

Pension Application for Joseph Taylor

S.6290

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of Tennessee

Overton County

On this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared before me James Dennis one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Joseph Taylor a citizen of said County aged seventy years January last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 with William Ritchardson, John Hannawall, James McBride, Israel Murphy, John Cole, Gabriel Huffman, John Myers, John Sullivan, James Wood, John Lampson, John Bowman, Philip Calwell were men who all enlisted for the term of twelve months with himself and were all commanded by Capt. Cheming Fisher and there Col was by the name of Laress.

He states that he was born in York State in the County of Dutchess in the year 1762 by the record furnished him by his parents and which he has a copy of in his House now in the Bible he remained in said County until he was about four years of age when he was removed by his parents to the County of Albany there he remained until the time of his enlistment which was for the term of twelve months in what was called the Batto Service.

He thinks it was in the spring of the year April or May in 1779 when he enlisted and went which was Albany and there took and [an] oath to support the United States of America and obey the laws thereof &c and then inlisted into Service and was principally [principally] employed in boating up and down [the] Hudson River conveying provisions from Albany to a place then called the Half Moon Point to a Continental Store at the mouth of the Mohawk River and landing about 100 miles from Albany he states that when he went to the fish kiln landing [FishKill Landing?] he and his company took a number of Boats such as Battoes down and was then employed there a while ferring cattle across the river thence up the River again and continued in that kind of service until his term of twelve months was out he then states that a few days before the twelve months was out he was taken sick. Directed to go home being near home and he got home about the end of the time and soon recovered his health.

He then got his discharge he supposes the reason was that at the end of the twelve months when he got home his officer was not with him he states that he was furnished a few cloaths [clothes] by the Government and some money which was called Continental money and which was of little or no use to him he states that he remained at home until in the winter of 1780 he thinks in the month of January he then enlisted again for the term of twelve months more under the same Captain fisher and went to Boating again and teaming cutting and halling [hauling] wood for the use

of the Magazine which was at Albany called the wood Magazine and for the use of the publick.

He was then continued boating and waggining [wagoning] until the end of twelve months making in both tours two years service, he then was dismissed and returned home again and remained in Albany County State of New York until the close of the revolution was frequently called out against the Indians and Tories after his two years as a regular soldier but only for a short time and then return[ed] home again got no discharge the last time.

He states that this is as near as he can recollect a correct statement about the hole [whole] matter of his services and that there is no person living near him by whom he can prove his services that the nearest witness lives about seventy miles from him and that he is unable to have him here at this time and that he is now unable to travel about any where scarcely either on foot or a horse back that it is about 8 miles from here to the seat of Justice for this county and owing to his infirmities he is unable to attend the Court House to file his declaration there fore makes the same before a Justice of the peace for said County he states that he has lived in this state nearly forty five years he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. (Signed) Joseph Taylor

James Dennis J.P.