

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Taylor¹ S46514

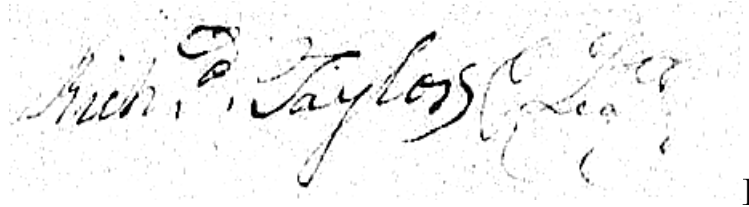
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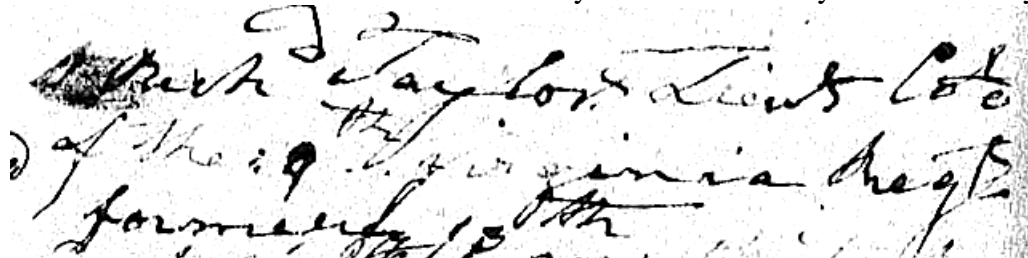
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[f p 5: Power of attorney dated December 21, 1809, granted by Richard Taylor of Jefferson County [Kentucky] to James Taylor as his true and lawful attorney to procure the allotment of 450 acres of land due Richard Taylor for services as a Lieutenant Colonel in the night Virginia Continental Regiment and the Late War with Great Britain.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rich^d Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end.

[f p 9]

For the purpose of obtaining the Benefits of the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th May 1828, I Richard Taylor of the County of Jefferson in the State of Kentucky, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the time when the rearrangement of the Army provided by the Resolves of Congress of the 3rd & 21st of October 1780 was carried into effect, and that I was reduced under that arrangement at Chesterfield Court House Virginia, and arranged as Supernumerary Lieutenant Colonel to the 9th Regiment, at which period I was a Major in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia Infantry Line on Continental Establishment and I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates (commonly called a commutation Certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay: which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for Life, to which I was entitled under the Resolve of the 21st of October 1780 – And I do further declare that I have received no Pension. Witness my hand this 17th day of June in the year 1828.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Taylor Lieut Col". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end.

¹ BLWt494-450

Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
July 22, 1828

Richard Taylor of ___ in the County of Jefferson in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such until reduced under the arrangement of the third and 21st of October 1780,, at which period he was a Major in the 13th regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing ~~dollars,~~ paid to him by the agent in the State of ___

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
28th July 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to Richard Taylor, Lieutenant Colonel in the Virginia line, amounting to thirty-six hundred dollars.

It further appears that Richard Taylor is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been since the third of March 1826 ~~at the rate of ___ per month.~~

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

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Addendum to Richard Taylor S46514

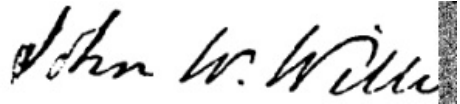
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 22 Dec 2020.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The certificate by Hawes is indexed as Taylor, Richd.]

I Do Hereby Certify that Richard Taylor served as a Lieut in Capt John Greens [John Green BLWt866-500] Company and Entered into the Service in Sept 1775 and Continued in the Service During the War With the Rank of Lieut Colo

Given under my Hand May 1st 1779

John W. Willis Late
Maj to the 5 V. Regt



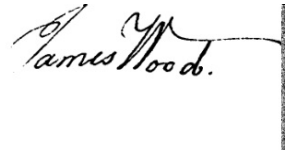
I do Certify that on the final settlement of the Accounts of Lieut Col. Rich'd Taylor, Capts Francis Cowherd and William White for their Pay as Officers in the American Army, that they were allowed the Commutation of five years full pay in lieu of Half Pay, the former was deranged in 1781, the latter drew pay to Jan'y 1783. It appears from a register in my Office that John Mountjoy claimed the allowance of an Officer deranged in 1778 and that Major Wm Taylor [William Taylor] was deranged by the Board of Officers held in Chesterfield in feb'y 1781.

Jno Duncscomb late Commr Acc'ts for U States in Virg'a

Richmond/ April 19th 1799

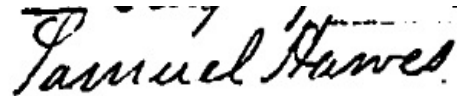
Colonel Richard Taylor was in Service before the [?] th Novem'r 1776, Continued in the service of the United States, & was entitled to all the emoluments of an Officer Serving to the End of the war. 20th April 1799

James Wood BLWt2419-500



I do certify that Lieut. Colonel Richard Taylor entered into the cont'l Army in 1776 and that he continued three suckcessive years in service. July 20th 1784.

Samuel Hawes [BLWt1066-450] Lt Colo



NOTE: Richard Taylor was father of Zachary Taylor, 12th President of the United States.