

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Taylor W4351

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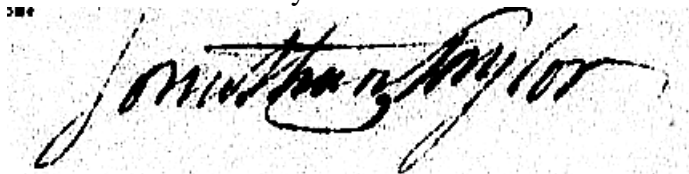
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

District of Edgefield: SS

On this 2nd day of October 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Ordinary for the said district, personally appeared Jonathan Taylor aged fifty-eight years, resident in the said County, who being by me 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 Jonathan enlisted in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia in the County commanded by Captain Smith who commanded the 2nd troop of the 3rd Regiment of light Dragoons; that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the 9th of June 1781, when he was discharged from service at Cambridge in the State of South Carolina that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Monmouth [October 4th, 1777] besides several light skirmishes & that he was engaged in a fight with the English at Herring Town in New Jersey and received several wounds and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me; the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan Taylor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jonathan Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There are some small marks to the left of the signature.

S/ Jno. Simkins

South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally came before me Jonathan Taylor who after being duly sworn saith that the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel George Bailer [George Baylor] until the Battle or Surprise at Herring town [sic, Baylor Massacre or Tappan Massacre at Haring's Tannery, September 17, 1778] when Colonel Bailer was taken prisoner that the Regiment was then commanded by Colonel William Washington that the Regiment was not attached to any particular line but if any it must be the Virginia line – Sworn to before me this the first day of March 1819.

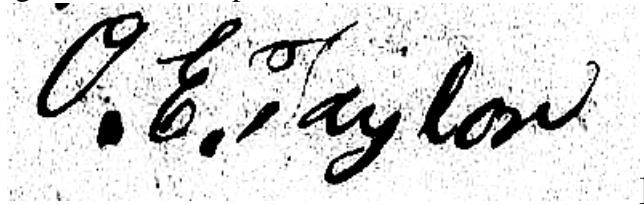
S/ Jesse Blocker, JQ

S/ Jonathan Taylor

[f p 11: On September 21, 1846 in Walton County Georgia, Onan E. Taylor was appointed administrator of the estate of his mother, Joanna Taylor, who died intestate May 3, 1839 and

posted a bond in the amount of \$800 which was supposed to be double the amount of the pension due his mother under the 1838 act.]

[f p 12: On September 21st, 1846 in Walton County Georgia, Onan E. Taylor, as it magistrate or of the estate of his mother, filed a claim for the pension due her as the widow of his father Jonathan Taylor who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that his mother died without receiving a pension leaving surviving her children besides himself; that he claims the pension due his mother under the 1838 act on behalf of himself and the other surviving children of his parents.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "O. E. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent "O" at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

[f p 30: Onan E. Taylor on May 18, 1846 in Walton County Georgia gave evidence that he has heard his parents say and he believes to be true that he is the son of Jonathan and Joanna Taylor; that Joanna Taylor's maiden name was Morriss; that his parents were legally married in Edgefield district South Carolina about one year before the birth of their eldest child his brother, Ellyson Taylor whose birth is registered in the family record which he annexes and which he believes to be a true record in the handwriting of his father down to the name of Joseph; that the more recent entries he believes to be in the handwriting of his younger brother Joseph Taylor.]

[f p 31: On May 18, 1846 in Walton County Georgia, the County Court entered an order finding that Jonathan Taylor was a pensioner of the United States on the South Carolina rolls; that Jonathan Taylor at the time of his death left a widow Joanna Taylor who remained his widow until her death; that she died on the 3rd day of May 1839 leaving the following children her surviving: Pleasant Taylor who on the 8th day of February 1846 resided in Dallas County Alabama; Wyatt A Taylor who on the 10th day of May 1839 resided in Chambers County Alabama; Creed Taylor who on the 20th day of September 1845 resided in Giles County Tennessee; Onan E. Taylor who resides in Walton County Georgia; Elizabeth Johnson widow of Philip Johnson who resided in Carroll County Georgia on the 31st day of August 1843.]

[f p 5: family record:

Ellyson Taylor was born the 9th of February 1788

Pleasant Taylor was born the 13th of September 1789

Wyatt Taylor was born the ? Of September 1791

Cread Taylor was born the 1st day of November 1793

Onan Taylor was born the 27th day of November 1795

Jackey Taylor was born [paper torn] of March 1798

Patsy Taylor was born the 6th day of June 1800

Joseph Taylor was born September 12, 1803

Hilsey b. 1806

[several more illegible entries]]

[facts in file: on page 14, there is a summary of the contents of the file: the ink on the summary is

very faint; there appears to be an entry saying that the veteran died in Edgefield Dist. SC Apr. 1820 (if so, that would explain why the veteran did not file schedule of his property as required under the act of May 1, 1820);

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 2, 1818 for 4 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line as a member of the 3rd Regiment of light dragoons. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending May the 3rd, 1839 when she died.]