

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Taylor<sup>1</sup> W1954

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State of Kentucky Franklin County: Sct.

On this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the following Justices to wit Edward S Coleman, John Morris, John McKee, Alexander Wilson and Samuel B Crockett, Gentlemen comprising the County Court of Franklin now sitting James Taylor a resident of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky aged 69 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 act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I first volunteered at the age of fourteen under Captain Richard Yancey in Culpeper County Virginia and served under him three months. We rendezvoused at Hillsboro. The Colonel who commanded the Regiment to which I belonged was either by the name of Campbell or Edmundson – that we marched from Hillsboro to the High Hills of Santee and that the Regiment to which I belonged joined General Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] Brigade not far from Guilford shortly after this my tour of three months expired –

That I immediately volunteered again for three months and served in Colonel Lynch's Regiment my Captain's name I do not recollect or any of the officers of my Company, that we had to retreat from Guilford North Carolina to the State of Virginia, not far from Richmond – where we remained until my term of three months expired. I received no written discharge for either of the above mentioned terms of service. After the expiration of my second tour of three months as above stated, I returned to Culpeper County. That shortly after this I served as a substitute for a man by the name of Michael Snider another tour of three months. My Captain's name was Elijah Kirtley, the Lieutenant's name was Michael Garr – that we marched from Culpeper down to Richmond, from Richmond to Fredericksburg to Hunters ford – that shortly after we arrived at Fredericksburg or Hunters ford my term of service expired and we were discharged but received no written discharge; – In the year 1780 I served a tour of three months as a substitute for one Harman Fishback. We rendezvoused at Culpepper Courthouse, my Captain's name was Fisher Rice and my Lieutenant's name was Richard Dickens. We were attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Slaughter. We marched from Culpeper Courthouse down to the lower parts of Virginia near Petersburg where we joined General Muhlenberg's Army, and we had an engagement with the British, and we were compelled to retreat and we did retreat & rendezvoused at Goochland Courthouse in a short time after this retreat my term of three months as a substitute for Fishback expired – and then I was immediately drafted for three months under Captain Henry Toolles [Henry Towles?] and was

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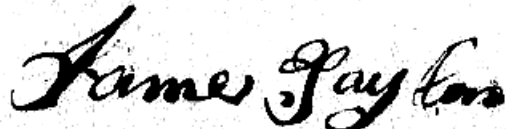
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attached to Colonel Allcock's [Alcock's?] Regiment. We first rendezvoused somewhere between Richmond & York during this term of three months we were engaged in watching the motions of Lord Cornwallis in the lower part of Virginia where we remained until my term of three months expired. I then volunteered immediately after my discharge from this term under Captain Ambrose Bohannon for three months. We first rendezvoused in the lower part of Virginia where we remained and were driven from place to place by Lord Cornwallis whilst in this service I was in an engagement with Cornwallis under the command of General Wayne. Major Rucker was the commander of the Regiment to which I was attached – this engagement took place at the Green Springs. – I have forgotten who was the Colonel who commanded the Regiment to which I belonged. I recollect Major Nathaniel Welch a Regular officer commanded as Major. Immediately after the expiration of this term of service I volunteered under Captain Covington [perhaps Francis Covington] from Culpeper County in the State of Virginia for & during the war and was engaged at the siege of York while under the command of Captain Covington and I went from York to Winchester in Virginia as a Guard to take the British prisoners that were taken at York, at Winchester I was discharged & returned home. – That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except one John Phillips whose affidavit is hereto attached. –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid –

S/ James Taylor



Questions put to the Applicant by the Court

Where and in what year were you born – I was born in Culpeper County & State of Virginia in the year 1763 – Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? I have a record of my age now in my possession. – Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live? I lived in Culpeper County, in the State of Virginia when I was first called into the service. I remained in Culpeper County until the year 1784. I then removed to what is now the state of Kentucky and resided in Mercer County in said state and I now reside in the County of Franklin, and State of Kentucky: where I have resided for 32 years last past. How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if so for whom? I volunteered for two tours. I was drafted one tour. I served as a substitute for two tours one for a man by the name of Snider & one for a man by the name of Fishback. 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. I recollect Major Nathaniel Welch, General Greene, General Wayne, General Lafayette, General Lawson, General Steuband [Stuban], Colonel Mathews, Major Boyce, Major Duvall, General Muhlenberg, General Edward Stevens, Colonel John Green, Colonel Oliver Tooles [Oliver Towles] – a French General by the name of Declumer [Christian Charles de Klauman], the General Circumstances of my services are detailed in the foregoing declaration. I never received any pay for my services except some Continental money which was worth little or nothing, – Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it – I never received any written discharge for any of my tours of service. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present

neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. I state James Russell, Anderson Powers, Daniel Fitzgerald, & Morris Fox.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Taylor

[William Hickman, Junior, a clergyman, and Anderson Powers, James Russell, Daniel Fitzgerald and Morris Fox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

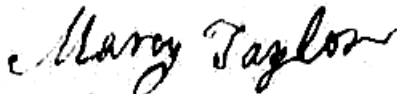
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State of Kentucky Franklin County

This day John Phillips personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that James Taylor did in March 1780 in the state of Virginia Culpeper County entering into the service of the United States under Fisher Rice Captain in slaughter's Regiment Muhlenberg Brigade and was changed from Regiment to Regiment as they were called into service and that the said James Taylor continued in the service of the United States until the war ended. Given under my hand as a justice of the peace for said County this 2nd day of April 1831

S/ A. Wilson, JP

[f p 21: On September 24, 1849 in Franklin County Kentucky, Mrs. Mary Taylor made oath that she is the widow of the late James Taylor who was at the time of his death a pensioner of the United States on account of his service in the revolution; that she married him in Mercer County Kentucky on the 4th of March 1795; that her husband departed this life December 27, 1844; that when he died he was a pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of a closing bracket.

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[f p. 6: On August 11, 1849 in Mercer County Kentucky, the County clerk certified that the records in his office show that James Taylor and Mary McBride were married March 4th, 1795 in said County by the Reverend John Rice.]

[The only child of the veteran and his wife mentioned by name in the file is Archibald Taylor -- his age and place of residence is not stated. A Thompson M Taylor is named in the file but the relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his wife is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]