

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard C. Taylor S42039

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Georgia Wilkes County} On this 1st day of May 1819 the Subscriber one of the Judges or Justices of the Inferior Court for the said County – Personally appeared Richard C Taylor age 74 years, Resident in the County of Wilkes & State aforesaid, 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 Richard C Taylor Enlisted for the term of three years on the 28th day of February in the year 1777 to the best of his knowledge & recollection in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Foster of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath [William Heth] in the line of the 15th Virginia Regiment on the Continental Establishment. That he continued in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the 28th of February 1780 and until the expiration of the Term of his Enlistment when he the said Richard again enlisted on or about the said 28th or 29th Day of February in the year 1780 in Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia under Lieutenant, Captain or Colonel William Washington but that he thinks at the time of his Enlistment that he was only a Captain or perhaps only a Lieutenant and served under the said Colonel William Washington (as he was afterwards promoted to Colonel) in the Cavalry until taken sick and left at Camden in South Carolina from whence he returned after Recovering from his illness by the direction of his Officers and fell into the line of Regulars at Petersburg in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Covely [?] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis [sic, probably Col. William Davies] in the line of the State of the 3rd Virginia Regiment on the Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the 31st day of January 1782 when he was discharged from service at Winchester in the State of Virginia where he was again taken sick which was the cause of his being discharged sooner than he would otherwise have been. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777]; and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] during the Term of his first Enlistment and that he received a wound in the leg in the battle at Brandywine which has greatly injured him ever since and that he was in the Battle at York Town [October 19, 1781] otherwise called Little York during the term of his last Enlistment which was for during the war besides a number of other skirmishes during the Term of his two Enlistments, and that he is in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his Power of his said services and that this is the second Application which he has made in this way, but as he has

received no answer on the first Application¹ and as he was unable to ascertain some dates and other Particulars which appears to have been essentially necessary and the first application which he has here endeavored to ascertain though with considerable difficulty as he is a man of little or no education and as he states that he left his Certificate and Discharge with his Brother Joseph Taylor in the State of Virginia which afterwards fell into the hands of the Honorable Giles, for collection and that he has not received any pay for said Services neither has he now got his Certificate nor Discharge to assist him in Ascertaining any Date there from which he is weak memory is not altogether able to serve him with to a certainty. But that from History, Information and his own Recollection he states that the Contents of this Affidavit or declaration all correct and true to the best of his knowledge & believe.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Johnson Wellborn, JIC

S/ Richard C Taylor, X his mark

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George Morgan County} On this fourth day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court Richard C Taylor, the said Court being the Court of Ordinary & a court of Record for the said County & State aforesaid aged 75 years Resident in the said County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, That he the said Richard C Taylor enlisted for the Term of three years on the 28th day of February 1777 to the best of his knowledge in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain James Foster in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath in the line of the State of the 15th Virginia Regiment on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 28th day of February 1780 (to the best of his knowledge & believe) when he was discharged from the said Service in Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia when he was again enlisted a private in Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia for during the war, in the Cavalry commanded by Colonel Washington he served in the cavalry until he was taken sick in Camdend [Camden] South Carolina then fell in the company of Infantry commanded by Captain Covely [?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, continued in said company until January 1782 when he was discharged – that during his service in the Term of his first enlistment he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], & Monmouth [June 28, 1778], he was wounded in his right leg at Brandywine and was in several other skirmishes – that during the term of his second service he was at the taking of Cornwallis at the siege of York Town – That he is now a pensioner under the act of Congress 18 March 1818 – his original declaration bears date 11 January 1819 – his pension certificate No. 14837 –

And 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. And the said Richard C [Taylor] further

¹ This file does not contain an earlier application.

swears that he has heretofore been a farmer, but is too weak & feeble to follow his trade, that he is married but his wife refuses to live with him, that he is residing with his son in law John Todd has four children all of whom are living to themselves – that he continual [indecipherable word²], which together with his old age, incapacitate him for business, –

Schedule of Property – To wit one small Bay mare	\$45.00
one man's saddle	5.00
one bridle	<u>1.00</u>

and supposes his debts will amount to \$51.00

Sworn to & declared the fourth of September 1820 before me

S/ Littleberry Grisham, JIC

S/ Richard C Taylor, X his mark

[p 15: On January 23rd, 1830, that he veteran applied for the transfer of his pension to the North Carolina agency stating that he has moved to Guilford County North Carolina because he could not enjoy his health in Georgia.]

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State of North Carolina

Guilford County} This day Edmond Taylor [sic] came before me the Subscriber and make oath that Richard C Taylor whose name is affixed to the within Affidavit is the same who formerly were lived in Wilkes County Georgia and removed from there to this County & state.

Sworn to and subscribed this 23rd day of January 1830

S/ Edmund Taylor



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing January 11, 1819 for four years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Richard C. Taylor S42039

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 3 Feb 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I John Crute [John L. Crute S24980] do certify that Richard C Taylor enlisted in the company with me in date 1777 under Capt. Jas. Foster for the 15th Virginia regt. under continental establishment for three years which time he faithfully served, as witness my and this 27th of December 1821

Jno L Crute late
of the Continental Arme[y]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Crute". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Prince Edward County to wit

I do hereby Certify that Richard C. Taylor came before me a Justice of the Peace for the said County and made oath before me that he is the same Richard C. Taylor who enlisted under Capt James Foster in the 15th Virg Reg't in the Continental line, and that he has not received any land warrant nor has he authorised any person to take out a warrant for him in his name Given under my hand and seal the 20th day of Dec'r 1828
Osborn Lockett