Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Taylor S7688
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State of North Carolina, New Hanover County

On this the 29th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared before Timothy Bludworth one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of New Hanover in the State aforesaid John Taylor a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged eighty-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 with Captain Benjamin Coleman and served in the fourth Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers: Colonel Archibald or perhaps Jesse Lytle [Archibald Lytle], Captain William Lytle: one Hall he thinks was Lieutenant he cannot tell with certainty who his other officers were; that he left service he thinks in the spring of the year 1783; that when he entered the service he resided in Craven County North Carolina about twelve miles from New Bern; that he was in no battle; that he embodied at Kingston [sic, Kinston] in Lenoir County N. C. on the Neuse [River] and marched from thence to Wilmington N. C.; from thence to Georgetown S. C. from thence to Ashley Hill where he joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army from thence to James Island, where he remained till his term viz. eighteen months, was nearly expired and came across to River just below Charleston and was discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/Tm. Bludworth, JP

S/ John Taylor, X his mark

[Will Graves' Note: I think the following 'commission' belongs in the file of either Capt. <u>John Taylor S7688</u> or Col. <u>John Taylor W18114</u>, not in this file. There is no evidence in this file that this John Taylor ever lived in Orange County or ever claimed to have served as a commissary or other officer.]

North Carolina War Office Hillsboro 11th of October 1780

To Mr. John Taylor of Orange County, Greeting

Reposing Confidence in your Patriotism, Zeal, Activity and Integrity, we do by these Presents appoint you a Commissary to receive and issue Provisions and Forage in the Town of Hillsboro to the Army of this and the United States, Observing such Direction as you shall from time to time receive from the Board of War, conforming himself to the Laws of this State.

By order

S/ Alex Martin

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that the above is a true copy, taken from the original on file in this Office.

Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1842.

S/Wm Hill

[Note: for the above certificate, William Hill billed the Commissioner of Pensions, \$.20.]

[Note: The file contains no documents indicating that the standard supporting affidavit or any other corroborating evidence was offered as to this veteran's services.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia, sic, it appears however that this veteran served in the NC Continental Line as an "Eighteen Months Man."]