

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Champe Taylor S22008

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State of South Carolina Pickens District March Term 1833

On the twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Josiah J. Evans in the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting Champe Taylor a resident of Pickens District and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named [officers] and served as herein stated. That he was drafted and entered into the service under Captain Thomas Shannon he served a tower [tour] of duty of three months or upwards in Fairfield County as a patrol [patrol?] or scout against the Tories, this was the first service he done he got no discharge. He was then the classed and turned out under Captain Andrew Grey [Andrew Gray] and went down below Columbia to Ancrum's he was out about one month besides the time in going to the place and returning at this time. He was afterwards called out and went to Orangeburg to guard the Gaol [sic, Jail] he was there one month guarding the Gaol which confined the Tories many of which were from North Carolina. He afterwards turned out under Captain Gray & Lieutenant Watts [George Watts] went to Four hole remained there a part of the time & then went on to guard a ferry on Santee River he remained as a guard which consisted of about 30 men he staid his time out and was discharged by Captain McCord [John McCord] he was out about one month or over at this time. He thinks he was in the service more time than he has stated. He was out frequently on scouts the time so long [ago] that he cannot recollect now [sic, nor] remember the particulars of his services. He was generally under the orders of General Winn and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Major Person [probably Major John Pearson]. This Claimant further saith that he was born in Albemarle County in Virginia when about seven years of age his Father moved to Fairfield County in this State and settled on Little River where this Claimant was raised in lived until about 1797 or 1798 when he moved into Pendleton and has lived in it ever since, and since the division he has been in Pickens District. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person who can testify to his services whose testimony he can procure. His services were monthly [sic, mostly?] confined to South Carolina and was not with the regular Army or Officers. He hereby relinquishes his 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 in Open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William L. Keith, CC

S/ Champe Taylor, X his mark

[John Cobb, a clergyman, and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for Pickens District & State aforesaid Champe Taylor of said District a man to me well known & worthy of credit aged sixty-nine years, who being duly sworn deposed and Saith he was drafted or classed and he did enter the service soon after the Battle at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] the date he cannot recollect, but by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot positively swear to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the following periods mentioned below & in all the times as a private. He is illiterate and cannot state the years nor dates being unable to make any record of it, the first Tour he turned out under Captain Thomas Shannon in Fairfield County Major Pearson on a scout they went to a house near 40 miles from where he lived & the party set Deponent & two others to guard a house & the others went out & in the night in hearing they fought the Tories & took five prisoners, very much wounded. He was out then not less than one month and he was out under the same officer two other Tours of one month each in all under Shannon three months -- he believes it was nearer six months -- not long afterwards he turned out under Captain Gray & went down to Ancrum's & served not less than one month. He was one month guarding the Jail in Orangeburg under Lieutenant George Watts. He then turned out to serve a tour & did one month duty at the least under Gray or Frost at a ferry on Santee [River] where he was as a guard. Then did a tour of one month duty under McCord & other officers from Four Holes & Hill of Santee [sic, High Hills of the Santee?] -- In all he served not less than six months he believes nearer twelve & all shortly after the Battle at Eutaw -- during this time he was engaged in no civil pursuit whatever.

Answers to the Questions as follows viz.:

1st Born in Albemarle County Virginia the year 1764.

2nd. Has no record of his age.

3rd. Lived in Fairfield County South Carolina when called into service and continued there till about 1796 when he moved into the District he now lives in & has lived there ever since.

4. Once as a substitute & the other times drafted, several times & served short tours not stated volunteer.

5. He saw & was with General Sumter twice.

6. He does not know that he ever got a discharge.

7. I am of opinion that Colonel F. N. Garvin, Colonel Hunter, Colonel Joseph Grisham, General Earle, B. H. Algood, William Hunter, Thomas Garvin [could be Gawin] & John Grisham Esquires will certify that I am worthy of credit.

Sworn to this 11th July 1833 Before

S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

S/ Champe Taylor, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]