

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Taylor S33782

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New Jersey } Ss
Burlington County }

On this twenty eighth day of April 1818 before me William Rossell Esqr. one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature in and for the State of New Jersey personally appeared Joseph Taylor, aged seventy four years, resident in said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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: That he the said Joseph Taylor enlisted in Sweedsborough [Swedesboro] in the state aforesaid, in the company commanded by Captain John N Cumming [John Noble Cumming W7234] of the Second New Jersey Regiment, some time in the summer of 1777 that he served in that company near two years when he enlisted in the troop of Horse commanded by Captain Michael Rudolph [Michael Rudolph BLWt945-300] of Col. Henry Lees Legion in which last Corps he served to the end of the Revolutionary war; when he was discharged in Charleston South Carolina and that he was in the battles of Red bank against Count Donnop [Col. Donop; 22 Oct 1777], then of taking a block house at Doulis hook [sic: Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779], then at taking several Vessels at Sandy Hook, under Col Lee, then storming Stony point [16 Jul 1779], then at Camden meeting house in South Carolina, then [sic] taking a fort on Congaree River [probably Fort Granby, 15 May 1781] then at the taking a fort on Santee River [possibly siege of Fort Watson, 15-23 Apr 1781], next at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], and lastly at the siege of Charleston which was surrendered to General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, 14 Dec 1782] shortly after which he was discharged and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his county for support.

Joseph hisXmark Taylor

New-Jersey District ss. On this thirteenth day of July 1820, personally appeared, in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas, of the County of Burlington, in the state of New-Jersey, being a Court of record, proceeding according to the course of the Common Law—having jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping records of its proceedings. Joseph Taylor aged seventy five years, resident in Evesham township in the said County, who, being first duly affirmed according to law, doth, on his affirmation declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: I enlisted in Capt. Rudolph’s company of Light horse in Lee’s legion at Woodbury N.J. in the fall of 1778 from thence I was marched to Burlington where I spent the winter – from thence I went to East Jersey in the neighbourhood of Sandy hook where I was engaged in a number of skirmishes. I was at the storming of Stony Point under Gen. [Anthony] Wayne – after which I went to the Southward and was at the battle of Camden in South Carolina at the cowpens [see endnote] at the storming of a fort on the Congaree river and at the Eutaw springs where I received a wound in my leg. I was discharged at Charleston S. Carolina I made my original application on the 15th April 1818 and my certificate is dated the 2nd June 1819 & numbered 11.251

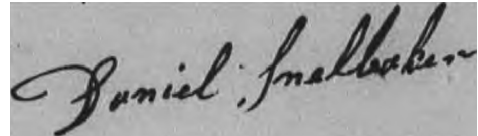
And I do solemnly affirm that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act 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 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 Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. towit – two chests four chairs one axe beitle[?] and wedges coal rake and shovel floating fork scythe and sickle some old tubs and barrels

spinning wheel two old benches and straw bed and some book debts amounting to about twenty dollars. I have a wife and one son living who is unable to support me having a large family of his own I am a collier by trade but am from infirmity able to do but little for my support.

Joseph hisXmark Taylor

[undeciphered] Ss. State of New Jersey

Be it remembered that on the 4th day of August Anno Domini Eighteen hundred & Twenty one 1821 Personally appeared before me William Harrison one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County of Glouster [sic: Gloucester] Daniel Snailbaker [sic: Daniel Snelbaker R9898] who upon his solemn oath doth say that he new Joseph Taylor at the commencement of the Revolutionary War that he the said Joseph Taylor Enlisted in Lee's Leigon at the commencent of the War and served during the same and did untill the close of the [three illegible words] Regularly dischared and further the deponant saith not



City of Philadelphia Ss

in the CommonWealth of Penn

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of August AD 1821 Personally appeared before me John Thompson Esquire one of the Justices of the peace, for said CommonWealth, Captain James Cooper of US Navey yard at Philadelphia, who being by me duly Sworn According to Law, depose and say, that he was well aquainted with Joseph Taylor in the revolutionary war, that he inlisted in the service of the US Somewhere in the year of 1776 or there abouts to serve during the war, as a private in the 2^d Company Commanded by Captain Rudolph in Col Henry Lees Legion N Jersey and afterward under Capt. James Armstrong in the same Legion, & after the battle of Stoney Point fort, was marched to South Carolina, and was afterwards discharged at Charlstown, at the Close of the war by Captain James Armstrong. that this deponent enlisted as a trooper in the same Legion under Col Henry Lee to serve during the American Revolutionary War, and continued to serve as a trooper in the same Legion untill the close of the war, when this deponent & Joseph Taylor were both respectively dischard at Charleston South Carolina, and further this deponent saith not

[unsigned]

I Do Certify that Joseph Taylor inlisted in the Legion Commanded by Lt. Colo. Henry Lee at the time it was first organized & continued to serve as a faithfull soldier untill the conclusion of the revolutionary war.

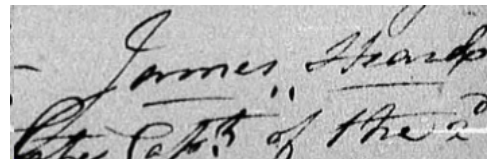
Trenton Sept'r 17^h 1821

James Heard [S540]

Late Capt. of the 2nd

Troop of Dragoons

Lee's Legion



State of New Jersey }

County of Burlington } [7 March 1835]

I Joseph Taylor aged 81 years do upon solemn affirmation testify and declare that I entered the services of the united states on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1777 for the term of During the war and that I served in the company Commanded by Michael Rudolph after by James Heard in the regiment legion comm'd by Colonel Henry Lee of the horse line and was honorably discharged on the coming of peace in the year 1783 from the regiment commanded by Colonel Lee

I Further declare that I have never received the bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States nor have I assigned or transferrred my claim in any manner whatsoever; that I received a warrent for

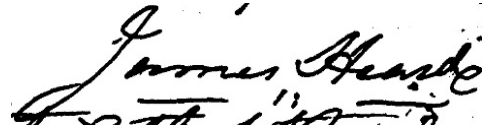
my Bounty Land and my discharged at the same time that these were placed in a chest in the house of this deponant which house in the absence of this deponant took fire and was consumed together with the above mentioned chest and all its contents [power of attorney follows] Joseph hisXmark Taylor

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Certify that Joseph Taylor enlisted in the Legion Commanded by Lt. Colo Henry Lee in the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight & continued to serve as a Dragoon in s'd Legion until the conclusion of the revolutionary war

Trenton April 8th 1822

James Heard
late Capt. of the 2^d
Troop Lee's Legion

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

Northampton April 12th 1822

Major John Pryor

Sir I am instructed by Captain Heard to send you a power of Attorney for to get my land warrent. I therefore inclose you the said power with a certificate from Captain Heard for that purpose you would much oblige and old Revolutionary Soldier by attending to it and forward the said Warrent to me at Medford Burlington County State of New Jersey

I remain your Friend and humble Servant
Joseph hisXmark Taylor

NB I enclose you One dollar to pay the Expence of procuring the Warrent J hisXmark T

NOTE: Lee's Legion was not present at either the Battle of Hobkirk Hill (often called the Battle of Camden) on 25 Apr 1781 or at the Battle of Cowpens on 17 Jan 1781.