic, the] said Nicholas & others paid by him having been put under his command sometime after he had been in command of the Fort aforesaid & not in service as long as he had been, that said service was for three months as Captain principally, his Captain having been killed as aforesaid within a few weeks after he entered, and he is very certain that he entered in the month of September or early in October and dismissed his men at the date of the receipts hereto annexed, which were given a part of the men put under his command after he had command of the Fort. He states further that he received a commission, during his service at the Fort before specified, from the Department of State of North Carolina, and after returning home from his first service.

That on the 27th March 1778, he received an order from Colonel Beckman [Christopher Beekman] of the County of Burke aforesaid as Captain, which he hereto annexes, directing him to train the company under his command, which he did in conformity to said order, & in the

same year the November thereof the 6th Colonel McDowell issued to him his order as Captain aforesaid to raise six men out of his company & have them equipped and in readiness which is also annexed,¹ that he in observance to said order, did he & six men from his Company volunteered & marched to Greenlea's at the Quaker Meadows, & there marched to Pine Tree (now Camden) & there joined General Rutherford's Army, & there had his company filled up by men raised from other Counties & commanded under General Rutherford in said campaign – from Camden the Army marched to the ten mile house, (on this side of Charleston) from thence, to Purysburg on the Savannah [River], thence up the River to the two sisters [sic, Two Sister Ferry] there, the Army had marched from Purysburg to said Two Sisters under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], at the last named place he was then allowed to return home his term of time having expired being on the 8th of February after his March in November as aforesaid.

That after his return home he removed to the Western settlements of North Carolina (now Tennessee) and settled in the County of Washington on the frontiers of the Cherokee Indians – after having acted for two months & thereabouts under the annexed order of Captain Gilbreath Falls [sic, Gilbraith Falls] (a Captain of the Light horse), and apprehending the said William & Robert Johnston named in the said order & traversing the other suspected places), that after taking said men he delivered them up to Colonel McDowell, & he calling a Court martial & trying them & they being acquitted & again joined the Army. His removal to the frontier was in the Spring of 1780 at which time the Cherokee Indians were killing & depredating [sic] on said [place]; and that he served in the three several tours or services about eight months, exclusive of the time which was lost in the going to the place of rendezvous & returning home that not being computed in the tour, or estimate – that he was as aforesaid Captain for all the time except about a month when he was first under Captain White before he was killed, that he had a commission until some years since when one of his neighbors, unfriendly disposed towards him, got possession of his papers in which was said commission, & he has never been able to regain it – these annexed being all that was left & they were accidentally left in his possession owing to their not being carefully preserved & left in the house from whence they were taken & which he annexes. That he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said services, nor is there a resident minister of the Gospel in his neighborhood by whom he can establish the report or belief required by the instructions of the War Department. 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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Leeroy Taylor [sic, could be "Laroy Taylor"]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leeroy Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Sworn in open Court at September Term 1832

Test: S/ Jas. V. Anderson, Clerk

[William P. Chester & Jacob Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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¹ P 50 a note reads: "Order to Captain Leeroy Taylor to have his company trained & exercised at least once a month, signed Ch. Beekman dated March 27, 1778. Order to Captain Leeroy Taylor to arrest William and Robert Johnson and all suspected persons, signed Galbraith Falls, Captain dated Burke County, NC July 31, 1778 and Order to Captain Leeroy Taylor to furnish six men from his company to meet November 6, 1778, signed Charles McDowell, have been removed from this case to be forwarded at some future time to the War Department. A. E. P. July 29, 1910 Sent to War Dept. Jan. 16 1913"

“Then Rec'd of Le Roi Taylor full Satisfaction for 69 Days Sarvis Done under Sd. Taylor
[indecipherable words and abbreviations, possibly “I say Re'd potts” but that make no sense to
me] Dec^m the 30th 1776

S/ Thos. Nichels, X his mark

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Sarvis Done under Sd. Taylor I say Re'd potts his
Dec^m the 30 Day 1776 ————— Thos. Nichels

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“Decm the 5 Day 1776

then Rec'd of Leeroy Taylor for the [indecipherable word] of John Nickels 3 pounds five
shillings [indecipherable words]

S/ James Willson

“Decm the 5 Day 1778

then Rec'd of Leetaylor [sic] full Satisfaction for 69 Dayes Sarvis I Say Rec'd [indecipherable
word]

S/ James Willson”

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James Willson

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[Veteran died March 24, 1834; he was not survived by his wife; his granddaughter, Margaret
Irvin, received his last pension payment.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$143.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for
service as a private & Captain in the North Carolina militia.]