

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Daniel Taylor W6232

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State of Tennessee }
Grainger County }

On this ninth day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Samuel Powell, one of the Judges of the State of Tennessee, at a Court held for the County Grainger in the State of Tennessee now sitting Daniel Taylor a resident of Grainger County in the State of Tennessee, aged Seventy one years on the 13th day August last past (1832) who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress pass June 7th 1832.

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

That he enlisted under Captain Thomas Bush for a twelve months tour and served said term in the volunteer light horse company commanded by Captain Bush in the County of Henry and State of Virginia. That he had no General or Field Officers, that their service consisted whilst under the command of Captain Bush, in suppressing the tories both in Virginia and North Carolina and also in arresting deserters and delivering them to the Continental Officers, he thinks that Capt Bush received orders generally from Colonel Abraham Penn. He was in no general engagement but was in frequent skirmishes. He thinks he entered the service in the month of October 1779 he was generally scouting in Virginia and North Carolina and had no regular marches.

This applicant further states that he entered service of the United States under a second engagement as a militia man in the Spring of the year 1781 and was drafted in the County of Henry and State of Virginia for three months and served said term under Captain [Haman] Critz who was attached to General [Robert] Lawson's Brigade, who was under the immediate command of General Lafayette and that we marched to Mobbin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill, 15 mi SE of Richmond] where we were pursued by the British General Lord Cornwallis. We marched to Richmond in the State of Virginia to the Pomonky [sic: Pamunkey] River in the same State, and was drove through the Chickahomany [sic: Chickahominy] Swamps and there escaped his Lordship and that between New Castle [now Old Church near Pamunkey River] and Williamsburg he furnished a substitute having twelve days to serve before the expiration of his time and then he obtained the accompanying discharge

This applicant further states that he served in those engagement fifteen months lacking twelve days and that he was frequently called upon at other times to suppress the tory par[ties] that would collect in different places.

He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 9th April 1833 [signed] Daniel Taylor

In answer to the interrogatories required to be propounded by the Court this applicant further states

1 That I was born in Cumberland County now Powhatan in the State of Virginia on the 13th day of August 1761.

2 That I have a record of my age at my brother Hues O. Talyor [sic: Hughes O. Taylor] in Grainger County in State of Tennessee

3 That I volunteered as a private under Cap Bush for a twelve month tour in my first expedition: that I was drafted in the second engagement for three months and served said term except twelve days when I hired a Substitute and was discharged; that I never served as a Substitute for any one —

4 In our first expedition we had no other Officers with us than Capt Thomas Bush who was appointed to suppress the tory parties and to arrest deserters as I have already stated in the body of declaration and in our second expedition our Officers names were General Lafayette, General Lawson's Brigade, Colonel Holt Richison [sic: Holt Richardson]. I belonged to Colonel

Tuckers [St. George Tucker's] regiment and have stated in my declaration all the circumstances as far as I recollect them My first term of service was with Capt. Bush as one of the light horse 5 I was living in Henry County and State of Virginia when I volunteered under Captain Bush and that I was living in the same County and State at the time I was drafted and served in our second expedition under Capt. Critz. that I removed from Henry County in the State of Virginia some time in October 1795 to Hawkins County now Grainger County and State of Tennessee where I have resided ever since

6 That I received a discharge from Colonel Holt Richison at Bacon's old fields where we were stationed for a few days having furnished a substitute which said discharge I herewith enclose
[signed] Daniel Taylor

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Daniel Taylor from Henry County belonging to Coll'n. Tucker's Redgment having furnished an able bodied substitute is hereby discharged
Holt Richeson Colo. C't

State of Tennessee

Grainger County On this 20th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record Daniel Taylor a resident in Grainger County aged seventy two years on on the 13 day of August Instant who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendatory declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the united states at the times & served as stated in his former declaration under the officers as mentioned & in explanation of the objections taken to his former declaration he states he did serve one year in the Cavalry under Captain Bush that he kept in service for the whole year sometimes in Virginia sometimes in North Carolina after the tories & once marched to join the American troops to attack Col Fergusson [sic: Maj. Patrick Ferguson] in South Carolina & join them the next day after the battle at Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780]. Capt. Bushs Company were ordered to march & attack a party of Tories assembled on the River Yadkin we marched accordingly and dispersed the tories at the shallow ford & from thence marched to attack others assembled in the Hollows of the Yadkin [on the waters of Ararat River in present Patrick County VA and Surry County NC] & then marched to the head of Smith River [head of Smith River in present Patrick County] after other tories the tories were collected in small parties in many places as we were informed so Captain Bushs Company of Cavalry kept almost constantly on the march after them after we returned from Smiths River my term of service expired having served the full term & was discharged by Captain Bush
[signed] Captain Taylor

NOTE: On 6 Mar 1839 Jane Taylor, 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Daniel Taylor in the summer of 1780, and he died 25 Nov 1835 "of mortification in his right foot supposes it was caused by leading a sedentary & inactive life." With her application she submitted an original family register transcribed below. In support of her application, Elizabeth Kirkham deposed that she had known Daniel and Jane Taylor, formerly Jane Rowland, before and after their marriage in Henry County where she had lived within two miles of them, and that she had also lived near them in Grainger County.

FAMILY RECORD

Daniel Taylor son of James Taylor and Ann his wife was born August the 13th day 1761
George Taylor son of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born August the 1st day 1781
Morgain Taylor son of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born September the 15th day 1782
Keziah Taylor Daughter of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born April the 14th day 1784
Grinsfield Taylor son of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born December the 13th day 1785
Desdemona Taylor Daughter of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born April the 19th day 1788
Elizabeth Taylor Daughter of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born January the 27th day 1790
Mourning Taylor Daughter of Dan'l Taylor and Jean his wife was born October the 5th day 1791
Daniel Taylor son of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born December the 6th day 1793
Hughes O. Taylor son of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born February the 1st day 1796
James Taylor son of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born August the 18th day 1798

Nancy Taylor Daughter of Dan'l. Taylor and Jean his wife was born March the 14th day 1800
Jean Taylor Daughter of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born February the 15th 1802
William Taylor son of Daniel Taylor and Jean his wife was born September the 12th day 1805
Wm Taylor Decs'd. Sep't. 15th 1828
Dan'l. Taylor sen Decs'd. Nov 25th 1835
John Lane was born in the year of our Lord 1794 and on the 7th day of January
Sally Lane was born on the 24th day of Dec'r. in the year 1792
John Lane and Sally Golden was married the 4th day of August 1812
Anna Lane Daughter of John and Sally Lane was born 30th day of May 1813
Negro Frank born 5th Nov'r. 1796
Nelson born 7th Sept'r. 1810
Anderson born 18th Nov'r. 1815
Elick October 1819
Meriah 1 Sept'r. 1825
Delila 10th Ap'l. 1828
John 15th Ap'l. 1828
George 1st Dem'r. 1830
Peter January 8th 1834
Amanda. Ann. April 19th 1835
Elick Jan. 22nd 1837
Temp July 21st 1838