

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ferguson (Ferguson) Taylor W6229 Polly [sic, Sally] Taylor f70VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 11/9/11: rev'd 2/1/22

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State of Virginia

Powhatan County to wit

On this 17th day of June 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the County Court of Powhatan and in open Court, appeared personally Ferguson Taylor of the said County aged 54 years who being first duly sworn in open Court 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" – He the said Ferguson Taylor entered the Army of the United States upon Continental establishment when he was only seventeen years old, 7th Virginia Regiment, Charles Fleming Captain, that he served two years as a Fifer & soldier in said Regiment. That he afterwards enlisted as a Fifer & served four more years & when discharged he was Fife Major in Colonel Heath's [William Heath, a/k/a William Heth] Detachment which served at Charleston – That he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Germantown [September 11, 1777], Guilford [March 15th, 1781] & Charleston [April-May 1780] besides in various skirmishes. That from the lapse of time he has not any of his discharges now in his possession. 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 service –

Sworn to & declared before me in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Edw'd Moseley

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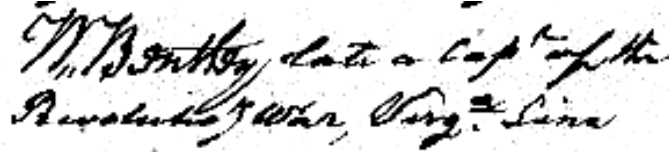
I William Bentley<sup>1</sup> who was a Captain in the Revolutionary War, do Certify that I have examined the affidavit of Ferguson Taylor, as Certified by Thomas Miller – Magistrate of Powhatan County Virginia that I was a witness to most of the transactions stated in said Certificate, and know him to be correct, and I have no doubt but that every statement is correct; my being made a Prisoner just before the close of the War, and continued as such to the end, prevented me witnessing them all. I know that he discharged his duty correctly, and obtained the approbation of all the officers who had an opportunity of knowing him; and just before the close of the War the said Taylor was made a prisoner at Charleston South Carolina, and when released he applied to me for a certificate of his discharge, and produced me such Vouchers as induced me to give it.

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<sup>1</sup> [William Bentley S37745](#)

Given under my hand this 20th May 1818

S/ W. Bentley, late a Capt. of the  
Revolutionary War, Virga Line

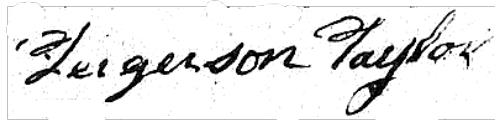


*W. Bentley late a Capt of the  
Revolutionary War, Virg. Line*

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled "an Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Ferguson Taylor of sound mind & memory, in the County of Powhatan in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution, for and during the War, and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a Fife Major in Captain Mayo Carrington's Company in the 7th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army in the line. In regard to the certificates for the reward of \$80, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 I cannot say positively whether I received them or not. I received some certificates with which I long since parted, but whether of the particular kind above mentioned it is impossible for me at this distance of time, to ascertain. All the vouchers to prove my services in the Revolution were transmitted to the War Department when I obtained a place on the Pension Roll by virtue of the Act of 1818. By an amendment to that act, I was stricken from the Pension roll after having received the pension for little more than a year – All which will appear it is presumed by reference to the records in the proper Department at Washington, and I further declare that I was not on the 15th of May 1828 on the Pension list of the United States. Witness my hand this 12th day of August in the year 1828

S/ Ferguson Taylor



*Ferguson Taylor*

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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
August 27, 1828

Ferguson Taylor of \_\_\_ in the County of Powhatan in the State of Virginia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Fife Major in Captain \_\_\_ 's Company, in the 7th regiment of the Virginia line; and he does not recollect that received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins  
Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
2nd September 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that Ferguson Taylor is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The name of Ferguson Taylor cannot be found among those of the Virginia line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

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General Land Office,  
12 December 1828

It appears from the List of Warrants issued by the Register of the land Office at Richmond Virginia that Ferguson Taylor received a Warrant for 100 acres of land having served as a fifer for 3 years in the Virginia line.

S/ Geo. Graham, Commissioner

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State of Virginia Cumberland County 2 with  
The affidavit of Robert Richardson<sup>2</sup> taken the first day of January 1829 in the town of Cartersville States, that he enlisted at the same time with Ferguson Taylor under Captain Charles Fleming (during the Revolutionary War) for three years, that they then entered again as soon as the time had expired for which they first enlisted, for the balance of the War, under Mayo Carrington, and served until the end thereof. Given under my hand this first January 1829.

S/ Robert Richardson, X his mark

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I do hereby certify that I served with Ferguson Taylor in the Continental Army – The same Taylor was then Fife Major in Colonel Heath's Regiment, to which I also then belonged, & that the said Taylor belonged to the same from early in the year 1779 till we were taken prisoner in May 1780 at Charleston, when [one or more indecipherable words] as prisoners, I do not now recollect, it is probable when he did, that he was ordered into service, as was the case with myself – I have reason to believe he was at the Battle of Guilford – further I know not, Given under my hand this first January 1829

S/ Chs. Woodson<sup>3</sup>



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Powhatan County Virginia June the 25th 1829

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<sup>2</sup> [Robert Richardson S39043](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Charles Woodson W6580](#)

This day Ferguson Taylor personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid & upon his oath declare that he enlisted during the Revolutionary War as he has before stated, that at the time of the siege of York, he was sick at Williamsburg, and in the Hospital that during the ensuing fall or winter he was discharged from the Hospital, and permitted to return home. That he was directed to hold himself in readiness to serve his Country should there be any further occasioned for doing so; that he did hold himself in readiness; & if called on would always have been ready to march & that he never considered himself exonerated from his obligation until the Definitive Treaty of Peace. That the surrender of Cornwallis was considered as the termination of the war & virtually was so – That he has understood and believed that the constituted authorities of the United States have frequently acted on this principle; and more particularly in the case of the widow & Finally that he would consider it a very rigid interpretation of the law of 1828 if he who served till all the fighting was at an end and returned home with permission, and caused his Country no more expense was to be excluded. He further states that he occasionally was at the Barracks in Powhatan County & performed camp duty even after the surrender of Cornwallis.

S/ Ferguson Taylor

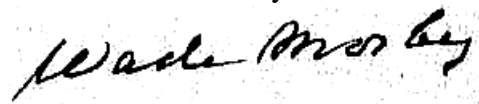
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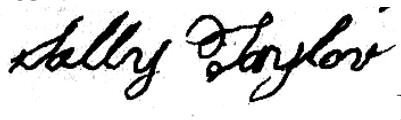
I hereby certify that I have known Mr. Ferguson Taylor upwards of fifty years and that during the revolutionary war he was a Soldier in the regular Service but to what Regiment I do not know, to this fact I can speak with certainty, I know that said Taylor was at the battle of Guilford Court House & that he acted as Fife Major during the time I was in service and after that, he was attached to a company of musicians under the command of Colonel Febiger [Christian Febiger] who was commandant had the Station of Cumberland old Court House, how long the command lasted after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis I do not recollect, I know that Colonel Posey [Thomas Posey] & several other officers & man went down from Cumberland old Court House to the siege of Little York & remained until the surrender.

Given under my hand & seal this 26 day of September 1829

S/ Wade Mosby<sup>4</sup>



[p 13: On November 5, 1838 in Powhatan County Virginia, Sally Taylor, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Ferguson Taylor, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him January 11, 1785; that her husband died May 24, 1831.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 17, 1818 for 5 years service as a Fife Major in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]

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<sup>4</sup> [Wade Mosby W3856](#)

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Addendum to Ferguson (Ferguson) Taylor W6229

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 31 Jan 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I do hereby Certify that Ferguson Taylor late a fifer in my Company, served three years, he having been  
enlisted for that term  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1783

Mayo Carrington Capt  
5<sup>th</sup> V Reg.