

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Taylor W4603

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Lycoming County, Ss

On this fifth day of May 1818, before me the subscriber President judge of the eighth judicial district of Pennsylvania personally appears William Taylor aged sixty four years, reside* in Moreland township, Lycoming County, State of Pennsylvania, in the said district, who being by me first duly affirmed, according to law, doth on his solemn affirmation, 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 engag* in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war". That he the said William Taylor enlisted in Feb. 1776 in Hampshire County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Abel Westfall of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Mullenburgh [sic]; that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States untill Feb. in the year 1778, for more than two years from the time of his enlistment when he was discharged from service at the valley Forge, state of Pennsylvania, by Gen'l. Cha's. Scott, that he was in several skirmishes after Dunmo* [probably Lord Dunmore in 1775] at the battle of Sulavans Island [sic: Battle of Sullivans Island, at Breach Inlet, 28 - 29 June 1776], at the battle of the white ho* [probably skirmish at White Horse Tavern in Chester County PA, "Battle of the Clouds," 16 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777] after which he was discharged, 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.

[signed] William Taylor

District of Pennsylvania }
Lycoming County SS }

On this ninth Day of December AD eighteen hundred and twenty, personally appeared in open Court of Common

Pleas held in Williamsport for the County of Lycoming, being a Court of Record, proceeding according to the course of common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of ammount & keeping a record of proceeding, William Taylor aged 66 years resident in said County who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March AD 1818 & first of May AD 1820. That he served in the Revolutionary War in the company commanded by Abel Westfall Capt in the 8th Virginia Reg't. command the first year by Colonel Peter Muhlenberg & afterwards commanded by Colonel [Abraham] Bowman of the Virginia line, and has obtained a Pension under the Act of the 18th March AD 1818, his certificate being numberd 16257 Dated the fourteenth Day of December AD 1819 and to commence on the sixth Day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th Day of March AD 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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" passed on the 18th Day of March AD 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Signed William Taylor

Inventory of the poperty of William Taylor

I have 152 Acres of Land adjoining Col Smith in Lyco'ng County & others on the top of a high Ridge - my title to it consists of an improvement right it is situated in Moreland Township & considered 6th rate Land there is a small Log house on the land	\$300.00
I have an old wagon \$30.00, and old Mare 10 years old	\$50.00
A Colt 5 years old \$30.00, Three Milk Cows worth \$30.00	\$60.00
A Yearling Bull & three spring Calves \$20.00 Eleven Sheep \$10.00	\$30.00

A sow and six pigs \$3.00, one pair of Andirons \$3.00	\$6.00
Shovel and Tongs 50 Cents, one old Churn 25 Cents	0.75
Washing tub Large Pot & two small ones	\$2.00
Plates dishes & spoons knives and forks a Dozen	\$5.00
Six Teaspoons silver \$6.00, Tea kettle 50 Cents	\$6.50
Coffee & Teapots Cups and Saucers \$4.00, Two smoothing Irons 50 Cts	\$4.50
Taylor's Goose \$.75, old Musket \$1.50, Two transits \$2.00	\$4.25
Two Combs \$.25 Cts A old Bureau \$5.00	\$5.25
Two tables & hlf Dozen old Chairs & three new ones	\$8.00
An old frying pan	<u>.50</u>
	\$482.75

Besides necessary beds and bedding for the family, I do hereby certify that the above statement contains a Tract valuation and appraisement of the above property to the best of my knowledge and belief Dec'r 9th 1820

Isaac Allen

I have due and owing to me

Seventy Dollars from one man \$70.00, Two Dollars from another	\$72.00
Five Dollars another \$5.00, Three Dollars & fifty cents from another	<u>\$8.50</u>
	\$80.50
	<u>\$482.75</u>
	\$563.25

I am Indebted as follows

To Frederick Den \$38.00, Col. George Smith \$24.00	\$62.00
“ Widow Barden \$12.00, John Dunston[?] Esq \$18.00	\$30.00
“ Lewis Schuyler \$59.00, Doct'r. Russell Park \$9.00	\$48.00
Philip Reipsun[?] \$12.00 Other small sums about	<u>\$34.00</u>
	\$194.00

I am by trade a Taylor but am not able on account of being lame in the hand & through age and other infirmities to pursue that trade. I have 4 children with me Sarah aged 27, next James who is weakly - Elizabeth aged 23. Fanny aged 21 Years afflicted with a cancer - William aged 18 years, and my wife Sarah aged 56 years, weakly and infirm like myself

[signed] William Taylor

State of Pennsylvania }
Lycoming County }

In the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County it is thus continued to wit: - On this fourth day of December

A.D. eighteen hundred and twenty-eight personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas held in Williamsport for the County of Lycoming, being a Court of record proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of proceedings, William Taylor, resident in said County aged 74 years, who being first duly affirmed according to law, doth on his affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said William Taylor enlisted for the term of two years in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Abel Westfall, in the 8th Virginia Regiment, commanded the first year by Colonel Peter Muhlenberg & afterwards by Colonel _____ Bowman of the Virginia line that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of two years from and after his time of enlistment when he was discharge from the service at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property

And in pursuance of the Act of the first day of may A.D. 1820 I do solemnly & truly declare and affirm that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts

due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed - viz

One Wagon old for one horse worth.....	\$16.00cts
One hipshot horse 13 years old worth.....	15.00
One milch cow.....	11.00
Three sheep	4.00
Two Hogs and Six pigs.....	6.00
One pair Andirons.....	1.00
One old fireshovel.....	.25
One old axe & beetle & wedges.....	1.25
One old churn25
Washing Tub, Iron Kettle, & two small pots & a large one.....	7.00
Plates dishes & spoons, Knives, & forks a dozen.....	5.00
Coffee & Tea pots - Cups and saucers.....	3.00
Two smoothing Irons.....	.50
Tailors goose	1.00
Old musket	2.00
Two trammels25
Two bowls	4.00
An old Bureau	8.00
Two tables & half a dozen chairs.....	8.00
An old frying pan.....	.50
An old watch & a Wooden Clock.....	<u>10.00</u>
Besides necessary clothing & bedding for the family	\$96.50

I have due & owing to me the following debts -

From Aaron Blue	\$3.00
" David Vandyne	2.25
add value of property	<u>96.50</u>
	\$101.75

I am indebted as follows viz:

To Frederick Den	about	\$40.00
" Lewis Schuyler	Do	40.00
" Russell Park (Doctor)	Do	6.00
" Charles Eves	Do	30.00
" William Chamberlin Esq	Do	3.50
" Peter Mudey	Do	3.00
" William Cox Ellis	Do	20.00
Other small sums not exceeding		<u>20.00</u>
	Amnt.	\$162.50

I am by trade a Taylor but am not able to pursue it, on account of being lame in one hand and arm & through age & infirmity - I have four children living with me Sarah aged 33 years, who is very weakly - Elizabeth aged 30 years Fanny aged 27 years afflicted with the relicts of a Cancer a child of Elizabeth about 6 years old - and my wife Sarah aged 64 years weak & sickly & infirm like myself.

Affirmed to & declared in open Court of Common Pleas this Dec 4, 1828

William Taylor

That since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property viz:

Description of Property disposed of	Names of Persons to whom disposed of	Time of Sale	Received in return
Improvement right to 152 acres of land in Moreland Township Lycoming County & valued in 1820 at \$300	William Allen	About the 1 st October 1827	A single bill payable October 2 1830 for \$100, to be null & void provided an elder & better title takes the land from William Allen before that period
An old mare			Traded for horned cattle which have since been eaten in family
Cows & Calves			All these except the one mentioned in schedule have helped to pay debts & support the family
Eight sheep (dead)			Died with sickness
The debts amounting to \$80.50 exhibited in first schedule have been collected and spent by me in supporting myself and family			

State of Pennsylvania
Lycoming County Sct

On this 5th day of September AD 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common pleas of the County of Lycoming aforesaid William Taylor a resident of Moreland Township in the said County of Lycoming aged seventy eight years, who being first duly affirmed, upon his solemn affirmation duly administered according to Law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that his name was entered on the pension roll under the act of March 18th 1818 and has been dropped therefrom on account of property, - I was a Private in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenburg - and belonged to the Company commanded by Cap'n. Abel Westfall I served in that Regiment for two years and was discharged at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania by Brig. Genl Charles Scott - I now reside and have for 24 years past resided, in Moreland Township in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania and resided there when my first application was made

[signed] William Taylor

NOTE:

On 12 Oct 1839 Sarah Taylor, 75, applied for a pension stating that she married William Taylor in Nov 1783 or 1784, and he died 31 Mar 1838. In a later declaration she stated that she was married in 1784 in her father's house in Amwell Township in Hunterdon County NJ. Mahlon Taylor, who was born 10 Jan 1792 as their oldest son and fifth child, deposed that he had been unable to find a family record in his father's Bible or elsewhere. Isaac Allen, aged 69 on 20 Oct 1839, deposed that Sarah Taylor was the sister of his father's second wife, that he first knew her as the wife of William Taylor when they lived in New Jersey before they moved to Lycoming and Columbia counties in PA in 1797, and that one of their large number of children married his son. On 18 Dec 1843 at age 80 and on 17 Sep 1849 at age 84, Sarah Taylor applied for new pensions under later acts.