Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Taylor S31407

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State of Kentucky Mercer County viz.: This day William Taylor Senior a revolutionary Soldier came into open court it being the County Court for the County of Mercer (and a court of Record) and made oath to the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the late act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 – viz. – I William Taylor Sr being first sworn according to law state; That I am now about in the 70th year of my age and now a resident Citizen of the County of Mercer County Kentucky, That I was born in the County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia where I resided during the Revolutionary war, that in the month of July 1779 I volunteered in the Militia Service of the State of Virginia in the County of Mecklenburg in Captain Ship's Company for three months and was stationed as a guard over the Magazine of said County and faithfully served out my time and was honorably discharged, and about the time my time expired & before I left, the Magazine I enlisted with Captain Overton & joined the company of Captain Morrow in the Continental line in the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell for the term of twelve months and I was marched to the South and I was in the Battles of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and continued in service 15 months faithfully before I was discharged having agreed to serve three months in addition to my first time, and I was honorably discharged and I again in the summer 1781 volunteered in Captain Graves' Company of Colonel Burwell's Regiment and General Weedon's [George Weedon's] Brigade and was marched to Little York, where I was present 80 & assisting in the capture of Lord Cornwallis for a term of three months and I was honorably discharged having performed 21 months of actual duty in the revolutionary war as I have stated. I further declare that I am not a pensioner of the United States nor any State and I hereby relinquish all claim which I have to a pension except the Present. Witness my hand this day of August 1832.

S/ William Taylor, X his mark

Mercer County viz.:

This day Martha Sandifer aged seventy-two and Henry Sandifer in the 76th year of his age came before me a Justice of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky and made oath to the following statement is we Henry Sandifer & Martha Sandifer being first sworn according to law state that we are in the seventy sixth & seventy third year of our age and we are well acquainted with the above named William Taylor whose name is signed above and we have also heard his affidavit read and we know the facts stated in his affidavit are true, we know that he served at the Magazine and he was also 15 months in the regular Army and he was also in the taking of Lord Cornwallis as we lived near the said Taylor the whole time. Witness our hands this night day of August 1832.
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 21 months service as a private in the Virginia militia and Continental line.]