

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard Taylor W3052

Sarah (Sally)

f76VA

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: SS

On this tenth day of September in the year 1833 personally appeared before me Thomas J Crawford a Justice of the peace and one of the Judges of the Mercer County Court Leonard Taylor a citizen of said County of Mercer and State of Kentucky aged seventy-five years and upwards 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 June the 7th 1833 [sic, 1832].

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in the County of James City in the State of Virginia in the fall of the year 1776 for a Tour of two months and marched to Williamsburg under Captain Jones Allen and joined Colonel Matthews' Regiment where we were stationed until the Tour expired and we were discharged – again in the year 1777, he was drafted from the same County for a Tour of two months and marched to the Barracks at Williamsburg and served out the Tour and was discharged, and in the same year he served two Tours of two months each under Captain Richmond Allen of the County of New Kent during which time we were stationed at Yorktown, and in the year 1778 as well as he can recollect he served two Tours one of three months and the other of two months under Captain Richard C Graves of the said County of New Kent during which time we were stationed at a place called the halfway house where the magazine was kept and during the said Tours he was Captain Graves' duty Sergeant and again the year 1779 he was drafted in Captain Clopton's Company for a Tour of three months and marched to the flat lands on James River where we were stationed and served out our Tour, acting sometimes as scouts we were discharged from this Tour and we returned home In this he acted as Captain Clopton's duty Sergeant, and again in the year 1780 he was drafted in Captain Clopton's Company for a Tour of three months and marched to Holt's forge where we were stationed for some time and were ordered from there to Williamsburg where we were served out the Balance of our Tour and was discharged, and in the summer of 1781 he was drafted in Captain Clopton's Company in the said County of New Kent for a tour of three months but served at least four months and rendezvoused at New Kent Courthouse for some time, and from there we were ordered to join Colonel Mercer's Regiment at York when the siege commenced and where we were stationed until discharged which was some short time after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace [Cornwallis]. He further states that he served several short Tours in the minute & volunteer service of short duration of which he takes no account, he most solemnly declares upon Oath that he acted at least eleven months as a Sergeant and the whole of the service set forth in his foregoing Declaration faithfully

which he thinks is at least 22 months in actual service he cannot recollect distinctly of all the commanders of regiments to which he belonged, he knows that he served some Tours when they acted as scouts and was not attached to no particular Regiment. He further states that he is unable to attend the County Court – that sits in Harrodsburg which is at least eighteen miles travel and it is very painful for him to ride that distance. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State, he received regular discharges but he thought they would avail him nothing and they have been lost and he knows of [no] person by whom he can prove his service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Leonard Taylor {Seal}



[William L [?] Smith, a clergyman, and Samuel Ewing gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: Sct

The further Declaration of Leonard Taylor made in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services as a Sergeant in the Revolution – he was appointed by Captain Graves and acted as he is orderly Sergeant for two tours one of three and the other of two months, again he marched under Captain Clopton and was appointed his orderly Sergeant and served a tour of three months. He further states that he served two other Tours under Captain Clopton and was the orderly Sergeant of the company and acted as such at the siege of York. I will here relate one circumstance not for the purpose of bragging. It occurred shortly before the siege of York. A parcel of men under the command of an Ensign and myself as Sergeant was detached to go on the scout to see what discovery we could make and report. We took a certain road and some distance and we were like to be overtaken by the British Light horse – the Ensign became very much alarmed and said we would be all killed or taken and called out ["]Sergeant Taylor take charge of the men["] and he left us. I immediately ordered the men to take trees. Our guns were well charged and I would take the nearest tree and for them not to fire again until I shot down the officer in the lead. They came pushing on but soon found that they were in danger as well as ourselves and they sounded a retreat and we returned to camp & reported. Somehow or other General Washington heard of it and I was sent for and had to detail the circumstances. He was truly gratified of my conduct and requested me to except of a commission which I declined. Shortly after the siege commenced and Lord Corn wallace [Cornwallis] surrendered and I was discharged and returned home and since that time have been enjoying the Liberty for which we fought so hard. He solemnly swears that [he] acted faithfully as an orderly Sergeant eleven months to his knowledge.

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the answers here follow – I was born in the County of New Kent in the State of Virginia on the 22nd day of December in the year 1757 agreeable to my Father's Register, I lived in the County of James City Virginia when first called into service and after the County of New Kent until the end of the War, all the tours I served I was drafted. I did volunteer service but I do not claim for it. General Washington Chief, General Lafayette, Colonel Mathews, Colonel Mercer, – I am old and my recollection fails me so much

that I cannot recollect all the circumstances of my service. One thing I do know, that I served faithfully upwards of 22 months as for my Character for veracity I can refer you to my neighbors who know me best as well as their belief of my service in the war of the Revolution, reference, Matthew Coulter, J A Lewis, Samuel Ewing Esquire, George Kirkland Esquire, Dr. William Warren, the Reverend Laban Jones, Abm Fulkerson, and many others if necessary. I received regular discharges but I took no care of them they have long since been lost or mislaid. I removed to this County a long time since I do not recollect the year I know I have lived in this County upwards of 40 years.

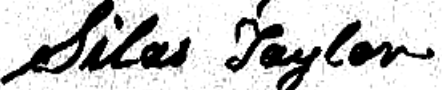
Signed and sealed this 5 December 1833

S/ Leonard Taylor

[f p. 22: On June 13, 1843 in Boyle County Kentucky, Sally Taylor, aged about 74 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Leonard Taylor who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of about \$72 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she has no evidence of her marriage other than the family register which she submits with her claim; that her husband resided in Mercer County at the time of his death; that after his death she moved to Boyle County Kentucky; that she married her husband January 20, 1785 and that her husband died September 4, 1841. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 20: copy of a marriage bond issued in Lunenburg County Virginia and dated January 13, 1785 issued to Edward Hatchett & Leonard Taylor conditioned upon the marriage of Leonard Taylor to Sarah Blagrove¹.]

[f p. 18: in July 1853 in Boyle County Kentucky, Silas Taylor gave evidence that he is the son of Leonard Taylor by his wife Sally Taylor, both deceased; that his father was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$73.33 per annum for his service in the revolution; that his father died in the County of Mercer Kentucky on the 4th day of September 1841 and that his mother Sally Taylor died in Boyle County Kentucky July 1, 1848 leaving the following living children: Elizabeth Hardesty, Henley Taylor, Polly Green, Leonard Taylor, Banister Taylor, and Silas Taylor the applicant.

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[family record]

the widow was born may 18, 1769

the children of the veteran and his wife Sarah or Sally are as follows:

Elizabeth born January 27, 1787

Henley born April 10, 1789

Polley born August 28, 1791

Leonard born January 4, 1794

Marstin born April 29, 1797

Bannister born June 28, 1800

Talitha born August 13, 1803

Silas born December 22, 1805

¹ In other documents in the file, her maiden name is spelled Blasgrave.

In addition, the following information appears:

Silas Taylor and Hannah achieved Warren were married August 5, 1830

Gabriel Hutching and Elizabeth, married November 11, 1802

Nancy Hutchings, their daughter, born August 7, 1803

Polly Hutchings, born July 13, 1805]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 22 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]