Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Benjamin Taylor VAS2012 and Robeson Taylor

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of April 1785, in the name of Benjamin Taylor, as a Soldier of Infantry for £16.18.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 6th day of February, 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of November 1785, in the name of Robeson Taylor, as a Soldier of Infantry for £8.12.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 6th day of February 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Robeson Taylor & Benjamin Taylor

The heirs of R. & B Taylor pray an allowance of Bounty Land for their services for 3 years as privates of the Virginia Continental line

Registered 7th February 1834

[indecipherable words]

Allowed for 3 years

J. F. [John Floyd, Governor]

Certificates Issued

JBR

Levin Hyslop¹ a Revolutionary Soldier & a man of truth & veracity came before me & made oath that he was well acquainted with Robeson Taylor & Benjamin Taylor & that they both enlisted in Captain Snead's Company in the 9th Virginia Regiment for the term of three years & were in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Benjamin died a prisoner of war & Robeson returned to Accomack after he was exchanged as a prisoner of war, having been in service & imprisonment nearly or quite four years. Given under my hand & seal as a Justice of the Peace in & for Accomack County this 21st day 1834

S/Wm R. Custis, JP

I certify that Robert Russell Senior² a Revolutionary pensioner & a man of truth & veracity came before me & made oath that he was well acquainted with Robeson Taylor & Benjamin Taylor of this County = that both of them enlisted in Captain Snead's Company 9th Virginia Regiment for the term of three years – that both were captured at Germantown in October 1777 & imprisoned with the witness – that Benjamin Taylor died a prisoner of war in goal [jail] & Robeson finally returned to Accomack after having been in service & imprisonment nearly or quite 4 years. Given under my hand & seal as a justice of the peace in & for said County this 21st of January 1834

S/Wm R. Custis, JP

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Levin Hyslop W7858

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