

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Taylor W28006

Catharine Taylor

PA [VA]

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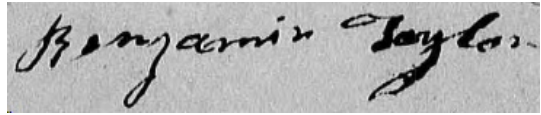
State of Kentucky. County of Daviess Sct

On the 9 day of December 1833 personally appeared before Simpson Stout Abner Lee and William Medcalf Esquires Justices of the County Court of said County of Daviess now sitting Benjamin Taylor a resident of said County of Daviess and state aforesaid aged Seventy seven years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in the year 1777 and on the 7th day of July he was enlisted in Springfield Township in Bucks County Pennsylvania for the Term of one year, and on the third day thereafter being the 10th day of July he joined the army in sight of Philadelphia and took the oath of allegiance & Fidelity as directed by law reference being had to the Certificate hereto annexed & marked A the same will fully appear being signed by Joseph Hart and delivered to me on the 10 day of July 1777 the day I entered the Army then under the Command of General George Washington we marched across the Susquehanna river on to Chester Town where we had a skirmish with the British and from this we crossed over Delaware river to the Jersey side and were stationed at the Red Bank fort [Fort Mercer at Red Bank NJ] which Fort I helped to Build haveing worked on it for 21 days and remained defending said Fort untill about the middle of November when the army retreated about midnight [20 Nov 1777] the said Fort being much shattered by the Cannon Balls shot from British shipping I here saw the floating batteries above the Chevaux de frize's [sic: chevaux de frises] which were sunk in the river to prevent the ships from ascending – after said Fort was surrendered in November we marched up by land keeping on the Jersey side and were moveing from place to place untill we took up Winter Quarters in Elizabeth Town, and I remained with the army untill July 1778 when my term of enlistment (one year) had expired, when this applicant was honourable discharged, which discharge is lost. this applicant here states that at the time of his enlistment he was young and verry unexperienced and by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot remember the names of any of the officers under whom he served, but that he did Serve for the Term of one year as above stated and for which he Claims a Pension

This applicant states that about the 1st September 1778 he went on a visit to the Monongahela Country ten miles below Brownsville [then claimed by VA, now in PA] and the third day after his arrival he was drafted out of Captain David Ritcheys Company and placed under Captain John Crow, and on the 15 day of September marched from Pittsburg under General [Lachlan] McIntosh on a Campain against the Indians on a river then called Tuskeraway [Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River near present Bolivar OH], the history & sufferings of which campaign is too well known to need a recital we returned to Fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA] and was there discharged on the 13th day of December 1778 makeing a tour of three months lacking of two days, for proof of which Service he hereto annexes the discharge given him and signed by David Ritchey out of whose Company he was drafted.

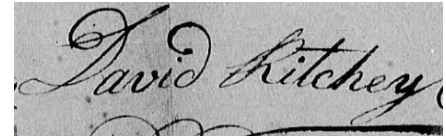
This applicant states that in the month of May 1779 he descended the Ohio river to the Falls, now Louisville [in Kentucky, then a part of VA] and Settled & lived on Bear Grass [Beargrass Creek] for near five years in which time he engaged in many scouts with the Indians, one of which Tours was in the fall of 1782 this applicant volunteered out of Peter Stergus's [sic: Peter Asturgus's] Company and went On the Campaign of the Autum of 1782 under the Command of General G R. Clark [George Rogers Clark]. my Captain was named [William] McCracken and my Col was named Andrew Hynes. we marched from the Blockhouse built where Cincinnati now stands and had a skirmish [10 Nov 1782] with the Indians at the old Shawnee & Pickaway [Piqua] Towns on the West side of the Big Miame river [sic" Great Miami River]. my Captain McCracken was wounded & brought in to Cincinnatte and buried under the block house. this tour was six weeks for this tour I received a discharge, which I have long since lost, since

which period this applicant has resided in Kentucky, and at his present residence, now in Daviess County for near thirty eight years. This applicant was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania in the year 1756 and on the last day of March in that year, that he has lost all his discharges & vouchers except those annexed and knows of no living person by whom he can prove his said Several tours performed as a soldier. This applicant is known to the reverend John Pinkston & to Remus Griffith whose corroborating testimony is annexed. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. sworn to and subscribed in open Court



I DO hereby CERTIFY, That Benjamin Taylor of Springfield Township of Bucks County hath voluntarily taken and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and Fidelity, as directed by an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed the 13th day of June, A.D. 1777. Witness my hand and seal, the 10th day of Feby A.D. 1777
[signed] Joseph Hart

This is to Certefy to all whome it May Concern That Benjamin Taylor hath served his tower of Duty under General McIntosh to the tuskeraway in Captain John Croes Compeny Commenceing the fifteenth Day of September Ending the thirteenth Day of December 1778 Said Tayler being Drafted out of my Company it being in the Eleventh District of the Second Betalion of Youghagania [sic: Yohogania] County he being in the Eighth Devesion or Class of said Destrict. I therefore Request that he pass to the Counties of Kentucke unmolested as he hath Behaved himself honestly & unoffenceively
Given under my hand this Second Day of April 1779



NOTES:

On 28 June 1843 Catharine Taylor, 87, applied for a pension stating that she married benjamin Taylor in March 1774, and he died on 23 April 1842. The file contains a family record certified by John A. Taylor as being from the Bible of his father, Benjamin Taylor, which is transcribed below.

BIRTHS.

Mary Taylor was Born February the 7th in the year of our Lord 1775
Ann Taylor was Born March the 8th in the year of our Lord 1782
Susanah Taylor was Born November the 23th in the year of our Lord 1783
Henrey Taylor was Born July the 15th in the year of our Lord 1787
Rebekah Taylor was Born September 25th in the year of our Lord 1789
Marthew Taylor was Born March the 9th in the year of our Lord 1790
John Taylor was Born in the year 1792 in March the 25th
William Taylor was Born March the 23th in the year of our Lord 1794
Leannah Taylor was Born February the 28th in the year of our Lord 1796
Sarah Taylor was Born March the 16th in the year of our Lord 1798
Samuel Taylor was Born May 2th in the year of our Lord 1800
Archibald Taylor was Born March 20th in the year of our Lord 1803

MARRIAGES.

John A Taylor was married to polly buchnir April 29th[?] in the year of hour lord 1821
and I again was married to Margaret Brown in November 30th 1828