

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Taylor W19431

Sarah

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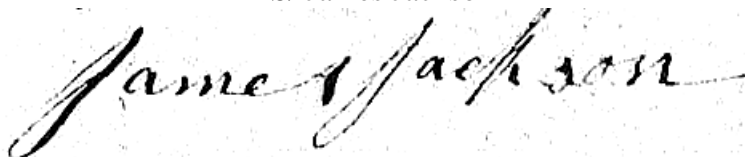
Virginia – Madison County to wit

On this 15th day of May 1818 personally appeared before us the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace and sitting as a Court in and for the County aforesaid James Taylor aged 59 years resident in the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war. That he the said James Taylor enlisted in the spring 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by John Belfield for the term of three years in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Bland of the Cavalry on Continental establishment and continued in service for 36 months when he was honorably discharged from service in the state of South Carolina that he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] & Siege of Savannah [September – October 1779] that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support & that he has no other evidence except the evidence of James Jackson hereto annexed.

S/ James Taylor, X his mark

James Jackson¹ a witness being sworn in open Court testified that James Taylor was in the service of the United States for 3 years in the revolutionary war.

S/ James Jackson

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

Be it remembered that on this day, James Taylor the applicant named in the foregoing declaration personally appeared before this Court and made oath that he has not, nor never had any pension certificates either granted by the General Government, or any State Government; neither does he at this time nor did he ever received any pension under any former law or statute whatsoever and that he is not the same James Taylor described to be on the pension roll of the United States – In this Court doth certify by way of distinction that the said applicant has three thumbs, and is known by the name of Double Thumb James Taylor, which is hereby signed by the presiding Magistrate in order to be certified by the clerk under the seal of this Court to the Secretary for the Department of War of the United States

¹ FPA S38071

S/ John Walker

District of Virginia Madison County SS

On this 27th day of July 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record made so by the Constitution & laws of Virginia for the said district and County James Taylor three thumbs, aged sixty-two years resident in said County and District, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit, in Captain John Belfield's troop of horse attached to Colonel Bland's Regiment on the Continental line three years. That the said James Taylor made application for his pension first of all, at Madison County June Court, on the 27th day of June 1818. That the said Taylor has received pension on his pension certificate No. 15314. And the said James Taylor doth solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed

A Schedule of the above James Taylor's property necessary clothing and bedding excepted to wit one small mare, one cow and calf and one small yearling

S/ James Taylor, T his mark, three thumbs

The said Taylor further states that he cultivates the earth for occupation as tenant, that he is illy able to support himself, that his family consist of himself, his wife aged about fifty years named Sarah Taylor, a daughter named Betsey Taylor aged about twenty-eight years, with her son named Ben Taylor aged about six years; her son Tom aged about four years; a daughter named Jinny named [sic, aged] about eighteen years, his said daughters are capable of supporting themselves, the rest are not.

Sworn to and declared on the 18th day of July 1820 before Madison County sitting as a Court of record.

[f p. 4: On March 28, 1844 in Madison County Virginia, William Taylor, administrator of Sarah Taylor deceased, filed for the pension due her under the 1838 act as the widow of James Taylor stating that she is the widow of James Taylor who was a pensioner under the 1818 act; that he is the son of James and Sarah Taylor; that his father was known sometimes as Three Thumbs died about the 15th of March 1823; that his mother died October 20, 1839 never having remarried and not having received any pension; that his parents were married on or about December 26, 1789; that his mother's maiden name was Sarah Hunt. He signed his application with his mark.]

[f p. 3: copy of a marriage bond issued in Orange County Virginia to James Taylor and George Brooke dated December 26, 1789 conditioned upon the marriage of James Taylor to Sary Hunt]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 10, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending October 20, 1839, the date of her death.]