

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Billington (Bellington) Taylor S31410

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State of Louisiana Parish of East Feliciana

On this Seventh day of November 1832, personally appeared before me Thomas W. Scott Parish Judge of the parish aforesaid, Billington Taylor a resident of the parish & State aforesaid, aged as he believes eighty-four or eighty-five 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 about the beginning of the War, the date not remembered, under Captain Mathew Singleton [Matthew Singleton] in the Regiment of Militia, commanded by Colonel Richardson [Richard Richardson], the name of the Lieutenant not remembered, Ensign John Singleton -- deponent then resided in Sumpter [sic, Sumter] district South Carolina -- The Regiment of Colonel Richardson was at [that] time engaged in pursuit of the Tories, deponent was a Volunteer in said Regiment and at the time of his entering the service, was overseer for Captain John James on the high hills of Santee -- Deponent after some service in pursuit of the Tories was detached with his Company to guard those taken to Charleston.

He was then discharged until further orders and in a short time was again ordered into service, went to Charlestown, when it was blockaded by the British, saw the assault on Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776], was under arms at the time but not engaged -- was then discharged until further orders. After a short time was again ordered into service and was transferred to a company commanded by Captain John Nelson [John Nielson], under the immediate command of General Marion [Francis Marion], continued with Captain Nelson until the end of the War, was discharged -- had a written discharge but has lost it. Deponent is so very old and his memory so infirm that he cannot recollect but few particulars or names he was at the taking of Georgetown and engaged under General Marion.

Deponent has no documentary evidence of his service, but annexes the affidavit of his messmate Thomas Jackson.<sup>1</sup>

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/ Billington Taylor, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Jackson S31166](#)

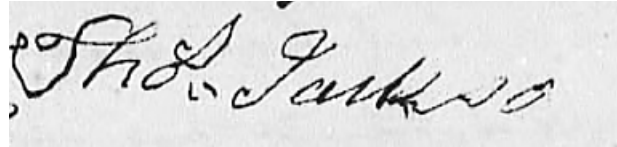
S/ Thos W. Scott, Parish Judge

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Before me Thomas W. Scott, Parish Judge of the parish aforesaid, Thomas Jackson of the parish aforesaid well known to me said Judge, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say that after having heard the above declaration read, he believes the whole of it to be true and that he knows of his own personal knowledge that said Billington Taylor was engaged in the service during the greater part of the Revolutionary War as therein stated.

S/ Thos. Jackso [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Jackson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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The following Questions were propounded by me Thomas W. Scott, Parish Judge of the Parish aforesaid to Billington Taylor

1. Question: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born in Virginia but do not recollect the County or year.

2 Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I had a record of my age but it is lost.

3 Question. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in the high hills of Santee when called into service, afterwards I lived in the fork of Black River. And I now live in the State of Louisiana Parish of East Feliciana.

4 Question. How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was a volunteer, and never was a Substitute.

5 Question. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I cannot recollect of any of the names of the Regular officers except General Lincoln who commanded at Charleston South Carolina nor neither do I recollect of any of the Continental regiments except Colonel Richardson, Regiment of militia in which I served the Captain's name under which I served was Mathew Singleton, who afterwards was promoted to Colonel, I was one of the men who served under General Marion, and after I commenced service under him I continued with him until the end of the war.

6 Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did receive a discharge. It was given to me by Captain Nelson and I have lost it.

7 Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. Thomas Jackson of the Parish of East Feliciana is the only person in the neighborhood that I know who can testify to my service as a Soldier of the Revolution. I am well known, in the neighborhood to the following named persons, to wit, Major Reddin Brown and Samuel Cobb,

together with many others who can testify to my character and veracity.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of November 1832.  
S Thos. W. Scott, Parish Judge

S/ Billington Taylor, X his mark

[p 11: Samuel Cobb and Major Reddin Brown, member of the House of Representatives of the state of Louisiana, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Third District Court Parish of East Feliciana } State of Louisiana

In this amended declaration of Bellington Taylor made in open Court in the Third District Court of the Parish aforesaid before the Honorable C. Bushnell Judge thereof, this 18th of November 1833. He says that after hearing his declaration made before the Honorable Thomas W. Scott on the 7th of November 1832, read in open Court, he swears that the same is correct --

He says that he cannot recollect the exact time of his service, but he is positive that in all it exceeded two years and to the best believes was not short of three years. He cannot recollect the date of his being called -- nor the exact time of service in consequence of his advanced age and infirmities and from the same cause he is unable to state the time of his discharge and other facts which are calculated to establish the verity of his declaration.

Deponent served only as a Private and as such he claims a pension.

S/ Bellington Taylor, X his mark

Subscribed & Sworn to in open Court by making his Mark November 18th 1833

S/ L. Hardesty, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]