

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John S. Taylor W9265

Sarah Roberts¹

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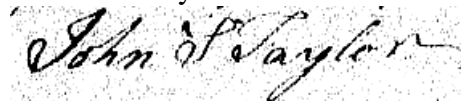
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John S Taylor a citizen of Green County State of Kentucky, aged 60 years this 28th day of April 1818 personally appears in the County Court of Green County and designing to take the benefit of the law of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary war" makes oath that in the Spring of the year (as well as now recollected) but he is uncertain in the year 1776 in the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia where he then resided, he enlisted as a regular Soldier in the American Army under the Continental establishment in the revolutionary war with Great Britain. The aforesaid enlistment was in the Virginia line in the Company of Captain Thomas Patterson, he marched immediately after his enlistment aforesaid to Williamsburg in Virginia, but what Regiment he was and, he does not recollect. The said Taylor makes oath that the aforesaid enlistment was for two years, but after he had served between six and seven months, he was taken sick and was discharged, but has lost said discharge in crossing the Potowmac [Potomac] River. He further makes oath that shortly after he recovered from his illness he again entered into the service of the American Army for one-year and marched off to West Point in the state of New York, on the North River. He believes it was in New York but in this he may be deceived. This affiant believes that his Colonel was by the name of Morgan and knows that Woodford was the general who commanded him. The name of his Captain he does not recollect being infirm in body and weak in recollection. After he came to the northward having served their one-year he went as a soldier to the South under Captain William Jones and was at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and was in said engagement – the said Taylor makes oath further that he is very poor and infirm & has been crippled for 14 years and stands very much in need of the assistance of his country for support. If he were in Buckingham, in Virginia he could substantiate the facts here stated but in his present helpless situation he must rely on the statements here made, having no one in this state that he knows of by whom he can prove the above facts as to his enlistment & service.

S/ John S. Taylor



District of Kentucky Mercer County SS

On this 5th day of February 1821 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of

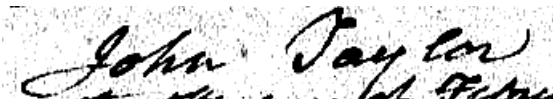
¹ former widow

record for the County aforesaid possessing the power of fine and Imprison [imprisonment] agreeable to an act of Legislature of Kentucky bearing the date of ___ day of ___

John S Taylor aged seventy-three years resident in the District and County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, he joined the Army of the United States at Williamsburg was enlisted by Captain Thomas Patterson of the 7th Regiment Virginia line after eight months Service was discharged in consequence of bad health that he afterwards joined the Army at Valley Forge 7th Regiment that he was at the battle of Guilford, Siege of York and was afterwards honorably discharged at the Potomac River in the State of Maryland. That he has drawn a pension agreeably to a Certificate Commencing the 20th day of April 1818 No. 13438 & signed by the Secretary of War 21st day of July 1819. 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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, 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

1 Mare valued at \$30 debts due \$7 Total amount \$37.

He is or was a house Joiner but is unable to follow said occupation is a Cripple has no family to contribute to his support and has for many years been dependent on the bounty of a distant relative.



[f p 13: On February 2, 1850 in Calloway County Kentucky, Sarah Roberts, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John S Taylor a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; that he died about 19 or 20 years ago; that on July 4, 1841, she intermarried with Samuel Roberts who died November 16, 1848 and that she remains a widow; that she married John S Taylor in Mercer County Kentucky in March 1792. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 16: Claiborne Wells testified in Calloway County Kentucky on July 12, 1850 that John S Taylor and Sarah Taylor had a son William Taylor who was greatly afflicted with white swelling.]

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I do hereby Certify my consent to a celebration of the rights of Matrimony continued between John S Taylor & Sarah Gibson as Guardian of the said Sarah. Given under my hand this 20th of March 1792.

S/ Joseph Glover

[copy of a marriage bond March 21st, 1792 to John S Taylor and Jobe Glover conditioned upon the marriage of John S Taylor to Sarah Gibson. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing April 28, 1818 for one-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]