

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Taylor S32549

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State of Illinois Pike County: SS: On this sixth day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges or Justices of the County Commissioners Court of said County now sitting, Richard Taylor, a resident of Pike County, and State of Illinois, aged seventy-seven [second digit written over and unclear] 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, he was a Volunteer in the Virginia Militia under General Robert Lawson, Colonel R. P. Downman, Captain Creed Haskins, 1st Lieutenant John Burton, 2nd Lieutenant __Arnold, Adjutant Richardson Buckner, Orderly Sergeant David Winniford, that he entered the service in January 1779, that he served ninety-two days, that he was discharged in April of the same year at Chuckatuck Mills in the State of Virginia, that he afterwards enlisted (during the same month of April or May) during the war with Quarter Master Thomas Drew, that at the time of entering the service he was a resident of Cumberland County in the State of Virginia, that he was in three small engagements one of which was near a British post or fort near Jericho bridge, that he marched from Cumberland courthouse through Virginia to Smithfield, from thence to Williamsburg from thence to the Dismal swamp to Edenton thence to Wilmington thence to Chuckatuck where he was discharged, he served in 2nd Virginia Regiment, he thinks his was the first company of the Regiment, he does not know any regular officer that was with them except General Steuben and he believes he had no command over them: he has no documentary evidence [indecipherable word] he knows of no person whose testimony he can get to testify to his service : That after he reenlisted during the war he believes he was not attached to any Regiment or Company but was employed as a boatman on James River for the purpose of transporting provisions for the Army from which service he was discharged after the expiration of the war by Colonel Drew at Carter's (since) Woddson's ferry.

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not to my knowledge on the Pension roll or agency of any State whatever.

Questions by the court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in Cumberland County Virginia in the year 1775

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

A. Not that I know of

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. When called into service I resided in Cumberland County Virginia, I have since lived in

Bedford County Virginia, in Smith County Tennessee and now live in Pike County Illinois

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. I was a Volunteer on my own [indecipherable word]

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

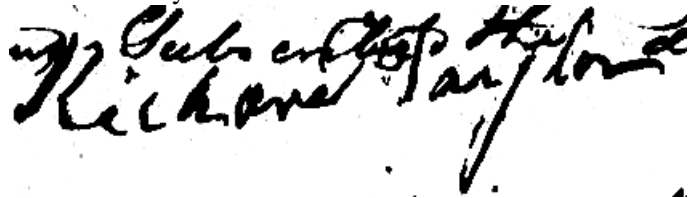
A. I recollect no regular officer but General Steuben. I recollect no other regiments but my own

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

A. I did receive a discharge, it was given by Colonel R. P. Downman, and is lost or mislaid so that I cannot find it.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Richard Taylor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Jesse Sitton, a clergyman, and Lewis Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Pike County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Richard Taylor who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of my recollection he served not less than ninety-two days as a private during the first tour mentioned in the declaration and the second tour mentioned in the declaration he served not less than ninety-two days as a private and in the third tour mentioned in the declaration I served not less than eleven months as a private under Quarter Master Thomas Drew. And for such service I claim a pension.

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S/ William Richey, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for six months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]