Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Taylor S281 VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 8 Mar 2013.

Application for a Transfer

County of Patrick Virg'a to wit

On the 22 day of July 1825 before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Taylor who on his oath, declared that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain James Crane in the regiment commanded by Colonel Gaskin [sic: Thomas Gaskins] in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war, that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia at the rate of five a Dollars per month from which he has lately removed, that he now resides in the State of Tennessee Franklin County where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future that at present he receives Five Dollars and 33a cents per month.

Sworn and Subscribed to before on the day and year aforesaid} James hisXmark Taylor Samuel Hanby JP.} William Cloud JP}

[The following are from pension records in the Library of Virginia.]

On examination of James Taylor who appears to be about Twenty One years of age find a dislocation of the right arm, & fracture of the Olecranon [of the elbow], which has produced a perfect anchylosis [ankylosis] of the Joint – all motion of the Limb being distroyed, he is considerably disabled from supporting himself by hard Labour W. Foushee/ Nov'r 13th 1787 King & Queen Cty./ Nov'r 22 1787

James Taylor was an eighteen months soldier from this County & I have reason to believe his arm was dislocated while in the Service W. Lyne. [Col. William Lyne, King and Queen County Lieutenant]

King & Queen County }

Nov'r. 29th 1787

I do hereby certifie that James Taylor got a discharge from the Service (I think from Colo. Davis [sic: William Davies] & Capt. Crane his arm being dislocated which [the rest illegible in the online image].

King and Queen April Court 1788

Ordered that the Sheriff of this County do pay unto James Taylor late a private in a detachment of the Virginia line commanded by Colo. Gaskins the Sum of twelve pounds his pension for the year 1786 Test/ Robert Pollard Clk

[There are documents similar to this for 1787 and 1788.]

NOTES:

Accompanying the request for a transfer is a certificate stating that Taylor had lived in Franklin County for about eight years. There is also a letter apparently written and signed by James Taylor at Winchester VA on 28 Nov 1825 with the postscript, "Please dont forget my Sons Land matter."

A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of James Taylor received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 17 Aug 1839.