

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Taylor W22363

Ann Taylor

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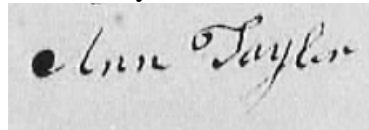
State of South Carolina Chesterfield District} SS

On this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord 1839, personally appeared before Turner Bryan Esquire, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District, Mrs. Ann Taylor a resident of Chesterfield District in the State aforesaid, aged 70 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to be entitled to the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th of July 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows;" that she is the widow of Samuel Taylor deceased, formerly of Williamsburgh District who was a soldier & officer & served under arms in the war of the Revolution; That, as this deponent has been informed and believes, the said Samuel Taylor entered the service under General Marion [Francis Marion] in the State of South Carolina, at the age of sixteen, as a volunteer, but whether as an officer or private she does not know, but believes from his age that he must have entered the service as a private, nor does she know the company or Regiment in which, nor the officers under whom he served, this deponent's son entered the Army during the last war at the age of sixteen, and this deponent has heard her husband the said Samuel Taylor say that he & his son had entered the Army at the same age; the said Samuel Taylor must have entered the service early in the year 1778, as he entered at sixteen & died on the 4th of January, 1815, aged 53 years; she believes he entered the service in the Infantry; this deponent has understood & believes that shortly after the said Samuel entered the service he was promoted to a commissioned officer, either a lieutenancy or captaincy, but at what precise time this deponent does not know, that he continued under General Marion until early in the year 1781, this deponent believes in April, when he was elected or appointed a Lieutenant in Maham's [Lt. Col. Hezekiah Mayham's] Regiment of Cavalry, but in what troop of said Regiment this deponent does not know, nor does she know who was his Captain; that the said Samuel was afterwards, but at what precise time this deponent cannot say, promoted to the captaincy of the troop, in which office he served to the end of the War; that he was in an engagement on Santee [River] in South Carolina, & in another engagement at some other place where his horse was killed under him, she cannot state the places in which he served nor the several engagements & skirmishes in which he was. She further saith that she has no documentary evidence of the service of the said Samuel Taylor. She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Taylor by a Presbyterian Preacher named Kanady in the District of Williamsburgh, in the month of August in the year 1784; that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Taylor, died on the 14th day of January 1815, and that she has remained a widow ever since that

period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed, on the day & year above written, before

S/ Ann Taylor

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

S/ Turner Bryan, Judge of the Court of Ordinary of C. D.

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State of South Carolina Chesterfield District:

On this 27th day of May, 1839, Thomas Godfrey personally came before Turner Bryan Esquire, Judge of the Court of Ordinary in the district aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn, saith that he knew Captain Samuel Taylor during the War of the Revolution; That he knows the said Taylor entered Colonel Maham's Regiment of Cavalry in the Spring of 1781, This deponent thinks in the month of April as a Lieutenant and served as such for some time, but this deponent cannot say how long, nor can he say to what troop he belonged or who was his Captain; this deponent understood & believes that said Samuel Taylor had been an officer in the militia previous to his joining the Cavalry as above stated; that the said Samuel Taylor was with the celebrated McDonald [Sgt. Allen McDonald], when he (McDonald) stuck his bayonet in Major Ganey's [Micajah Ganey's] back near Georgetown, South Carolina, on which day [October 8, 1780]¹ this deponent saw the said Taylor and for the first time, which was before he joined the Cavalry as above stated; this deponent further saith that the said Samuel Taylor was afterwards promoted to the office of Captain of Cavalry but at what precise time this deponent cannot say; that he served as Captain from the time of his promotion to the end of the war & was discharged from the service after the British had evacuated Charleston which he believes was in December, 1782; That the said Taylor was considered one of the most efficient officers in the Regiment to which he belonged. This deponent has no doubt that Mrs. Ann Taylor & the said Samuel Taylor were a legally married couple; That he recollects to have heard of the marriage of about the time it is said to have taken place, & that he has never had any reason to doubt, but many & strong reasons to believe that they were married as stated by the said Ann Taylor in her foregoing declaration: And that it of Ford's this deponent much pleasure to state that the said Mrs. Ann Taylor, though in indigent & necessitous circumstances, is highly respectable & her declaration in entitled to full credit.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written before me

S/ Turner Bryan, Judge

S/ T. Godfrey

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

[p 13: marriage bond; Samuel Taylor and Edward Taylor, bondsmen; dated August 13, 1784; issued to secure the marriage by the Reverend Mr. Samuel Kennady of Samuel Taylor to Ann

¹ Scott D. Aiken, *The Swamp Fox: Lessons in Leadership from the Partisan Campaigns of Francis Marion*, Naval Institute Press, Annapolis, 2012

Bonneau, spinster; issued in Georgetown District South Carolina and witnessed by Anthony Bonneau.]

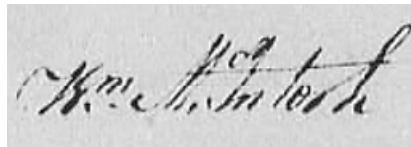
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I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Captain Samuel Taylor in the Revolutionary War that I saw him frequently doing duty in General Marion's Brigade that he commanded a Troop of horse in Colonel Mayham Regiment of regular State Troops that he died and left a widow and several children in needy circumstances

South Carolina Sumter District: Personally appeared before me James C. Fullwood one of the Justices of Quorum for said District William McIntosh and made oath that the above statement and certificate is true as far as his recollection serves him.

Sworn before me this 11th March 1839

S/ Wm McIntosh²

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm McIntosh". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[pp 62-64: certificate dated April 8, 1851 from the South Carolina Comptroller Generals office in Columbia South Carolina listing the pavements shown on the books in that offers as having been made to Samuel Taylor during the revolution. Included are payments to "Major Samuel Taylor" for pay and subsistence in 1780; payments to Major Samuel Taylor for pay for "...duty in Genl. Pickens [Andrew Pickens'] and Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Regiments also for horses lost in Continental Service and hire of a flatt on Savannah River to Transport the South Carolina & Georgia Troops in 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781 & 1782"; and to Major Samuel Taylor for 214 days militia duty under Genl. Sumter from Sept. 5, 1780 to April 7, 1781; and to Major Samuel Taylor for 424 days Militia duty under Genl. Pickens fro August 22, 1781 to Oct. 20, 1782; to Captain Samuel Taylor for 187 days duty as a Lieutenant in Col. Mayham's Cavalry in 1781, 1782 & 1783.]

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston

It is hereby certified that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited before me that Ann Taylor widow of Major Samuel Taylor who was a Captain & Major in the Army of the Revolution was a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$480 per annum and that she died on the 18th day of June 1851 leaving surviving her 3 children viz.: Mary A B Taylor, Harriet R. Taylor & Louisa E B Mouzon and the above named children are the only surviving children of the aforesaid, Ann Taylor, and that they are all over 21 years of age.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of office this 28th day of October 1851 in open court.

S/ MT Mendenhall, O.C.D.

[p 3: Harriet R. Taylor, daughter of Anne Taylor late of Charleston South Carolina deceased, granted a power of attorney to Colonel M. Thompson of Washington City to prosecute the claim of Anne Taylor to a revolutionary pension. The power of attorney is dated October 25, 1851 in

² [William McIntosh S9424](#)

contains the instruction that any certificate obtained in the prosecution of the claim should be made payable to Mary A. B. Taylor, Harriet R. Taylor and Louisa E. O. Mazon [sic, Louisa E. B. Mouzon]. For some reason not clear to me, the power of attorney was also signed by Mary A B Taylor, presumably the sister of Harriet R Taylor.

Mary A B Taylor
Harriet R Taylor]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum for her husband service as a Captain in the South Carolina militia.]