

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Edmund Taylor S1259

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Commonwealth of Kentucky, Calloway County

On this 27th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared before John Irvan, R. E. Rowland & Elisah Hardy – Justices of Calloway County Court now sitting Edmund Taylor Senior, a resident of said County of Calloway & State of Kentucky aged about 76 years of age who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein Stated. That he entered the Service in the Light Horse of North Carolina about the latter part of October or first of November 1781 under Captain James Fletcher and under Col. Thomas Wade. He states that he marched during this Service through North Carolina & part of South Carolina. He states that he volunteered for three months and during his Service was engaged in chasing the Tories & quelling the Tories & in procuring Beeves for General Greene's Army when they were stationed at Cheraw Hills in South Carolina. He states that he received a written discharge from Ensign Joseph Bowen who was under Captain Fletcher at the end of this tour but has lost or mislaid the same. He states that he returned home but remained the only a few days when the Tories being still troublesome there was a call for what was called Minute Men -- & it was proclaimed that all who would join should be free from standing a draft. He states that he engaged in this service in the early part of the Spring in the year 1782 in the capacity of a Minute Man and served till the End of the War which was about six months under Captain John Randale [Randall?, Rundle?, Randle?]. He states that he served during this time in quelling the Tories. He states that he engaged to serve no particular time – but was to be always ready to go out when called on. He states that he was called on frequently & traversed the Country in hunting & quelling the Tories. He says that he received no written discharge from this service but served at least six months & further that his services expired by peace being proclaimed. He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living witness whose testimony he could procure to prove his services – but his neighbors James Wetherspoon, J. Allbritton, J. Barham, Whitmel Halland [Holland?] will bear ample testimony as to his character for veracity and as to his reputation of having been a revolutionary soldier. He states that he was born in Anson County North Carolina where he lived till he was about 48 years old – that he was born about the year 1758 – that he lived in Montgomery County North Carolina when he entered the service. That he moved from thence to Stewart County Tennessee in the year 1804 that he lived there about 20 years & thence removed to Calloway County Kentucky where he now lives. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State whatever.

S/ Edmund Taylor, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Crud, Clk

[Standard affidavit of reputation for veracity, age and reputation as a revolutionary soldier given by Absalom Copeland, a clergyman, and John Hamlett, a neighbor]

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Edmund Taylor Sr. who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades --

For three months I served as a volunteer in chasing the Tories & quelling them and in procuring

beeves for General Greene's Army when they were stationed at Cheraw Hills South Carolina, under Captain Fletcher and Colonel Thomas Wade. I served six months as a minute man, having volunteered under the command of Captain John Rundle [Randle?] who was under the command of Colonel Thomas Wade and for such service I claim a pension.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of June 1833.

S/ G. W. Frazer, JP

S/ Edmund Taylor, X his mark