

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Taylor S39103

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: On this 28th day of August 1827 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County & State aforesaid Samuel Taylor resident in said County aged seventy-two years on the third of this instant who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

That he the said Samuel Taylor enlisted for the term of three years or during the War on or about the first of October 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles West in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Martial [Thomas Marshall] or Andrew Leach [Andrew Leitch] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps for the term of eighteen months when he was discharged at the Town of Alexandria in the Said State on or about the 12th of August 1779 in consequence of the applicant enlisting a man by the name of Christopher Simmermon to serve out the residue of the term for which he enlisted. And that he served the full term of eighteen months under the said enlistment. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any State except on the Virginia Roll of the Continental line and that this Applicant has never drawn one cent from the State of Virginia or any other State or the United States by way of a pension for his Revolutionary Services. And that he is very poor & does need the assistance of his country in his declining years to maintain him. The following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz. When he heard that Congress had made provision for the Soldiers of the Revolution He applied to a Gentleman in the neighborhood who was a man of business as applicant was informed & believed to transact his business for him & if possible obtain a pension for him. That this applicant was informed by the said Gentleman that he could not obtain one for him unless he had his discharge and by time and accident this applicant had lost his discharge and was therefore as this applicant was informed by the Gentlemen aforesaid that it was useless to apply without having the discharge and this applicant being illiterate and ignorant of the necessary proof he thought that he had no chance to obtain a pension from his Government and consequently did not apply so soon as he ought to have done. That this applicant was better informed on the subject on yesterday by the Honorable John Blair And so soon as he received the above information which was the first that he received on the Subject – He immediately filed his declaration in the County Court of Sullivan County. This applicant is a farmer by profession – has a wife aged about 67 years who is very unhealthy & is not able to do any work. Applicant by reason of age & exposure is not able to sustain himself by his labors.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes of property has taken place

The Amount of property owned by the said Samuel Taylor 1818 – viz.	Property owned by the said Samuel Taylor on the 23rd day of August 1827 – viz.
One horse beast worth \$50	One horse \$40
One cow & calf worth \$10	One cow & calf \$10
One Yard [?] & Furniture \$10	One Yard [?] & Furniture \$7
One pot \$2	One Choping Axe \$1.50
One Oven \$2	One p him low \$2
Some plates Dishes Knives & forks Spoons &c worth say \$3	plates dishes knives , forks spoons &c worth \$3
1 Choping Ax \$1.50	one pot \$2
1 plow \$2	One Oven \$2
\$80.50	\$67.50

S/ Samuel Taylor



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing August 23, 1827 four 18 months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]