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Pension Application of William Taylor W6233

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To the Honorable John C. Cahoun [sic: John C. Calhoun] Secretary of the Department of War of the United States of America

J. Alfred Metcalf Circuit Judge in and for the fifth Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and sole Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the County and Circuit of Jefferson in said District, do hereby certify that on this day, William Taylor came before me and upon oath declared – That he is a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the County of Jefferson aforesaid – that in the Spring of the year 1776 he entered the army of the revolution as a first Lieutenant in Captain Francis Taylor's Company [pension application R19418], in the second Virginia Regiment of the Continental establishment which Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Woodford; In the Spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty he was appointed a Major and ordered to join the ninth Virginia Regiment of the Continental establishment, then stationed at Pittsburg commanded by Colonel John Gibson. That in the Spring of the year one thousand, seven hundred and eighty one he (being then stationed at Wheeling in Virginia) received a letter from said Colonel John Gibson, advising him that he (said William Taylor) had been left out of the service by an arrangement made at Chesterfield Courthouse, in Virginia [12 Feb 1781]. That his Commission as Lieutenant as aforesaid was issued and dated in the Spring one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, and that he continued in the military service of the United States as before stated until the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, when he quitted in consequence of the arrangement of the regiments as before mentioned; that he never was commissioned as a major, but acted as such for a year and more; that his commissions as lieutenant and captain were written upon paper, and are worn out and no longer in existence; and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support

Major John Harrison also made oath before me, that he knew that the said William Taylor was in the military service of his country during the revolutionary war as an officer upon the continental establishment, for about six years & that a part of the time, the said Taylor acted as major in the regiment to which the said Harrison belonged [1 May 1818]

State of Kentucky

On the 12th day of September 1820 personally appeared William Taylor in the County Court of Jefferson County in the state aforesaid a court created by the Constitution of the state and being a Court of Record made so expressly by law which keeps a record of its proceedings and also has power to fine and imprison and the said Taylor who is aged sixty seven years and a resident of the Town of Louisville in the said County and his occupation a Tavern Keeper at present being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. In the year 1775 he served as a volunteer in the minute service and was at the taking a tender to a ship at Hampton – that he was at the battle of the long bridge in Virginia [sic: Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] that while there he received a Commission of first Lieutenant and the Company was attached to the Second Virginia Regiment on the Continental Establishment, that he was promoted to the rank of Captain in that Regiment, that when the Virginia troops marched to the South [to relieve besieged Charleston SC, spring 1780] he was promoted to the rank of major under Colo John Gibson and continued in the military service of the United States throughout the Revolutionary War and that he fought in the principle battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and that for said service a pension has been granted him, the Certificate for which is numbered 15,702 and dated the 6th nov 1819

And the said Taylor further declared on oath that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. The said Taylor also declared on oath that the following are the names ages and sexes of his children who live with him in his family towit 1st. Robert H C Taylor aged about eighteen years who assists him in the said Tavern and who is not more than competent to provide for himself not having been in any other business –

2^d. Eleanor M Taylor aged about 14 years –

3^d. Caroline J. Taylor aged about 12 years

4th Louisa W Taylor do 9 years

5th Eliza O Taylor do 5 years

6th Rich'd. W F Taylor do 4 weeks old

That the wife of the said William Taylor is about forty six years old That he the said Taylor keeps his present Tavern on lease from year to year at six hundred dollars rent by which he looses at least three hundred dollars per year and cannot give it up for the want of a home of his own to move to – that he the said Taylor owes to the Bank of Kentucky \$1167. To the Louisville Bank \$500 and to Mr Thomas Prather about \$1500 and that the amount of debt which he owes is about four thousand Dollars.

He further stated on oath that his five youngest children before named are an expense to him and cannot contribute to their support in any beneficial degree and that he the said Taylor is infirm and inactive and with difficulty pursues his occupation aforesaid and will not much longer be able to pursue it at all.

He further declares on oath that if he shall not recover the 198 acres of land mentioned in his schedule that he will not be able to own a home and will be totally ruined.

Schedule of William Taylor property refered to in the foregoing declaration with the valuation annexed to each article

Negro woman named Hannah about 40 yrs old	\$400.00	
Her children James about 8 years old	200.—	
Jerry about 6 do	150	
Daniel about 4 do	120	
Susan about 6 months old	80	
Negro woman Phillis about 18 years old		400
Her child Christine about 6 months old	80	
Negro woman Silvia about 23 years old	400	
Negro Girl Culer about 16 do	400	
negro Boy Tillman who has had the Rheumatism	}	
about five year & now goes on a Crutch aged abt 17 years	}	300
198 acres of land on Harrods Creek in the possession of	}	
Flint under an adversary title The contest is about	}	
boundary and I am advised and expect I shall recover,	}	
but if I do I shall under the laws of Kentucky have to	}	
pay for [illegible word] & improving the land as I am	}	
informed and if I have I must sell the land. But I am also	}	
advised that I shall not. This land is worth \$10 per acre	}	1980

1000 acres part of 4000 acres in Partnership in Breckenridge County Kentucky on which there is an older patent and I expect it will be lost It is unimproved and I cannot get a purchaser of it at 50 cts pr acre	}	500	
15 small Beds for the Tavern worth \$18 each		270	
3 Doz windsor chairs @ 10\$ pr Doz			30
2 Settles	10\$	20	
2 sets of Drawers	14	28	
6 Tables	2	12	
1 Press		10	
10 Doz Plates	1.50 p Doz	15	
2 do Dishes	7.50 do	15	
5½ do Cups & Saucers	2 00	11.00	
3 do Knives & forks	1.75	5.25	
1 Silver Ladle		10	
1½ Doz Table spoons	15\$ p Doz	22.50	
2 do Tea spoons	10\$ do	20	
1 do do do	5 do	5	
1 do Desert do		10	
10 waiters	3/	5	
4 Pitchers	3/	2	
6 Bottles	6/	6	
2 Doz Tumblers	1.50 p Doz	3	
3 Sets of Castors	3. ea	9	
5 Looking Glasses	2	10	
3 Coffee pots	1 00	3	
4 Tea do	3/	2	
6 pr Hand Irons	3/	12	
7 Dutch Ovens	6/	7.	
3 Pots	6/	3.	
2 Iron Kettles	12/	4	
3 Tea Kettles	9/	4.50	
3 Brass Kettles	12/	6.00	
1 Copper do		5	
5 Trunks	12/	10	
12 Candlesticks	3/9	7.50	
2 Pan shovel & Tongs	1.50 p pair	3.00	

One [illegible word] Judgment for about £930 with cost against the Estate of John Handley which is insolvent and nothing can be got

Half of 1000 acres of land deed by s'd John Handley to James Patton & myself to which s'd Handley's title is not good and the land cannot be obtained – price allowed Handley being two dollars per acre. The possession of the land is held under an adversary title with the older patent; and suit was brought for the land in order to have recourse against Handley, who has since died and his estate is insolvent

Wm. Taylor Sen'r

Declaration of Maj Wm Taylor Sen'r in order to be restored to the Pension List, under the act of the 1st of March 1823

State of Kentucky, Jefferson County, Ss. On this 20th day of March, 1824, personally appeared in

open Court, before John P Oldham sole Judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court, being a court of record, Maj. Wm Taylor Sen'r., a resident of Oldham County {formed by an act of the late session of the Legislature of Kentucky, and in which no superior court of record has yet been organized} aged seventy-one years, 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 March 1818, and the 1st May 1821 [sic], that he the said Wm Taylor, Sen'r. entered the service in the summer of 1775, as a volunteer or minute man, in the company of Capt Spencer, (particular date not recollected) that in the winter of 1775 - 1776, he was appointed 1st Lt. in the Company of Capt Francis Taylor, (his brother) attached to the 2^d Regiment of Virginia commanded by Col Woodford, in the Virginia Line, 1st Continental establishment – that he was subsequently promoted to the rank of Captain, and then to that of Major and continued in the Army until the year 1781 – and that he was afterwards, at the reduction of the army arranged out of the service as a junior officer, at Chesterfield Court-House, Virginia; that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropt therefrom on account of his property. And in pursuance of the Act of 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear 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 so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 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.

Schedule of real and personal property of Wm Taylor Sen'r revised since the exhibition of a preceding one, and founded on changes which have taken place posterior to his being dropt from the Revolutionary Pension Roll, on account of property given in through his first Schedule.

One hundred & sixty two acres of Land on Harrods Creek,			
	Oldham County, Ky valued at \$6 per acre		\$972
Negro Slaves =	Hannah, aged 40 (unhealthy)		150
	James “ 12 yrs }		
	Daniel “ 5 “ }	Offspring of Hannah }	
	Jerry “ 8 “ }	except Chester }	500
	Chester “ 5 “ }		
Household & kitchen Furniture, rather over valued			<u>190</u>
	see note #	Total	\$1812

Exhibit of the Debts of Wm Taylor Sen'r. due prior to the 18th March 1818 to wit:

To Bank of Kentucky at Louisville & Frankfort say..	\$900.00
“ Francis Taylor, (Cousin).....	400.00
“ Drs. Ferguson & Booth.	500.00
“ John Herr	140.00
“ Mathew Love	70.00
“ Estate of J K Welsh Dec'd.....	120.00
“ John Shrader	50.00
“ James Hughes	50.00
“ McLanahan & Field	40.00
“ D S Chambers	20.00
“ Richard Barnes	30.00
“ Thomas Glass	25.00
“ John H Cannon	45.00
“ Francis A Moore	<u>75.00</u>
	\$2615.00

In addition to these debts are several others, amounting to \$150 or \$200, which are not particularly recollected; all of which, the said Wm. Taylor Sen'r. can consider in no other light, than incumbrances on his actual circumstances

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

Reuben, sold to Thomas Jones..	1819...	\$500	{The amount received for this property, has
Silvia " to John J Jacob. . .	1821...	500	{ been necessarily appropriated to the
Castiller " to Ben. J Harrison.	1822...	500	{maintenance of the family, & the extinction of
Tilman " to J B Bland.....	1822...	450	{small debts, & education of children
Phillis " to Rich'd Phillips.	1823...	500	

In addition to the above, such has been my necessitous situation, that I have been compelled to dispose of a variety of bedding and other furniture, the amount of which is not recollected.

Description of the Family of William Taylor Sen'r.

William Taylor Sen'r.	aged 71 years	}	Infirm and unable to labor for the support
Elizabeth Taylor	aged 50 "	}	of her family.
Eleanor Madison Taylor	aged 17 "	}	
Caroline Jefferson Taylor	" 15 "	}	It will appear, of course that these cannot add
Louisa Washington Taylor	" 12 "	}	anything to the stock of Maintenance.
Eliza Ormsby Taylor	" 9 "	}	
Rich'd Ferguson Taylor	" 3 "	}	

Slaves = Negro Nancy	aged between 90 and 100 years	}	These negroes are unable to maintain them-
" Adam	" between 80 and 90 "	}	selves, and are retained through gratitude for
" Nancy	" about 50 and crippled	}	past services; and have therefore not been
		}	enumerated in the Schedule of property.

Hannah	aged 40 and unhealthy	}	
James	aged 12 years	}	These from the health of the first and the ages of the latter,
Daniel	aged 5 years	}	are able to do but little towards supporting the family.
Jerry	aged 8 years	}	
Chester	aged 5 years	}	

#Note = The said Wm Taylor Sen'r. has in his possession 2 horses (1 blind;) 4 cows, 3 calves, 1 old cart & 8 head of hogs, which should have been enumerated in the foregoing schedule. The cart, two cows and calves, and the hogs above mentioned are the fruits of private charity; and he was during the last year indebted to the same source for nearly all the bread and meat used in his family – and this year his meat has been contributed in like manner. The value of the property above described is supposed to be about \$160.00

[signed] Wm. Taylor Sen'r

Declaration in order to be restored to the Pension List, under the Act of the 1st March 1823

State of Kentucky – Oldham County, Ss.

On this fifteenth day of November, 1824, personally appeared before the County Court of Oldham, (being a court of record) in open Court, Maj. William Taylor Sen'r. a resident of Oldham County, aged seventy [blank space] years, 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 March 1818, and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Wm Taylor, Sen'r. entered the service in the summer of 1775, as a volunteer or minute man, in the company of Capt Spencer, (particular date not recollected) that in the winter of 1775 - 1776, he was appointed 1st Lt. in the Company of Capt Francis Taylor, (his brother) attached to the 2^d Regiment of Virginia commanded by Col Woodford, in the Virginia Line, 1st Continental establishment – that he was subsequently promoted to the rank of Captain, and then to that of Major and continued in the Army until the year 1781 – and that he was afterwards, at the reduction of the army arranged out of the service as a junior officer, at Chesterfield Court-House, Virginia; that his

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1 horse, blind	\$20	
1 old cart, 2 ploughs 3 hoes and 3 axes	\$30	
7 head cattle worth	\$60	
Household furniture	\$190	
15 Hogs (small)	<u>20</u>	
	\$300	[sic]

Beside the foregoing Scedule I have a Prospect of collecting about two hundred and thirty dollars which when added to that above will make five hundred and thirty dollars, and I am under a belief that I am still in debt more that the above amount [signed] Wm. Taylor Sen'r

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

Sold by the Sheriff of Oldham County to satisfy two executions one on a note given to Francis Taylor for \$400 the other on a note given to R H C Taylor for \$200 – one tract of land containing 162 acres, and slaves Hannah, James, Daniel, Jerry and Chesher.	Time of Sale October 4 1824	Executions returned Satisfied
		Total amount of executions \$

The said William Taylor Sen'r. is still in debt about \$2000; is a farmer by occupation and has a family of the following description to support.

Wm Taylor Sen'r aged 72 years	}	The parents are old and infirm, and it will be obvious that the children all except one being females can add nothing to the stock of maintenance.
Elizabeth Taylor aged 51	" }	
Eleanor M Taylor aged 18	" }	
Caroline J Taylor aged 16	" }	
Louisa W Taylor aged 13	" }	
Eliza O. Taylor aged 10	" }	
Richard F Taylor aged 4	" }	[signed] Wm. Taylor Sen'r

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I, William Taylor Sr. of [blank] in the County of Oldham in the State of Kentucky, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the continental Line of the army of the Revolution and served as such, to the time when the arrangement of the army provided by the resolves of Congress of the 3rd and 21st October 1780 was carried into effect, and was reduced under that arrangement at which period I was a Major in the 9th regiment of the Virginia Line. And I also declare, that I afterwards received a certificate (commonly called a commutation certificate) for a sum equal to five years pay, which sum was offered by the resolves of

congress, of the 22nd March 1823, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st October 1780.

And I do further declare that I have received as a pensioner of the United States since the 3rd day of March 1826 the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars paid to me by the Agent for paying Pensions in the state of Kentucky

[signed] Wm. Taylor Sen'r

NOTE: On 5 Aug 1851 Richard F. Taylor of Henry County KY, one of the sons and heirs of William and Elizabeth Taylor, both deceased, applied for the pension owed to his mother. He stated that his father died on 29 Mar 1830, and his mother died on 29 Mar 1849 leaving the following children: Richard F. Taylor, Eleanor M. Berry, and Eliza O. Horning. He stated that his parents were married in Jefferson County KY on or about 25 July 1796. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of William Taylor and Eliza Courts in Jefferson County on 25 July 1796. In a letter dated 9 May 1894 from Windsor MO, Richard F. Taylor stated that he wished to apply for membership in the "Society of the Sons of the Revolution" in St. Louis MO, and that his father "was one of seven brothers all in the service - one of them I believe in the Navy."

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Addendum to William Taylor W6233

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

Winchester 30th Dec'r 1782

I do hereby Certify that Major Wm. Taylor entered the service of the United States the 29th Jan'y 1776 and became a Supernumary [sic: supernumerary] by juniority the Tenth Feb'y 1781.

Dan'l Morgan [Daniel Morgan]
Brig'r Gen'l

I hereby certify that Major Wm. Taylor entered into the Virginia Cont'l Army 2nd Reg't in the Fall of 1775.

Given under my hand this Eleventh of May 1799.

Tho Hord Capt [Thomas Hord VAS1608]
6th Virginia Reg't

I do Certify that the within mentioned Major W. Taylor was an officer in the 2^d Virginia Regiment when I entered the service which was about the 10th of February 1776 and that he continued in service with said Rank until the Close of the War

Jno Nelson Capt [John Nelson S35537]
5 Virg'a Reg't
6th Aug 1799

I do Certify that Major William Taylor entered into the Minute service & in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Edward Stevens [VAS1922], some time in the summer 1775 as a private, and continued in said service until he was appointed a Lieutenant in the 2nd Virginia Continel Regiment which I think was some time in the Winter of 1775-76 and Continued in service until the close of the war at which time he ranked a Major

7th August 1799

Reuben Taylor Capt'n
from Virg'a in
Congress Reg't.