

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Taylor S42034

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State of North Carolina

John Taylor now of Richmond County in the State aforesaid maketh oath, that he enlisted as a Soldier in the Company commanded by Captain William Smith in the 2nd Georgia Battalion and in the Brigade commanded by General Lincoln: That he enlisted as a Private in the Month of March A.D. 1777, and continued in service until the 3rd of April A.D. 1779 when he was discharged in consequence of his having become a Lane and unfit for duty -- That there is no Person in North Carolina, to the best of his knowledge, who served with him in the Continental Line. That the only persons who were in service with him, and by whom he could prove the fact of his having served as aforesaid, reside in Georgia and Virginia, and that his Age and the Infirmities, render it impossible for him, to procure their Testimony. That on the 3rd April 1779, he was discharged from service, and received from Daniel Roberts Lieutenant Colonel of the 2nd Georgia Continental Battalion, the Certificate hereunto Annexed -- That he is not only in reduced Circumstances, but very poor, and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for Support --  
S/ John Taylor, X his mark

State of North Carolina Richmond County: Superior Court of Law & Equity

On this 21st day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record created such by the Laws of the State and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment John Taylor aged 75 years resident in Rockingham in said County of Richmond, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: enlisted in the month of March 1777 and discharged the 3rd day of April 1779, belonged to Captain Smith's company of the 2nd Georgia Continental Battalion or Regiment, commanded by the Honorable Samuel Elbert Esquire in the Brigade commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. That his original declaration was made on the 18th day of March 1819, and his pension certificate No. 11802 -- 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 schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit one small pot, one frying pan, 2 chairs, 2 stools, 2 axes than one chest -- Is a tailor by trade, and can

do tolerable were considering his age. Has no wife child or relative living to his knowledge, and lives in entirely alone -- Sworn to and declared on the 21st day of September 1820

S/ John Taylor, X his mark

S/ B H Covington, Clerk

[veteran's property was valued at \$3.35]

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The Bearer hereof John Taylor Sergt in the 2nd Georgia Continental Battalion commanded by the Honorable Samuel Elbert Esquire, has demeaned himself in said Battalion as a good and obedient Soldier, but is at present on account of a lameness has contracted in the service Unfit for duty, Wherefore he is discharged, but he is entitled to the Bounty of land promised by the [illegible word] the Congress and also by the State of Georgia. Given under my hand at Silver Bluff April 3rd 1779

S/ Roberts, Lt. Col. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ga. B.

N. B. The seal of the Regiment and printed furloughs & Discharges are lost. It is recommended that the aforesaid John Taylor be exempt from Military Duty for the term of 3 years.

S/ Roberts

A copy Test S/ Geo Hancock, Capt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Balln C G Troops

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 18, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia Continental line.]