

## **Pension Application for David Taylor**

S.23447

State of New York

Jefferson County SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County David Taylor 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 period mentioned below, and in the following grades for fifty-two days as a Quarter Master's Sergeant to wit 12 days in one tour and 40 days to Cherry Valley. Rood was Quarter Master, Major McKinstry commander of Militia Colonel Alden of the Continental Army had command of the whole—on half of a month near Schoharie Scouting.

I served as Quarter Master [Health?] was Adj't —was dismissed at Albany. He was in Col. VanNess' Regt had no commission but acted under other appointment of the Colonel—three months as a Private in taking Burgoyne—and in the following tours—to Roby Town—to Livingston Manor—to Kinderhook to Canaan—7 Fort George in the Capacity of a Private one and three fourths months—making in all not less than —half a month Quarter Master—53 days 2 months Sergeant 4 &  $\frac{3}{4}$  months Private.

That in his declaration he did onto state his 15 days service scouting near Schoharie to have been in the capacity of QuarterMaster, but such was the fact—He asks a Pension for the above service. I never had a commission. (Signed) David Taylor

Sworn to & subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 before me. David Lee  
Justice of the Peace.

Letter in folder dated October 7, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the revolutionary War record of David Taylor, a pensioner while living in Rodman, New York.

The data concerning David Taylor which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.23447, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

David Taylor was born November 17, 1750 in Hebron, Connecticut; the names of his parents were not given.

David Taylor moved from Hebron about April 1, 1775 to Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York. He enlisted there and served as private and quartermaster sergeant at various times with the New York troops, under Captain McKinstry and Colonels VanNess and Alden; he was at the surrender of Burgoyne and in several scouting parties, length of entire service six months and twenty-eight days. There are no definite dates of service given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1832, then living in Rodman, Jefferson County, New York, where he had lived about twenty years.

The papers on file in this claim contain no reference to wife or children fothe soldier, David Taylor. He brother, Jonathan Taylor, was living in 1832 in Philadelphia, then aged seventy-nine years.