

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Taylor S7685

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August personally appeared before the Justices of said Court, William Taylor, a resident of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina aged Seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that [he] volunteered in the Army of the United States about the year 1776 or '77 as a Minute Man in the Company under the command of Captain James Love of which Company David Cannon was Lieutenant & John McCann was Ensign that said company was attached to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] that the company to which this Declarant was attached rendezvoused at the Court House in Duplin County & marched thence to the Cape Fear River somewhere in the neighborhood of Cross Creek now Fayetteville that they marched thence down the Cape Fear River to Moore's Creek Bridge when by the direction of General Caswell [Richard Caswell] preparations were made by digging trenches to arrest the Tories who it was understood were marching in the direction of Wilmington. That an Engagement took place between the Tories and the Whigs at Moore's Creek Bridge [February 27, 1776]<sup>1</sup> in which Colonel McLeod [Lt. Col. Donald McLeod] one of the Tory officers was killed while crossing the Bridge the American troops were commanded in this engagement by General Caswell & Colonel Lillington. After this engagement which resulted in the defeat of the Tories the Regiment to which he was attached was marched to the Town of Wilmington & after remaining there a short time was marched to Lockwood's Folly in Brunswick County where it was reported the Tories had embodied from thence the affiant returned to Wilmington with the rest of the Troops where he was stationed to the end of his term of service of six months. That after his discharge & return home he entered a light horse Company which was raised in Duplin County by Captain John Molton [John Moulton] of which John Armstrong was Lieutenant & Theophilus Williams, Ensign for a tour of three months service at the Company marched from Duplin County the residence of Affiant to the Cape Fear [River] & thence on to South Carolina beyond the Pedee River & after scouring the intermediate Country on the expiration of this Term was discharged. That he again entered the Service in a light Horse Company which was raised in Duplin County by Captain Nicholas Bowden of which John Bradley was Lieutenant & William Hooks was Ensign that this was for a tour of three months that this troop were altogether engaged during the time in scouring the County of Duplin & the adjoining County to prevent the depredations of the Tories that the troops of Light Horse to which he was attached were commanded by Colonel \_\_ [probably Col. James Kenan].

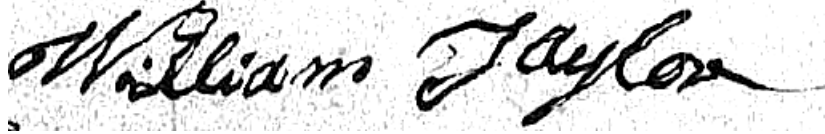
<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Jas. Pearsall, Clk.

S/ William Taylor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Taylor". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1757 in the County of Pitt State of North Carolina.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have the family Bible containing it in my possession.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In the County of Duplin.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I volunteered.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I do not recollect the names of any other officers than those I have named in my declaration & by reason of my failing Memory cannot pretend to a more minute detail of circumstances than is set forth in my declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I am not certain but think I did from the different officers I served under the captains I mean if I did I cannot now find them.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: the Reverend Samuel Stanford, John Linton Esquire & others

[Samuel Stanford, a clergyman, and John Linton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1833

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833, William Taylor, a resident of said County, personally appeared in open Court the Court aforesaid it being a Court of Record and exhibited a Declaration heretofore filed in said Court at August Term 1832 with the affidavits of Arthur Matthis, James Moore & William Ward taken before John Linton Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County, to which is also appended the Certificates of the Reverend Samuel Stanford & John Linton Esquire, which said Declaration & Proof were made in order to entitle the said William Taylor to the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. And the said William Taylor, after being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following additional Declaration That by reason of his old age & failing memory he cannot recollect the precise periods of the Revolutionary War when he Served the different tours as set forth in his said Declaration heretofore filed. But he is confident that he

served one Term of six months which was the first service he performed as set forth in his Declaration aforesaid & this was performed in the Infantry under Captain James Love, & that he served two tours of three months each in the Light horse finding his own horse under Captains Molton & Bowden, & in these different tours he served as a Private.  
Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Taylor

Test: S/ Jas Pearsall, Clk.

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County

This day personally appeared before me John Linton one of the Justices of the Peace of said County Arthur Matthis of the said County and after Being Sworn Upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God to declare the truth touching what he may know about Services rendered by William Taylor as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War deposeseth & sayeth as follows to wit: that the said Taylor (together with himself) Volunteered as light horse men under the command of John Moulton Captain, John Armstrong lieutenant & Theophilus Williams Ensign that they were marched to Big [illegible word]<sup>2</sup> River as head quarters that they remained in the South State much of the tour & then put in charge of Prisoners with whom they were sent back to the town of New Bern in this State and were then discharged that this tower [sic, tour] here deposed to was for three months.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1831.

Attest: S/ John Linton, JP

S/ Arthur Mathis,<sup>3</sup> X his mark

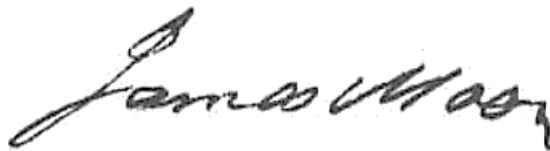
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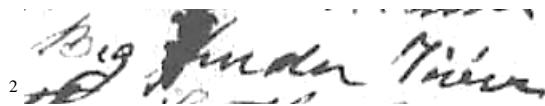
This day James Moore of said County personally appeared before me Edward Outlaw Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County who being first duly sworn according to Law Deposeeth & saith that he is well acquainted with William Taylor of said County & has been for a number of years that he knew him in the service as a Soldier during the Revolutionary War, in a company of Light horse commanded by Captain Nicholas Bowden & Lieutenant John Bradley & William Hooks as Ensign & that he knows said Taylor served in said Company three months. The said Company of Light Horse being raised in Duplin County North Carolina.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832.

S/ James Moore<sup>4</sup>



Attest: S/ Edwd Outlaw, JP {SEAL}



<sup>2</sup> [Arthur Matthis S9397](#)

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<sup>4</sup> Probably the same man as [James Moore S37263](#)

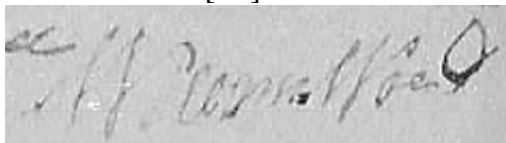
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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: August the 18<sup>th</sup> 1832

This day personally appeared Before me William Ward<sup>5</sup> of the said County and Being Sworn upon the Holy evangelist to depose the truth in respect of what he may know about the Services of William Taylor Rendered in the Revolutionary War, Deposeth and saith that as he believes it was in the year 1775 the said Taylor with himself, was an enlisted Soldier under James Love Captain, David Cannon Lieutenant and John McCann Ensign in the minute Service for the term of six months & that the Rendezvous was at Court house that they, marched over the Northwest River: then down the River via water to the mouth of Black River then up to the Bridge on Moore's Creek they were there put under the Command of General Livington [sic, Lillington], and was in the engagement at the Bridge, which this deponent thinks was in the month of February 1776 and from there to the town of Wilmington which then was head quarters that on a further Excursion they marched to Lockwood's Folly and then Back to head quarters again and Various other movements until the six months expired.

Sworn to and Subscribed Before me the day above written.

S/ Willm Ward [sic]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in ink on a light-colored surface. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Wm Ward".

Attest: S/ John Linton, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>5</sup> [William Ward S7809](#)