Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Taylor S39099
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Columbia Jan'y 3rd 1822

I certify that I returned to the Clerk's office of Richland District the application made to the War office by Captain William Taylor late a Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment (Col. William Thomson's) of Continental line. That the Certificate of Lieutenant Colonel Mayson of William Taylor's Honorable discharge was sent on with said application but is not now to be found in the papers of the Clerk's office Richland District but I certify that I have seen it before sent to Washington & believe it to be genuine. I have conversed with my Father who though not in the Continental line was at that time in constant service & he assures me that the said William Taylor did serve his time out according to his enlistment & [several words obliterated and illegible] knowledge the said William Taylor acquired in the Regular Army, that before the End of the War he the said William Taylor served as a Captain in the militia under him -- ever since I can remember he was esteemed for his public service by the neighborhood & was always an undeviating Patriot. The affidavit of those who served with him companies his 3rd application, if this will not do I know not what will. I know of no one entitled to the Countries Bounty if he is not.

S/ John Taylor

PS William Taylor was he says born in Ireland & came to America when eleven years old, he is no relation of mine & therefore I do feel a degree of impatience at the repeated difficulties thrown in the way of doing him justice it is only as one feeling gratitude to him for his services & compassion for his misfortunes.

[p 7: filled in printed form claim]

Schedule

State of South Carolina District of Richland

On this 28th day of March 1821, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district, William Taylor aged Sixty four years, resident nearly thirty-seven years in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: I enlisted in the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina Line commanded by Colonel William Thompson [sic] which Regiment was afterwards

put by Congress upon the Continental establishment that he served the Tour of his Enlistment in Captain Joseph Warley's Company viz. for three years and received his regular Discharge which was regularly transmitted to the War Department in an affidavit when before Judge Colcock.

And 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 viz.:

| one mare worth \$30 | \$30 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| three head of cattle worth | 30 |
| Six head of hogs worth | _12 |
| one plow worth one dollar | <u>\$72</u> |
| | \$73 |

Sworn to, and declared, on the 26th day of March 1821 before S/ James S. Guignard, Clerk

S/W. Taylor

[Attested by the clerk on April 4, 1822]

[p 9: an identical statement as set forth above except in handwriting and attested by the clerk, James S. Guignard, March 26, 1821]

South Carolina Richland District:

S/ James S. Guignard, Clerk

Before me James S. Guignard Clerk of the Court and Quorum [indecipherable word] ex officio periodically appeared Morgan Griffin¹ and Gideon Griffin² of this District who being duly sworn made oath that [they] are well acquainted with William Taylor who have applied to Congress for a Pension -- that they have been acquainted with him ever since the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, and to their knowledge the said William Taylor served three years as a Sergeant in Captain Joseph Warley's Company -- Sworn to before me this 10th December 1821

S/ Morgan Griffin, X his mark S/ Gideon Griffin, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 26, 1821, for service as a Sergeant for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]

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¹ Morgan Griffin S18844

² Gideon Griffin W8877