Pension application of Philip Taylor W18100 Sarah fn71NC
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State of North Carolina, County of Chatham

On this 15th day of February A.D. 1837 personally appeared before me Charles J. Williams a Justice of the Peace of said County Mrs. Sarah Taylor a resident of Pittsboro in the County & State aforesaid aged 75 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of Philip Taylor who was a Captain in the Regular Continental Army of the revolution & served as such in the sixth Regiment for about the period of three years from the 16th of April 1776. That he was, as she has been informed & believes, in several engagements, particularly those of Brandywine & Germantown & was near General Nash when he fell. That after this period of service he and your Petitioner Sarah were married and in about two months, thereafter, her said Husband again joined the Army as a Colonel in the militia & marched to the South under General Davie & served for several months at how long she does not now recollect. That her said husband while in the regular Army was also in the Southern Campaign, was taken Prisoner at Charleston South Carolina -- & after his release was married as above set forth.

She further states that at the period of her said husband's entering the regular Army & also at the time of his going out in the militia service he was a Citizen of Granville County in the State of North Carolina.

She further declares that she was married to the said Phillip Taylor on the 21st of August 1780. That her husband the aforesaid Philip Taylor died on the 18th day of February A.D. 1795. And that she has remained a widow ever since that period. And that she knows of no other documentary all other proof within her reach to establish the services of her said husband in the testimony here with sent.

S/ Sarah Taylor

Sworn to & subscribed before me on the day above written, the Affiant being from bodily infirmity prevented from appearing in open Court.
S/ C. J. Williams, JP

State of North Carolina, Granville County

On this the 3rd day of February 1837 personally appeared before me Richard Sneed (a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid), John Taylor,[1] Senior, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, viz: That he was a Captain in the Revolutionary Army – that he is now drawing a pension for said services – that he was well acquainted with Colonel Philip Taylor of the Revolutionary Army – that he was taken prisoner at Charleston, while a Captain in the regular service – that after his release he was appointed Colonel of Militia, and marched as second in command to General Davie to Salisbury and from Salisbury to the Catawba and that he continued in service until the expiration of the term for which the Soldiers were drafted. He further states that Colonel Philip Taylor was married after his return from Charleston where he was taken prisoner and before he marched to Salisbury and the [word obliterated] under General Davie, he married Sally Lewis the Were order of Colonel John Lewis called Mountain John Lewis, he has never heard of the Death or marriage of Mrs. they were sets the death of her husband but understands and believes she is now living.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me. S/ John Taylor, Senior
S/ Richard Sneed, JP

1 FPA S7684

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 25th day of May 1841, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County John Porterfield[2] a resident of said County and an United States pensioner, who being first duly sworn according to Law, deposeth and saith that in the summer & fall of 1781, he served a tour of duty of four months (draft – 3 months) in the militia, in the United States service, as a private of Infantry. In said tour we were in pursuit of Colonel Fanning, who had recently surprised and captured the Town of Hillsboro. In said tour, this deponent remembers that Philip Taylor, of the County of Granville, was a private of Dragoons in the United States service, and was in Col. Thaxton's [sic, Thackston's] Regiment (he thinks), remembers very well of seeing said Taylor at North East Bridge, and Sevan's plantation.

That in the said tour, the aforesaid Philip Taylor, served as private of Dragoons – Having formally served as Colonel of the Militia, and the said War of the Revolution, as this deponent understood, and believes.

How long said Taylor served in this tour, this affiant does not know – a remembers of seeing the said Phillip Taylor in active Service in said tour, as private of Cavalry as above set forth.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written before me.

S/ J. J. Freeland, JP S/ John Porterfield, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 17th day of June 1840 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County Robert Bevill[3] of said County formerly of Granville County aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith as follows (to wit) that sometime in the fall of the year 1781 immediately after the Tories had surprised and captured the Town of Hillsboro orders were received at Harrisburg to raise three months militia men to aid in attempting to rescue Governor Burke and the other prisoners that had been made by Colonel Fanning when he took Hillsboro.

A company of us volunteered for said three months tour as Dragoons about the 20th of September. Smith was Captain of said Company Luke Wiles was Lieutenant – were marched to Hillsboro and put under command of Colonel Thaxton in Hillsborough other dragoons Joined us we were ordered to join General Butler and fell in with the advanced troops under Butler at Raft Swamp – thence was marched to Monroe's Bridge and was for a while under Brigadier [General] Rutherford thence was marched to North East Bridge where we were also Stationed some weeks thence to Swan's plantation and while at this Station the news of Cornwallis surrender to General Washington was received. In about four weeks after this news was received we were marched back to the Town of Hillsboro and thence discharged by Col. Thaxton having served as privates of Dragoons just three months.

In all of said tour this Deponent remembers that Colonel Philip Taylor of the aforesaid County of Granville was a private of Dragoon in said Smith's Company that said Philip Taylor was Solicited to take the command of the company but declined serving all the while as private soldier of Dragoons. This deponent remembers that in the fall and winter previous the aforesaid Philip Taylor was in Command of a Regiment of Militia and was under General Greene & Colonel Davie a three months tour as it was so said and believed.

Said Phillip Taylor was also said to have served as a Captain in the Continental Service in said War of the Revolution – and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn and Subscribed the day & date first above written before me.

S/ Thos. Jones, JP S/ Robert Bevill, X his mark

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2 FPA W1995

3 FPA W2586 (his name is also spelled Robert Bevel in his pension application file)/

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 13th day of October, 1840, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County John Graham[4] a resident of the County of Davidson in the State aforesaid, and United States pensioner, aged 79 years on the first day of November next, who being first duly qualified according to law Deposeth & saith that in the fall of the year of 1780 he was in Col. Davie's Regiment as a private of Cavalry and whilst encamped in the County of Mecklenburg, remembers of Colonel Philip Taylor of Granville County – was at said camp in command of a Regiment of Horsemen – but how long said Philip Taylor was in command of said Regiment, this Deponent does not know & further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn & Subscribed this the 13th day of October 1840 S/ John Graham

S/ Saml. N. Tate, JP

State of North Carolina, Granville County

On this the 4th day of February 1837 Personally appeared before Williamson Parham (a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid) John Locke,[5] a Resident of the County and State aforesaid who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration that he was a Soldier in the revolution Army that he is now drawing a pension for said service that he was well acquainted with Colonel Philip Tayson [sic] of the Revolutionary Army that he was taken Prisoner at Charleston while a Captain in the Regular Service that after his release he was appointed Colonel of Militia and marched to the South under the Command of General Davie and that he continued in service until the expiration of the time for which the soldiers were drafted he further stated that Colonel Philip Taylor was married to Sally Lewis daughter of Colonel John Lewis but does not recollect at what time their marriage took place.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me. S/ John Locke

S/ Williamson Parham, JP

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day Jacob Byrum[6] personally appeared before me George H. Shutt one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Chatham and made oath in due form of law that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War for which services he is now in the receipt of a Pension from the General Government, that he would was well acquainted with Colonel Philip Taylor and that he served under him as a Private the said Phillip Taylor being the Colonel Commandant of the Regiment. He further states that he marched with the Regiment under the command of Colonel Philip Taylor from the County of Granville in the State of North Carolina through the town of Salisbury, and thence to the Catawba and into South Carolina, that they were serviceable in keeping the Tories in subjection but were not otherwise engaged in any battle during the term of that service, which was for six months, that this service was performed in the year 1780. This Affiant has always understood and believes that the said Colonel Philip Taylor was in service during the whole of the war, either as an officer in the Regular Service or the Militia but at what time he was married he cannot say but he has understood and believes it was before the termination of his Services during the war. This Affiant also states that he was raised in the County of Granville, North Carolina and that said Colonel Philip Taylor was also raised in the same County, that they both removed after the termination of the war to the same neighborhood this affiant to the upper part of the County of Wake and Colonel Philip Taylor to the County of Chatham where he died in the left a widow. S/ Jacob Byrum

S/ G. H. Shutt, JP

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4 I couldn't find an application for a pensioner who fit this description.

5 Spelled "Lock" in his application: FPA S41782

6 Jacob **Byrum** S4983

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Captain Phillip Taylor was commissioned Captain of the sixth Regiment on the 16th day of April 1776, omitted June 1778, mustered January 1779 in the fifth Regiment; I do also further certify, that it appears from the Warrant book in this Office, that the said Captain Phillip Taylor drew a Warrant for his services for the term of three years and three months – and I do further certify that I have no militia rolls in this Office.

Given under my hand this 25th day of December 1840.

S/ Wm Hill

[The widow died April 13, 1837 survived by 3 children, to wit: Iphigenia F. Taylor who intermarried with Thomas H. Jones; Apphia Taylor who intermarried with William Scurlock; and Mary W. Taylor who intermarried with Charles J. Williams.]