

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Taylor W10319

Rachel

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State of Indiana Hendricks County: SS

On this 22nd day of July A.D. 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber Associate Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, Rachel Taylor a Resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty years; who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," That she is the widow of Archibald Taylor who was a private in the Army of the Revolution and served in the State of Virginia as a regular soldier five years and six months. And that he was a Resident of Buckingham County and State of Virginia when he entered the service. She further states that her husband the said deceased Archibald Taylor enlisted in the Service in his sixteenth or seventeenth year of his age at the place above named. She cannot recollect the names of the officers he served under in consequence of old age. She further states that her husband the said Archibald Taylor was in the Battles of Charlestown and Beaufords defeat [probably a reference to Buford's Defeat also known as the Battle of Waxhaws May 29, 1780]. She thinks that he served principally in the States of Virginia and Pennsylvania. She cannot recollect when he entered the service nor the time he was discharged distinctly but thinks he was discharged sometime in the year 1782 he had a discharge but it has been destroyed and cannot be found. She further declares she was married to her said deceased husband on the 16th day of March A.D. 1785 by license in Buckingham County and State of Virginia by Minister of the Gospel by the name of Enoch Mathison. She further states that her maiden name was Rachel Chinalt and that she was married to the said Archibald Taylor her deceased husband at the time above named. And that she bore in wedlock with her deceased husband the following named seven children (viz.) Thomas born November 6 A.D. 1785, next Sally born on the 3rd of April A.D. 1787, next Elizabeth born the 2nd of December A.D. 1788, next John born June 1790, Mary born 10th of November 1795, the next Johnathan born 27th of November 1798, next Archibald born 3rd of May 1801. Elizabeth, John, Sally are all dead. She further declares that she had a family record of the births of her children but her son Thomas Taylor took it with him to the State of Tennessee. She further states that after she was married to her deceased husband the said Archibald Taylor they removed to Surry County North Carolina at which place her husband died on the 27th day of May A.D. 1813 or 1814 and after his death she removed to Hendricks County Indiana at which place she now resides. She further declares that she has never intermarried with any other person since the death of her husband and is now living as a widow of the said Archibald Taylor as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Rachel Taylor, X her mark

this 22nd day of July A.D. 1843

S/ William Naylor, Associate Judge

[f p 6: On July 22nd 1843 in injuries County Indiana, Archibald Taylor Junior, 42, gave an affidavit in support of the application of his mother in which she largely restates the same allegations as made in his mother's application.



Archibald Taylor

[f p 10]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 11th day of July 1784, in the name of Archibald Taylor as a Soldier of Infantry for £85.11.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
26 day of June 1843.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 16]

State of North Carolina Surry County: Be it remembered that on this 30th day of January 1844 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Benjamin Shinault¹ a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say as follows: That he is about eighty-three years old. That he served one when her in Petersburg Virginia with Archibald Taylor Senior and under the command of General Greene. That shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown he saw him and is confident that he had on a Regimental Coat with Continental buttons on it and he stated to me that he had been in service ever since I saw him at Petersburg Virginia. That shortly after this interview with Taylor he saw him and Rachel Taylor as man and wife. That Taylor went on immediately from his house to his (Shinault's) father's and he heard that they were married at that time and that he saw them together as man and wife and they had several children. And further that he (Shinault) is at this time a Pensioner of the United States. That Rachel Taylor (formerly Rachel Shinault) is his sister. That he was acquainted with her and lived near her in Surry County North Carolina. That she afterwards moved to the State of Indiana and that he afterwards understood that she moved to the State of Illinois. And further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ Benjamin Shinault, X his mark

[f p 28: in an affidavit dated February 17, 1844 given in Surry County North Carolina, Benjamin Shenault, 83, restates his earlier affidavit largely but adds that his sister Rachel married Archibald Taylor in Bedford County Virginia; that he was not at the marriage but that they lived together as man and wife after the time he understood they were married.]

[Veteran's wife was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for her husband's service in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [Benjamin Shenault W6867](#)