

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Taylor¹ W11598

Polly (Mary)

f83VA

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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.]

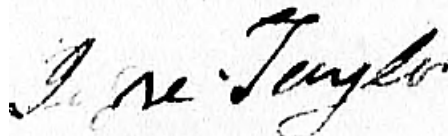
Revolutionary Claims

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Jesse Taylor, in the County of Rutherford in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the State of Virginia of the Army of the Revolution for twelve months, and was in the service at the close of the war; at which period I was an orderly Sergeant in Captain Ballard[']s] Company in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Meredith. I do not recollect of ever having received any certificate from the Congress of the United States – And I further declare that I was not, on the 15th day of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand, this 10th day of December in the year while Lord 1828.

S/ H. D. Jamison, JP

S/ Jesse Taylor



State of Illinois Hamilton County: SS

On this 7th day of April 1845 before the Subscriber one of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for said County personally appeared Polly alias Mary Taylor a resident of said County aged sixty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "an act granting pensions and half pay to certain widows"

That she is the widow of Jesse Taylor who was a Sergeant and private in the war of the Revolution. That towards the close of the war the said Jesse Taylor and she verily believes enlisted for three years – that he was discharged in consequence of making of peace – That she has reason to believe that her said husband performed other services in the year of 1776. She so thanks from a book in her possession, formerly kept by her said husband, on the leaves of which there seems to be writing in relation to military matters – Her said husband was in the Battle at Guilford Court House North Carolina – That he served she believes a part of his time under Captain Ballard and Colonel Meredith but she is not able to state whether in the State Troop or continentals of Virginia, but thinks it was in the State Troops. That the name of her husband

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written in the annexed Book is in her husband's handwriting. The most she knows about the services of her said husband is what she heard him say in his lifetime. She refers to papers supposed to be on file in the War Department inasmuch as her said husband made application for a pension while living in the State of Tennessee and she refers to the statements therein made by her said husband for further particulars. She further declares that she was married to her husband the aforesaid Jesse Taylor in the latter part of August or the first of September in the year 1792 and that her husband the aforesaid Jesse Taylor died on the 24th day of February 1832. That she was not married to him prior to his entering the service but that the marriage took place prior to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated – and that she has not intermarried but remains the widow of the said Jesse Taylor.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on the 7th day of April 1845

S/ Benjamin Hood, Judge

S/ Polly or Mary Taylor, X her mark

[f p. 4: N7, 1846 in Franklin County Illinois, Hamblin Freeman, 67, gave testimony that he was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia 2 miles from James Branton's; from his earliest recollection he was acquainted with Polly or Mary Branton, daughter of said James Branton and afterwards the wife of Jesse Taylor, now his widow; that he distinctly remembers that Polly Branton married Jesse Taylor in the year 1792 at which time the affiant was 13 years old and Polly Branton was 3 years older than affiant; In 1795 this affiant's father moved to North Carolina; it was this affiant's understanding that Polly's husband had been a Sergeant in the revolution and had been at the battle of Guilford courthouse.]

[f p 17: On March 31, 1855 in Hamilton County Illinois, Polly Taylor, 77, a resident of said County, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jesse Taylor; in this document she states that she was married about 1792 in McLendbury [Mecklenburg County] State of Virginia by one Edward Clanton, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Branton.]

[f pp 11-14: family record and memorandum: original is very, very faint—I've transcribed what I think I see of the entries that can be made out at all by me from the digital images:

Charles Taylor was Born Tuesday two oclock July 19 1796

Henry Taylor was Born ? December about 12 in the Night in the year 1798

Lewis Taylor was Born Fryday 4 Oclock Morning January 10th 1801

Wm Taylor was Born Fryday ?? February 25 1803

James Taylor B[?] was Born Sunday 3 Oclock April 21 1805

John Taylor was Born Monday ? ht Oclock afternoon April 27 1807

Elizabeth Taylor was Born Friday about 8 OClock Chrism[Christmas?] 1810

Elizabeth was Born Monday 25 of December about 6 Oclock afternoon In year of 1809

Polly Taylor was Born Oct 12 1812 Ten Oclock morning

Jesse Taylor his book June the 2?

Charles Taylor his hand and pen he was Born the year of our Lord July 19th 1796 this is Sptr. 8th 1812

liston [listen] a while and the Truth I'll Re[paper torn]

The Brave General Morgan Did Talton [Banastre Tarleton] D [paper torn, Defeat?]

after all his proud Boasting was forced [?] to [paper torn]

When Brave General Morgan his Valour V[paper torn]

In the month of January on the Seventeenth A. [paper torn, D. 1781?]

*Brave Morgan incomp[er]t [encamped] near the Cowpens he lay
Their [there] our Brave Herows [heroes] made shch [such] a bold stand
While Talton Came on them with his Chosen ban
When Talton Set out for Morgan to Search
He Did his Endeavous [endeavors] for to steal a march
But Morgan So Carefully kept out his spies
Provinted [prevented] all Dangers and Sudding [sudden] surprise
The Spies they Returned Vey late in the Night
And Says to Brave Morgan Thwas [it was ?] Talton in Site [sight]
But Morgan arose before it was Day
And formed his men in a battle aray [array]
It was about Sun rise those Britons app [paper torn, 'appeared?]
and Shouted for Battle to make us afraid
But our militia made such a bold Stand
Which S[ink blot, 'soon?'] could [cold] the Courage of the British B[paper torn]*

[Note: Could the above have been a song or poem that the veteran copied into the book in which he kept his family register or is it a memorandum he made of his recollection of being at the Cowpens?]

[Veteran's widow's heirs received a pension at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing April 7th, 1845 for the service of her husband as a Sergeant for two years in the Virginia service, Illinois Regiment]