

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Taylor S31408

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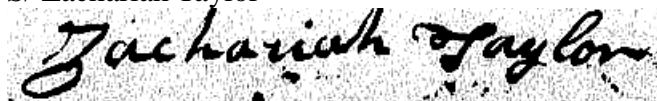
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United States of America Kentucky District} Sct.

This day came before me Robert Trimble District Judge of the United States Court for the District aforesaid Zachariah Taylor, now a Citizen & resident of Woodford County in the State of Kentucky, who being by me first duly sworn, did declare, that he faithfully served in the [Army of the] United States as a private Soldier, for the three years, in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; – That he enlisted in the company of Captain Elias Edmunds in the 2nd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, in the year 1777; at that time being commanded by Colonel Marshall [Thomas Marshall]: and afterwards by Colonel Porterfield [ Lt. Col. Charles Porterfield], who was killed in Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780];<sup>1</sup> and afterwards by Colonel Elias Edmunds, he having been promoted to the command: that he enlisted for three years; regularly served out his time as a soldier of the United States: and was at the expiration of the term of his enlistment discharge from the Service at Hillsboro, North Carolina in September in the year 1780 by Major John Mayard [John Mazarett]; under whose command he then was; – that he received a written discharge; but the United States being in arrears to him for his pay, he sold his claim after he left the Services, & delivered his discharge to the purchaser, to enable him to claim his wages: That he never received any pension either from the State or from the United States; = That he is in very poor & reduced circumstances in life; aged Sixty two years, & very infirm; the side having an aged and infirm wife & a daughter who is a cripple to support; and that he is in great need of assistance from his Country for support: –

Wherefore he prays a pension may be granted him &c

S/ Zachariah Taylor



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Also Benjamin Utterbach<sup>2</sup> came before me & being first duly sworn, deposed, that he and the petitioner Z. Taylor, enlisted as Regular Soldiers in Captain Elias Edmunds Company, in the Virginia line (He thinks the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment) upon Continental establishment, in the year 1777 for three years; that they served the United States as private soldiers together, in the same Regiment

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

<sup>2</sup> [Benjamin Utterback S16559](#)

for three years, in the war of the Revolution with Great Britain; that the petitioner & the deponent were after the expiration of the term of their enlistment, regularly discharged from the service of the United States at Hillsboro North Carolina in September 1780; by Major John Mazard, under whose command they then were, the Colonel of the Regiment being absent; after their discharge, they traveled home together to Virginia: –

Also Francis Stevenson came before me who being first duly sworn depose that he is well acquainted with the petitioner & his circumstances that the petitioner is very poor & in very reduced circumstances in life; That the petitioner is very infirm; & has an aged & very infirm wife and daughter who is a cripple to support; – & that from the petitioners reduced circumstances, he is, in the opinion of the deponent, in great need of assistance from his Country for support.

Given under my hand this 12th day of May 1818  
S/ Robert Trimble, District Judge

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District of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

On this 8th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid, Zachariah Taylor aged about Sixty five years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he the said Zachariah Taylor enlisted in the year 1777 in the company commanded first by Captain Elias Edmunds and afterwards by Captain Christopher Rhoad [Christopher Roane] (under whom he served when he was discharged in the fall of 1780) in the Regiment commanded first by Colonel Robert Porterfield, and afterwards by Colonel Elias Edmunds, in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary Army, that on the 12th day of May 1818 he made his original declaration, and since that time he has received a pension, the number of his pension certificate is unknown to him unless the figures entered on the back of the same are intended to represent its number which are 8861 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the following schedule, viz., one mare worth about \$25, two shoats worth about one dollar each, five chairs worth about two dollars, a small pot, oven and kettle worth about four dollars, one table worth one dollar and one ax worth \$2.50, the whole amounting to \$36.50. The money which he has received, since he was enrolled on the pension list, he has totally expended in procuring the means for the maintenance of himself and family; and except the articles above enumerated (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) he has no estate or property, either real, personal or mixed; that his occupation at one time of his life was the cultivation of the earth, which enable him to procure a scanty support for his family, but for some years past owing to considerable weakness, and a delicate and much impaired Constitution, he has been unable to pursue any business, or to perform scarcely any kind of labor whatever; that he has living with him a wife, named Elizabeth, nearly about the age of himself, a son named John about 27 years of age, who has laid in a low state of health for the last five years, and unable to afford him any aid, and a daughter about 16 or 17 years of age, named Philadelphia

who is, also incapable of assisting him; he has other children, but they are married and now living far from him.

S/ Zachariah Taylor

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing March fourth, 1831, for three years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Zachariah Taylor S31408

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky } Sct.

Fayette County }

Zachariah Taylor Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he enlisted in the year 1777 for Three years in Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] County in the Company commanded by Captain Elias Edmonds of the Second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall of Artillery and he continued to serve in said Regiment until the year 1780 so as to complete his Three years Service, at which time he was honorably discharged in the Town of Hillsborough state of North Carolina, and that his discharge was given to the Paymaster when he received his monthly pay and that his discharge is now out of his power to procure it. And that he has never received his said warrant for said service and that he wishes it may now be granted to him

given under my hand this 27 day of October 1819

O Keen JP

State of Kentucky } Sct.

Fayette County }

Benjamin Utterback made Oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that he served in the same company and regiment in the Revolutionary War for Three years with the within named Zachariah Taylor and that he knows that said Taylor was honorably discharged in the year 1780 in the state of North Carolina as stated in his oath aforesaid. given under my hand this 27 day of October 1819