

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Taylor¹ W6238

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State of Virginia County of Madison – On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County of Madison in the State of Virginia William Taylor aged seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service in the year 1776, he was in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Bluford [Abraham Buford], Lieutenant Elijah Kirtley, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Laurence Taliaferro Major Stevens afterwards General Stevens [Edward Stevens] Major Henry Hill, Colonel James Slaughter, Colonel James Barbour, he enlisted as a volunteer and served out that tour of three months, he was marched to Williamsburg thence to James Town thence by land to Hampton in the County of Elizabeth City in the State of Virginia; he was in no battle in this tour, he received no written discharge but returned with the main company to the County of Culpeper from whence he was marched. Afterwards I was drafted in the Militia and marched under Captain Fisher Rice down to Sandy Point on James River where we joined General Malenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] and we thence marched to Petersburg and was in that engagement [April 25, 1781] in the year 1781, the particular month or day not recollected but believes it to be in the month of May. We were thence marched to Chesterfield Courthouse with the sick and wounded, we then marched to the City of Richmond, thence down James River to the Malvern Hills where our company joined Steuben called Baron Steuben; afterwards in the fall of the same year, he was again called into service and marched to the defense of York Town and placed under the command of Major Welch, Colonel Edmunds commanded the Regiment; He served from the commencement to the end of the Siege of York Town and was present when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his sword to General Washington. His service was laborious, hazardous and fatiguing. He was discharged in the County of Spotsylvania near Fredericksburg Virginia. He served in the whole about nine months.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Taylor, X his mark

[John Kehler and Moses Garriott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p 32: on September 27, 1832 in Madison County Virginia, Abraham Tanner & Benjamin

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Huffman gave a supporting affidavit in which they state they saw the said Taylor in service during the Revolutionary war; that Tanner saw him at the battle of Petersburg; that the veteran served at the siege of York Town until the end of the war. Both men signed their affidavit with their respective mark.]

An additional Declaration made by William Taylor of the County of Madison & State of Virginia in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. This day personally appeared before me Alexander H Simms a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid William Taylor and being duly sworn according to law, that in his First Tour as set forth in his declaration made before the County Court of Madison on the 27th day of September 1832 he served as a private for the term of three months under the officers whose names are set forth in the declaration aforesaid. Afterwards the declarant was drafted and marched under the officers as set forth in said declaration, as well as this declarant now recollects in the month of March or April in the year 1781 and continued in the service for four months, at which time he was discharged as set forth in the declaration aforesaid. That afterwards the declarant was again drafted in the month of August in the year 1781, he was marched to York Town and served to the end of the Siege of York a private of two months, and was discharged as set forth in his declaration aforesaid. The whole of the different periods of the war in which the declarant served he served as a private soldier and as such he served for the period of nine months for which he claims a pension.

The declarant has no documentary evidence, and no evidence of his service except the affidavits of Benjamin Huffman & Abraham Tanner² taken before the County Court in Madison on the 27th of September 1832 and was directed by the Court to forward to the Secretary of War, also, Littleton Taylor who knew personally of the declarant's Services taken on this day before Alexander H Simms a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid. The said declarant hereby refers particularly to the formal part of his said declaration and the evidence of the Clergyman John Kehler & Moses Garriot with respect to his character and their belief of his Revolutionary services. Sworn to and subscribed this second day of May 1833

S/ William Taylor, X his mark

I the said Alexander H Simms and in and in do hereby certify that I put the following interrogatories to the said William Taylor as prescribed by the War Department who answered them upon oath as they are herein respectively set forth. Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of May 1833.

1. Question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia on the third day of April in the year 1754 as I have been informed by my Parents.

Q. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age I have seen entered in a family Bible of my Father's my age as stated in my answer to the first inquiry to wit the third day of April 1754, I am not in possession of the Bible, but believe that it is in the possession of my Brother Thomas Taylor.

Q. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer. When called into service I was then in the County of Culpeper with the late Colonel Henry Hill, since that time the County of Madison has been informed & taken from the County of Culpeper I fell in the County of Madison and within three miles of the spot where I lived when called into the service; where I now live.

² [Abraham Tanner S6190](#)

Q. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. In my first Tour of three months I served as a volunteer, in my two last Tours, one of four and the other of two months I was drafted.

Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. The officers whom I knew and under whom I served and the general circumstances of my service I have before stated in my declaration of the 27th of September 1832, General Lafayette I well recollect General Washington & many others.

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a written discharge, my discharges were always verbal, as was the case generally with the militia in this State during the Revolutionary war.

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. For my character for veracity & belief of my Revolutionary Services I refer to Colonel Henry Hill, Colonel Lewis [? Linn] Banks, Robert Snyder – Edmund Henshaw, Samuel Hinshaw, Abraham Huffman and many others were it deemed it necessary to mention their names.

[f p 47: On May 2nd 1833, Littleton Taylor, 83 on the 3rd day of July next, a resident of Madison County gave a supporting affidavit in which she stated that he had known the veteran since infancy and that he knew of the veteran service as set forth in the veteran's declaration; that he, the affiant lived in the immediate neighborhood of said William Taylor and recollects each particular of the veteran's service. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran is not stated. The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 15: On October 18, 1848 in Madison County Virginia, Ann Taylor, 91 on the 15th of September last, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Taylor, a pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him January 1, 1780; that her maiden name was Ann Hensley; that her husband died March 31, 1841 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 20: in 1855 in Madison County Virginia, the widow, Anna Taylor, 97, made application for her bounty land entitlement in which she states she married her husband in Culpeper County; that they were married by one Harrison a Minister of the gospel and that her name before her marriage was Hannah Henslee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 31st, 1841.]