

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Taylor (Tayler) S21527

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District

On this second day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before William D. Martin -- one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting in Fairfield Court House in the District in State aforesaid Jeremiah Taylor a resident of the District aforesaid, aged seventy 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 of June 1832. That Deponent was born on the Virginia & North Carolina line and before the Revolutionary War followed his father to the District and State aforesaid and the District of Fairfield has been his home ever since. He will be 70 years of age the 25th of January next. Has no record of his age and never knew of any. His mother told him his age and he has remembered it ever since.

Deponent served as a private soldier in the militia during the Revolutionary war as follows and never received any written discharge at any time from the service. Deponent was first drafted and always served in draft for an expedition to Florida in a company commanded by Captain William Simmons and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwyn [Robert Goodwin]. Colonel Winn commanded one Regiment. General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was the commander of the whole.¹

Deponent does not know the object of this expedition. They marched to St. Mary's [River]. Deponent was out in this service about 4 months. This service was from May to September, but do not recollect the year certainly. Deponent, in the following winter as he believes under the same Captain Simmons & Colonel Goodwyn was marched to the bank of the Savannah [River] opposite Augusta. Deponent was there as a soldier 3 months, Augusta then in possession of the British & the object was to keep them from crossing the Savannah. General Williamson was the commander. General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], a Continental officer arrived there about the time Deponent was discharged.

This Deponent was afterwards in a company under Captain Jas. Craig [James Craig] marched to the Congaree River at Ancrum's plantation a little below Fort Congaree. They remained there until a Fort [Fort Granby, May 14-15, 1781]² under Captain Maxwell surrendered. Thomas Taylor was Colonel. They were then marched to join General Greens [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army on the Congaree near Haigs plantation the object being to attack Rawdon at Orangeburg. They were marched near Orangeburg & General Greene gave orders for all to march again to Biggin Church about 32 miles from Charleston. Colonel Wade Hampton

¹ Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

here took 13 prisoners from the British & the British burned the church & retreated to Charleston. After returning to Haigs, they were marched to Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].³ Deponent was drafted to take charge of 4 horses during the battle of Eutaw ^{this tour 4 months or more}. Deponent then returned home. Deponent after this was on duty three months in Orangeburg in the same company & again a three months tour at the four hole bridge 40 miles from Charleston.

Deponent was on duty at least 17 months, besides other scouts & short tours of duty of which he cannot give any particular account.

Deponent 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/ J. Elliott, CCP QU Ex O

S/ Jeremiah Taylor, X his mark

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South Carolina Fairfield District:

Before me appeared James Nelson⁴ and being duly sworn makes oath that he is acquainted with Jeremiah Taylor the foregoing applicant and was with him in the Florida expedition before described by him & knows that he performed duty as he has stated. Deponent also knew the said Jeremiah Taylor in the camp opposite to Augusta and afterwards at the surrender of the Congaree Fort and he is certain he performed the duty as he has stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd November 1832 in open Court
S/ J. Elliott, CCP QU Ex O

S/ James Nelson, X his mark

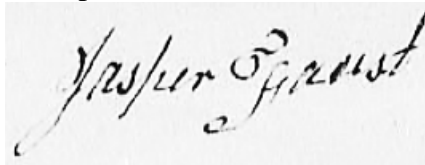
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South Carolina Fairfield District:

Before me appeared Doctor Jasper Faust⁵ and being duly sworn makes oath that he was raised near to the aforesaid Jeremiah Taylor and has known him from a youth. Deponent was with him in every Tour of duty which he has stated excepting the Battle of Eutaw and knows that he did perform all the duty which he has stated in his aforesaid Declaration that he had the reputation of being a good soldier & is a respectable citizen, And that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid in open Court.
S/ J. Elliott, CCP QU Ex O

S/ Jasper Faust

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jasper Faust". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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I Meredith Taylor⁶ residing in Fairfield District aged sixty-eight years do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Jeremiah Taylor who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration,

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁴ [James Nelson W9588](#)

⁵ [Jasper \(Gosper\) Faust R3468](#)

⁶ [Meredith Taylor S32547](#)

that I believe him to be seventy years of age or about that age. That deponent served with him in the tour to Augusta mentioned under General Williamson, next at the Eutaw battle, next at Orangeburg, next at the four hole Bridge, & that the statement given by him he is correct as to these tours. And deponent being his brother had an opportunity of knowing of his being out on other tours, And is satisfied that his Declaration is correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ J. Elliott, CCP QU Ex O

S/ Meredith Taylor, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the South Carolina militia.]