Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Baylor VAS2432 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I certify that I was acquainted with Jno Baylor of King and Queen County and state that the said Baylor entered the army of the United States & served as cornett in capt Baylor Hill's [BLWt249-300] troop of cavalry at least four or five years in the revolutionary war. Cartertaron townen

Carter Croxton Sen'r [S9250]

[Essex County VA, 18 Mar 1833]

The affidavit of Leonard Shackelford [S6085] a Revolutionary Pensioner taken before me Alex'r Fleet a Justice of the peace in the state of Virginia and County of King & Queen this 21st day of May one thousand eight hundred & thirty four

This affiant being first duly sworn deposeth & saith, that he is now in the seventy fifth year of his age, that he was well acquainted with John Baylor of King & Queen County who died many years since, that they were raised in the same neighbourhood & went to school together, that the said John Baylor entered into the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war as a Cornet in Capt. Benjamin Temple's [BLWt2214-450] troop of Cavalry about the year 1776 or 77 that this affiant went with the said John Baylor at Middlebrook in New Jersey, he thinks in the year 1777, then acting as Cornet in said troop that shortly after that time [31 Mar 1777] Benjamin Temple was promoted to a Colonel's commission, & the said John Baylor was made Lieutenant in said Troop, that they served together at various places besides Middlebrook for about the space of two years, that he well remembers said John Baylor was at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & acting as an Officer, that he is confident the said Baylor served at least three years, for they were in service together nearly two years, (that is to say they were frequently together but did not serve in the same company) & he is confident he had returned at least a year before said Baylor left the service and this affiant verily believes said Baylor retained his commission as Lieutenant till he left the service having performed his tour of three years and further this affiant saith not Lionard Shackelford

To his excellency Littleton W Tazewell Govenor of Virginia.

The memorial of Elizabeth Taylor of Hanover County Mary Williamson of Richmond Robert Temple of Chesterfield county Benjamin Temple of Kentucky Ann M. Barrett of King Wm County Temple & Robt Gwathmey of Richmond Brooke Gwathmey of Norfolk Temple Gwathmey of King & Queen and Emily Gwathmey King Wm Cty children of Owen Gwathmey & George Gwathmey heirs Residences or names not known. Eliza Harris formerly Eliza Gwathmey heirs unknown Fanny Doswell formerly Fanny Gwathmey Hannah Hatchetts heirs who was Hannah Gwathmey names unknown Fanny Hill of King Wm county. Nancy Hill heirs unknown Patsy Hill & Charles Hill of King & Queen Brookes Hill of Mississippi & heirs Maria [two undeciphered words] B Hill & [two undeciphered words] Wm. & Mary Hill of King & Queen cty [undeciphered name] of Mason & Elizabeth Garlicks Heirs Respectfully represent that they are the descendants and heirs at law of the late John Baylor who resided in the county of King & Queen and is reputed to have been a Cavalry officer in the war of the revolution. Your Memorialist beg leave to say that they know nothing personally of the services of said Baylor but believe he entered the service in the latter end of the year 1776 or early in the year 1777 in a company of Cavalry

commanded by Capt Benjamin Temple & Brooke Hill as a Cornet, said company being on continental establishment, That he was afterwards promoted to a Lieutenancy in said company and served at least three years for the correctness of which opinion they beg leave to refer your excellency to the enclosed or accompanying affidavits as also to a report made by Com'r Smith [Commissioner John H. Smith] of the officers or the Virginia Continental & state lines who have not received land for Revolutionary services at all, amongst which said Baylor stands reported as entitled

Your memorialists beg that as the heirs are so numerous and so scattered in different counties & States that your excellency will not enforce the rule which requires all the parties to sign the memorial as it would at once cut them off from all participation in the appropriation made by the last congress for the benefit of the heirs of the officers & soldiers of the Revolutionary war and which is said will be the last made [27 July 1835]

Very Respectfully/ Mary Hill William Hill George Hill

I John Clarke [John Clark W10625] of the county of King & Queen & State of Virginia aged seventy six do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Baylor before he went into the army of the Revolution that about the year 1777 while I was under Gen'l. Washington in Greenes [Gen. Nathanael Greene's] division in the state of Pennsylvania or New Jersey while the army was marching or halting for some purpose Capt Baylor Hills troop of horse was passing us & the Capt came up & spoke to me as well as the said John Baylor who was then acting as Liet [Lieutenant] in said troops and on enquiry told me where he had been in service which was the reason we had not met before. Said Baylor remained at his post in the troop until he was taken sick and obtained a furlough to go home the sickness terminated in his death. I have every reason to believe he enlisted for the war. I was so well acquainted with his disposition that I think a military live was his element he certainly served upwards of three years and indeed that he died in service on furlough I have no doubt

John Clark Cornett

[1 Aug 1835]

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