

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Taylor S30730

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State of Kentucky. Washington Circuit: to wit

On this 14th day of August 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable William L. Kelly sole Judge of the Circuit Court for Washington County in the State aforesaid in open Court John Taylor a resident of said Court & State aged eighty two years this 15th day of last April 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 is as born in Amherst County Virginia and lived there until he was grown when he removed to Albemarle where he lived at the commencement of the Revolution. That early in the Revolutionary War but the precise date he does not remember he volunteered under Colonel Lewis in Albemarle County also under the command of one Doctor Gilmore who was a captain or Major, he does not recollect which and served on a tour of duty in the United States Service the length of time he does not recollect but believes it was from a month to six weeks. He was marched to Colonel Nelson's in Hanover where they rendezvoused a while but no fighting was done at the time. Sometime after he returned home he was drafted into the service and served three tours of one month each at the Albemarle Barracks under John Higginbottam [John Higginbotham] as Captain and Colonel Taylor. He was afterwards drafted for a service of three month in the 7th division of Virginia Militia under Colonel Hugh Rose Major Gabb Payne and James Franklin Captain, on this tour he was marched to Stovall's Ferry on James River and from there to Moore's Tavern in Prince Edward [County] where he rendezvoused a while and was marched to Guilford which he reached just after the battle [March 15, 1781] was over. The next night after the battle the British began to retreat and the division pursued them till they took shipping near the mouth of Hall [Haw?] River from this place He was marched back home. The British sailed around and landed at Jamestown upon which he was again drafted into a service of three months under Colonel Pope and Captain John Woodruff and marched to a place called drinking Spring near Williamsburg where he joined the main army under Lafayette & other Generals. A large portion of the army including his division was marched from there to a place called the Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills] and from there he was marched home. He states that he served the full time of nine months as above detailed besides the first tour which was from one month to six weeks. He knows of no witness by whom he can prove these facts in detail but so far as he can prove is by Henry Taylor and John Clarke and Turner Smith whose testimony will be annexed here to. He was a soldier and never held a commission. He removed from Virginia to Kentucky about 40 years and has lived in this county ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Taylor, X his mark

At the same time and place personally appeared Henry Taylor who being sworn states that he is now about 66 years of age that when he was a small boy living in Amherst County, VA that John Taylor the present applicant was for some time gone from home and he then said Henry was told by his parents and it was said in the neighborhood that said John Taylor was in the revolutionary army.

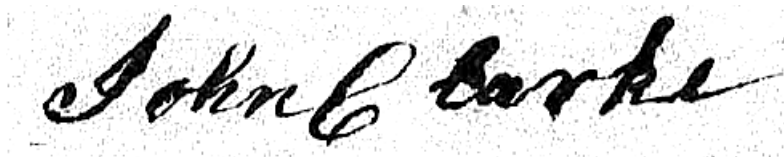
He is a sisters son of said John Taylor and has known him all his life and knows that he has always been reputed a revolutionary soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed as above

S/ Henry Taylor, X his mark

Also personally appeared John Clarke¹ who being sworn states that he was in the army of the revolution at Guilford the time John Taylor speaks in his declaration of being there that he has been acquainted personally with said Taylor for a great many years and from their conversations on the subject no doubt remains on his mind that said Taylor served that tour of duty as he has declared and he has lived a neighbor to said Taylor for 36 years during which time he has always been reputed a revolutionary soldier and the said Clarke fully concurs in that opinion and believes that the foregoing declaration in true. He states that said Taylor is a man of good character and entitled to credit on oath or otherwise.

S/ John Clarke

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Clarke". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Also personally appeared at the same time and place Turner Smith a minister of the Gospel who being sworn states that he lives and for many years has lived a neighbor to John Taylor the present applicant. That said Taylor as long as he has known him has been generally reputed & he lived in his neighborhood to have been a revolutionary soldier and that he concurs in that opinion and believes the foregoing declaration to be true. He also states that said Taylor is a man of good character and considered by his acquaintances and particularly by said affiant as entitled to credit on oath or otherwise.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Turner Smith

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA W8607