

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Taylor W18114

Winifred Taylor

f&A80NC

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid at her own residence, she cannot conveniently [attend] Court at this Time, Susan Taylor 57 years of age on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1837 and daughter and one of the heirs at law of the late Winifred Taylor of the City of Hillsboro in the aforesaid County (Deceased) who was the widow of the late Colonel John Taylor of the aforesaid County (Deceased).

And this Declarant, the said Susan Taylor 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 the 4<sup>th</sup> 1836:

This Declarant sets forth upon her oath that she is one of the Children and heirs at law of the late Winifred Taylor, deceased, of the Town of Hillsboro, who was Widow to the late Colonel John Taylor, of the County of Orange aforesaid, Deceased, who during the War of the Revolution served the United States as herein set forth.

To wit:

1<sup>st</sup> This Declarant, the Said Susan Taylor saith upon her said oath that, she has reason to believe and does believe, that her deceased father the aforesaid John Taylor, during the War of the Revolution did Serve the United States as "Pay master" in the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Continental Line of this State, Six months, or thereabouts. That he was commissioned on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1777 & omitted in January following, as per Certificate of William Hill, Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina, which Certificate is hereunto annexed & marked "A."

2<sup>nd</sup> This Declarant, the said Susan Taylor, States upon her Said oath, that she has reason to believe and does believe that her deceased father, the aforesaid John Taylor received the appointment as "Quarter Master" from General John Butler, on the sixth day of November 1778, and in that Capacity did Serve the United States. In evidence of which the Certificate of the Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina, is hereunto annexed marked "B." and also the affidavit marked "H."

3<sup>rd</sup> This Declarant, the said Susan Taylor, further States upon her Said oath, that she has reason to believe and does believe that her father, the aforesaid John Taylor (Dec'd) was duly Commissioned by General Butler aforesaid Commissary & Quarter Master, and that her Deceased father did serve the United States in that Capacity, that his Commission was dated the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1779. The proof of which is the Certificate of Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1779, and marked "C" hereto annexed, also the affidavits marked "H" & "L."

4<sup>th</sup> And the Declarant the said Susan Taylor, further states upon her said oath that she has reason to believe and does believe that her father, the aforesaid John Taylor, Deceased, was on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1779, appointed “Brigade Quarter Master” and that in that Capacity Served the United States as per Certificate of the Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina hereunto annexed & marked “D.” Also the affidavit “H.”

5<sup>th</sup> This Declarant the aforesaid Susan Taylor further states upon her said oath that, she has reason to believe and does believe that her father the aforesaid John Taylor Deceased did Serve the United States during the War of the Revolution as Lieutenant of Militia, in Captain Turner's [Meshach Turner's] Company in 1779, that she has always understood that her Deceased father was in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] as an officer, but is not positive what office, he at that time filled, but Judging from the date of his Commissions, supposes it was as Lieutenant of Militia. In proof of which the Certificate of the Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina is hereunto annexed marked “E” and the affidavit marked “K” also annexed; the affidavit “H.”

6<sup>th</sup> This Declarant the said Susan Taylor, further states upon her said oath that, her father the aforesaid John Taylor Deceased did in the next year, to wit, 1780, receive a Commission and Served as “Forage Master,” in the United States Service from the date of his Commission (the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1780) till the 19<sup>th</sup> of December following. As per affidavits accompanying this Declaration, which are hereunto annexed, as also the Certificate of the Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, also hereunto annexed, and marked “F” & affidavits “J” & “K.”

7<sup>th</sup> This Declarant the said Susan Taylor, further states upon her said oath, that she has reason to believe & does believe that her father the aforesaid John Taylor, Deceased, was on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1780, Commissioned Q Master [Quarter Master] for the Hillsboro District, and that he did Serve in that Capacity till on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1781, when Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] took the Town of Hillsboro [September 12, 1781].

In proof of her deceased father having the Commission of Q. Master as above stated she annexes the Certificate of the Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina marked “G” & affidavit “H.” The affidavits marked “H” & “O” in proof of said Taylor's acting as Quarter Master till September 1781.

8<sup>th</sup> This Declarant the said Susan Taylor, further states upon her said oath that she has reason to believe and does believe that in the fall of 1781 her father, the aforesaid John Taylor, deceased, did as Captain of militia serve the United States a tour of duty which she understands was a three months tour, that in this tour he was Captain of Dragoons. In proof of which tour this Declarant annexes the affidavit of John Dolly marked “H” & “M.”

9<sup>th</sup> This Declarant has reason to believe & does believe and she so states upon her said oath that her father the aforesaid, John Taylor, Deceased, was in the next year, to wit 1782, Commissioned & did Serve as Captain of a Company of militia raised by draft for the period of three months, as he understands, by the affidavit hereunto annexed, marked “H” and the Document marked “N.”

This Declarant thus believes that her Deceased father John Taylor aforesaid did serve as follows:

| To Wit:   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| As Pay master   | 6 months          |
| As Quarter Master, Commissary & Q. M. & Brigade Q. M. | 5 months & 4 days |
| As Lieutenant of Militia (supposed)                   | 6 months          |
| As Forage Master                                      | 6 months & 6 days |
| As Quarter Master (wanting 4 days of)                 | 6 Ditto           |

As Captain of Dragoons

3 months (supposed)

As Captain of Militia

3 months (supposed)

That her deceased father did Serve as above estimated, she always so understood from him and others; that he was in Continuous Service in the above companies from the sixth of November 1778, till the expiration of his Lieutenancy in 1779 and from the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1780, till 15<sup>th</sup> of September 1781 and subsequently as Captain of Dragoons in 1781, and Captain of militia in 1782 (three months each) as per proofs hereunto annexed – and for which service this Declarant in behalf of herself and the other heirs of her deceased Mother, claims a pension – to wit, John Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor, & Thomas Taylor, four of us in number, being the only Surviving children & heirs at law, at the death of our Mother, Winifred Taylor, widow of the aforesaid John Taylor, Deceased.

This Declarant further states upon her oath that the reason that the Commissions of her deceased father, John Taylor, aforesaid are not in their possession is this: that some 12 or 15 years ago when the Bounty Land office for the State of North Carolina was re-opened, her father laid claim to Bounty Land for his Revolutionary Services and in support of his claim, all his Commissions and Warrants were sent to Raleigh where they were put on file and from which file the Secretary of State has given the Copies of Commissions and Warrants hereunto annexed, duly certified.

This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath, that she understands that there is no County record of Marriage bonds in the aforesaid County, antecedent to 1785 and that the office of County Court Clerk in Orange aforesaid was destroyed by fire in the year of 1784, this Declarant however exhibits her Father's family Bible, in which is a memorandum of the day & date upon which her father the aforesaid John Taylor & her mother Winifred Horton were married, and also a memorandum in the said Family Bible of the births of each and all of the children of the Said John & Winifred Taylor, her father & mother – and this Declarant states further upon her said oath that she very well knows the hand writing of her deceased father, and that the said memorandum is in the handwriting of her Deceased father, aforesaid, and that said memorandum is in the hands and figures as follows:

To Wit:

“John Taylor was married to his wife, Winifred, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year 1775.”

“Daughter, Bethia, was born the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1776.”

“John the Son of John and Winifred was born the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, in the year of 1778.”

“Susan, was born the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of 1780.”

“Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Winifred, was born the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, in the year, 1784.”

“Thomas, the son of John and Winifred, was born the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, in the year 1786.”

This Declarant the aforesaid Susan Taylor, further states upon her said oath, that her father the aforesaid John Taylor, resided in the aforesaid County of Orange during the War of the Revolution, and thereafter till his death.

That the said John Taylor, aforesaid died at Chapel Hill, in the aforesaid County on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1826.

This Declarant further states upon her said oath, that she never heard or understood that there was any other John Taylor in this State that was an officer in the War of the Revolution, but her father, the aforesaid John Taylor, deceased, who died as above stated leaving the aforesaid Winifred, her mother, a widow.

That her Mother the aforesaid Winifred never married after the death of her father, the aforesaid John Taylor, deceased, but remained his widow till her death, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed, also, that her Mother the said Winifred Taylor did die on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1837.

Sworn and Subscribed on the day and year first above written before me, one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid.

S/ Susan Taylor



S/ John Trolinger, J Peace

[p 13: Copy]

Hillsboro August the 20<sup>th</sup> [?], 1782

A Court Martiall [sic, martial] Held on Sd. Day For the Tryall [trial] of Capt. Rodgers [William Rogers]--

His accusations are disobediants [sic, disobedience] of orders & Cowerdice [sic, cowardice] Officers preasant

Col. Tennin [Hugh Tinnen]—presdt.

Lt. Hearing

Major Williams

Lt. Noah

Capt. Farmer

Lt. Scobee [?]

Capt. Grisham [Davis Gresham]

Lt. McBride [John McBride of Guilford?]

Capt. Harte

Lt. Durnom [?]

Capt. Taylor

Ins. Forrist [Forrest?]

Col. O'Neal [probably William O'Neal], Mr. Noah & Mr. Gibson Witnesses

Col. O'Mali [sic, O'Neal?] on oath Saith that the Time that Cornwallis [entire line of illegible text] Have as many men as he Com'd [commanded?] but Capt. Rodgers answer was that the Time was to [sic, too?] difficult to Raise men—Likewise the Time that Fanning [David Fanning] Took Hillsborough—Sd [said] Rodgers Turned out and went as far as Deep River and then Returned without orders.

Likewise at the Scormage [sic, scrimmage?] at brushee Creek [sic, Brushy or Bushy? Creek?] with the Tories as Soon as the action began sd [said] Rodgers made his Escape home and reported that it was a total defeat.

And further saith not.

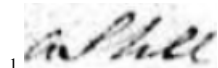
Mr. Noah saith on oath that him self and Some others Turned out and went with Capt. Rodgers in order to Surpress [sic, suppress] the Tories and “that they had Called in at a [illegible word]<sup>1</sup> House and there Came thru Tories and fired at them and sd [said] Rodgers made his Escape and neaver [sic, never] gave orders to the men to fire and Further Saith Not.

Likewise it was made apeare [sic, to appear?] that Capt. Rodgers Omitted Classing Seven or Eight of his men—but Capt. Rodgers Said it was a mistake in his Clark [sic, clerk] and it apeare [sic, appeared] By the mens oaths that he had neaver [sic, never] Taken any bribe or fee for Exemting [sic, Exempting] them.


Mr. Gibson Saith that at the Scormage [sic, scrimmage] at Brushy Creek that Capt. Rodgers & him Self Got Scattered off From their Copamy [sic, Company?] by a party of Tories Braking thru Capt. Gunn's Company and they could not find their Company againe [sic, again] and him Self Got take and Capt. Rodgers made his Escape and further Saith Not.

The Evidence being duly Sworn and Examined the Court is of the opinion that Capt. Rodgers

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Should not Continue as an officer.

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| S/ Hugh Tinnen, Col. President          |  |
| S/ William Williams, Major              |  |
| S/ Thos Farmer [Thomas Farmer], Capt.   |  |
| S/ Davis Gresham, Capt.                 |  |
| S/ John Hart, Capt.                     |  |
| S/ John Taylor, Capt.                   |  |
| S/ Moses Hearing, Lt.                   |  |
| S/ Andrew McBride [?], do               |  |
| S/ David Scobee [David Scobey?], do     |  |
| S/ Shadrach Forrest, In. [sic., Ensign] |  |

[Image 1105: Document marked “O” is an affidavit dated January 10, 1838, given by Margaret Walls of Orange County, NC who recalls that John Taylor was Quarter Master in Hillsboro in 1780. She signed with her mark.]

[Image 1106: Document marked “H”]  
State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County John Dolley<sup>2</sup> in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of his Age, who being first duly qualified according to Law maketh oath that he was during the war of Revolution a private of militia in the United States Service, was well acquainted with the late Captain John Taylor of the aforesaid County, said Taylor to this affiant's knowledge was an active officer in the United States Service. This affiant remembers that it was said and did so understood that said John Taylor served a Tour in said War of the Revolution as Lieutenant – recollects of said Taylor being afterwards a quarter master, forage master and Brigade quarter master.

This affiant remembers that said John Taylor in the winter of 1780 was Quarter Master of Hillsborough and continued in this capacity till Colonel Fanning Took Hillsboro in September 1781 – I do not remember how long said Taylor Served as quarter master & Brigade quarter master but from the best of my recollection I would say that said Taylor served two years or upwards in those offices.

He was also during the War of the Revolution a Captain of a Company of Dragoons, I saw him in Hillsboro in the War of the Revolution fall of 1781 but how long the tour was I cannot tell but expect it was a three months tour as those tours were most common – in the next year 1782 said Taylor he remembers was Captain again of a Company of militia, I saw him in the Service in the Town of Hillsboro – but how long the tour was I do not remember, but the usual length of militia tours (drafts) at that time was for three months. Said John Taylor was a good

<sup>2</sup> [John Dolley S6802](#)

and active Whig and was almost constantly in the United States Service. This affiant further states upon his said oath, that he was well acquainted with the Said Captain John Taylor (aforesaid) and that said Taylor was married before the last period of his Service in the Army – that he does not remember the year he was married in but thinks it was in the year of 1775 – that said Taylor married a Winifred Horton, that said John Taylor died some 10 or 12 years ago, leaving the said Winifred his widow, that she never married after the death of her husband the aforesaid John Taylor but remained his widow till her death which occurred sometime last spring.

Sworn & subscribed the day & date first above written before me.

S/ Saml. Curtis, JP

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

[Image 1107: Document marked “J”]

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Brittain Bowers<sup>3</sup> about 74 years of age who being first duly qualified maketh oath that during the War of the Revolution & in 1780 he was stationed for a time in the Town of Hillsboro in the County aforesaid and it was in the fall after Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and while in said Town I became acquainted with John Taylor of the aforesaid County, now deceased & during the time I was stationed in said Town, said John Taylor was “Quarter Master” in the United States Service. Said Taylor was esteemed a good and active officer in the United States Service during the War of the Revolution – and was a married man at the time I was Stationed in Town.

S/ Brittain Bowers, X his mark

[Image 1108: On September 16, 1837 in Orange County North Carolina, Samuel Strayhorn, 51 gave testimony that his deceased father William Strayhorn served a 6 months tour in the service during the revolution. Affiant states that he remembers his father stating that John Taylor was an officer during that time.]

[Image 1109: marked “M”]

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County James Williams a resident of the aforesaid aged about 82 years, who being first duly qualified maketh oath that he lived near the Town of Hillsboro in the aforesaid County, and was well acquainted with the late Captain John Taylor of said County, and remembers that the aforesaid John Taylor was in the United States service as a “forage master” or “Quarter Master” in Hillsborough in the Summer of Gates defeat (1780). Remembers of seeing said John Taylor previous to this and the United States Service as Quarter Master in which capacity he must have served 2 years or upwards.

Said John Taylor was married at the commencement of the Revolution. He married Winifred Horton, that said John Taylor died about 10 years ago and that his widow the said Winifred never married after the death of her husband the aforesaid Captain John Taylor.

S/ James Williams, X his mark

[similar affidavit given by Polly Harris, 87, in Orange County, NC--”L”]

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<sup>3</sup> [Brittain Bowers S6674](#)

[Image 1112]  
North Carolina'

These may certify that John Taylor of Orange County is appointed Wagon Master on the present Expedition to the Western frontiers against the Indians.

Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1776.

S/ Thomas Person, Br. Gl. [Brigadier General]

“B”

State of North Carolina Orange County

I hereby certify that John Taylor is appointed Quarter Master for the Troops raised in the District of Hillsborough for the Expedition to South Carolina.

S/ John Butler, B. Genl.

Novr. 6<sup>th</sup> 1778

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above certificates are correctly copied from the originals, which are on file in this office.

Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837

S/ Wm Hill

[Image 1113]

Orange County

“C”

To Mr. John Taylor

I hereby appoint you to be Commissary & Quarter Master to issue Rations & far age for the troops on their March from this place to Salisbury.

Given under my hand at Hillsboro the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1779

S/ John Butler, B. G.

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above certificates are correctly copied from the originals, which are on file in this office.

Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837

S/ Wm Hill

[Image 1114]

“E”

This is to certify that Mister John Taylor was appointed lieutenant to Captain Turner's Company in Colonel McDowell's Regiment of Militia on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1779.

Given under my hand at Charlotte April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1779

S/ John Butler

“F”

Hillsboro June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1780

Sir

I hereby appoint you Forage master to the Southern Calvary under the command of Colonel Anthony W White; and you are therefore to proceed & act as such in procuring grain or anything else that you may be directed to do by the Commandant of the same, by the above appointment, you are also authorized to impress what horses, wagons or carts you may want provided any magistrate should refuse you a warrant for so doing if the necessity of the act should make it necessary.

S/ Isaac Huger, Br. Genl.

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

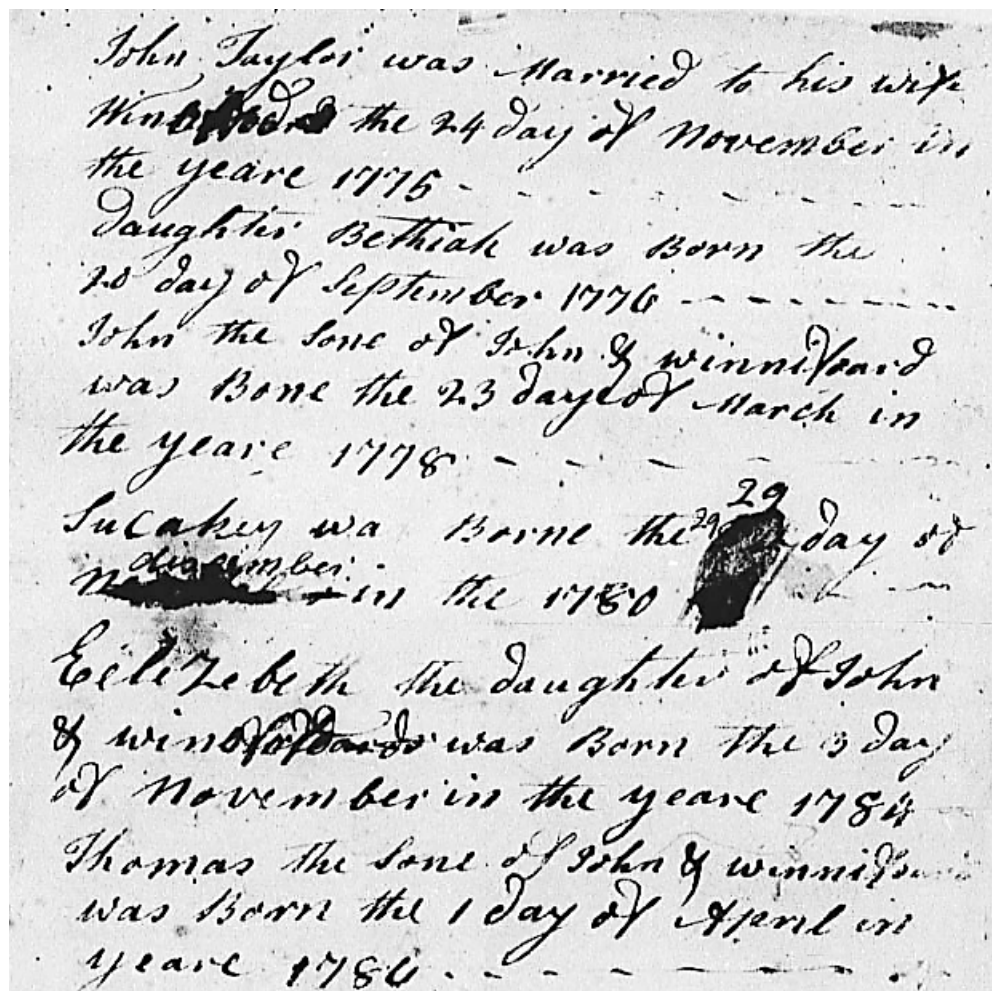
I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above certificates are correctly copied from the originals, which are on file in this office.

Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837

S/ Wm Hill

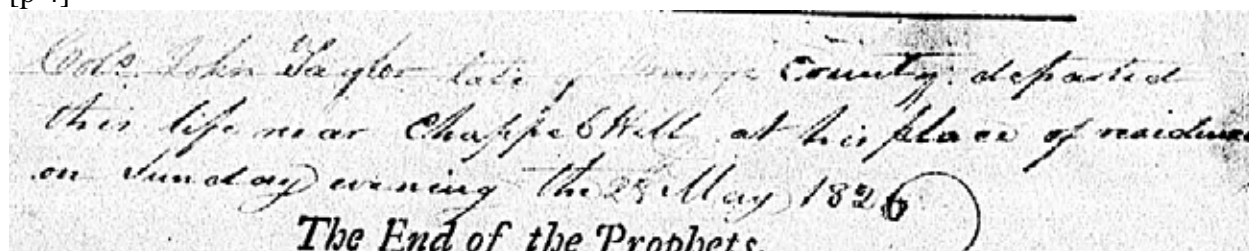
[Images 1115-1119 are of documents similar to those copied above whereby the veteran was appointed to various offices at various time during the Revolution.]

[p 3: family record]



John Taylor was married to his wife  
Winifred the 24 day of November in  
the year 1775 - - - - -  
Daughter Bethiah was born the  
20 day of September 1776 - - - - -  
John the son of John & Winifred  
was born the 23 day of March in  
the year 1778 - - - - -  
Lucas was born the <sup>29</sup> day of  
~~November~~ in the 1780 - - - - -  
Eliabeth the daughter of John  
& Winifred was born the 3 day  
of November in the year 1784 - - - - -  
Thomas the son of John & Winifred  
was born the 1 day of April in  
year 1786 - - - - -

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Col. John Taylor late of Orange County departed  
this life near Chapel Hill at his place of residence  
on Sunday evening the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1826  
The End of the Prophets.

[Image 1077: Power of attorney dated July 11, 1851 signed by John Bane as administrator of Winfred Taylor deceased. It was filed in Orange County North Carolina.



*Pro Base* ]

[Veteran's widow was granted a posthumous pension at the rate of \$411.83 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup> 1831 and ending March 29, 1837 based on her husband service in both the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]