

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Taylor R10439

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State of Tennessee, County of Henry

On this 11th day of June 1833, personally appeared before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Henry, William Taylor, alias William Snider, a resident, at present in said County, Tennessee, aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 with Captain Richardson and Served in the fifth Regiment of the Continental line, under the following named officers: the Captain under whom he served as before Stated, was named Richardson – the Company were rifleman – the Regiment was called the fifth & was commanded by Col. Isaac Huger – the Major was named Benjamin Huger – he recollects a Lieutenant Davis who was attached to his Company & who was Captain at the time of his Discharge. He enlisted to the best of his recollection, for 14 months -- & served out the time, within nine days of which time, the period of his service being about to expire, he, with others, were put in the Prevo [sic] guard house at Charleston on John's Island in order to compel them to reenlist, or compel them to do Service on board of vessels, as Sailors & Marines were then very much wanted – on the next day a recruiting party came into the guard house with money to tempt the men to reenlist & he, this deponent, preferred going on board a Vessel -- & was according[ly] taken on board the Brig *Fair American* of 14 guns, Captain James Morgan which vessel shortly after Sailed to the West Indies and landed at Curracoa [sic, Curacao?] -- & at the Grand Command [sic, Cayman?] Island, & returned to Charleston after having made a cruise of three months & three days – during which time he saw the American ship *Randolph* blown up at Sea -- when, according to his recollection 254 men were lost – in an engagement with the British ship *Lord Armers* [sic, *Yarmouth*].¹ He recollects that during the cruise, the *Fair American* took two pretty good prizes one of the prizes contained Negroes – 2 tons Camwood [?] & a ton of Ivory. After the return of the Vessel to the harbor of Charleston, he waited on Col. Isaac Huger who resided in Charleston & obtained his discharge. At the time he entered the Service he lived in Lincoln County North Carolina – he marched from Lincoln County North Carolina, through Camden to Charleston, where he was stationed during the period of 14 months less nine days, above mentioned – was not engaged in any battle during this term of Service.

Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and the accompanying application for a pension for militia service and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court June 11, 1833

S/ B C Brown, Clk

S/ William Taylor, X his mark

State of Tennessee, County of Henry

On this 25th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Henry County, William Taylor, alias William Snider, a resident at present of Fayette County, Tennessee, (and he makes this Declaration in Henry County, because he has lived in that County for several years previous to his removal to Fayette County – and the witnesses on whom he relies for the substantiation of his claim & proof of his good character are also there) aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 8th 1832.

¹ The USS *Randolph*, a 32-gun frigate, under the command of Captain Nicholas Biddle, was blown up off Barbados while in action with the British vessel, HMS *Yarmouth*, 64-gun ship of the line, on March 7, 1778, with a loss of all but 4 hands of the 315 hands aboard. Biddle died with his ship.

That he first entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He enlisted in the State troops of South Carolina in the year 1777, with Captain Richardson, and served in the fifth Regiment, under the following named officers: the Captain's name was Richardson, the Company were Rifleman – the Regiment was called the fifth and was commanded by Col. Isaac Huger – the Major was named Benjamin Huger – he recollects a Lieutenant Davis, who was attached to his company & who was Captain of the company at the time of his discharge. He enlisted, to the best of his recollection for 14 months & served out the time within nine days &, at which time, the period of his service being about to expire and he, with others, were put in the Prevo guard-house at Charleston, on John's Island, in order to compel them to reenlist, or to do service on board of Vessels, as Sailors and Marines were then very much wanted: on the next day a recruiting party came into the guard house with money to tempt the men to reenlist, & he preferred going on board of a Vessel, and was accordingly taken on board the brig *Fair American*, of 14 guns, Captain James Morgan, which Vessel shortly after we sailed to the West Indies and landed in Curracoa, and, at the grand Command Island, & returned to Charleston after having made a cruise of three months & three days, during which time he saw the American Ship *Randolph* blown up at sea, when, according to his recollection, 254 men were lost, in an engagement with the British Ship *Lord Armour*. He recollects that during the cruise the *Fair American* took two pretty good prizes – one of them contained Negroes, two tons of Camd-wood, and a Ton of Ivory. After the return of the Vessel to the harbor of Charleston, he waited on Col. Isaac Huger who resided in Charleston, & obtained his discharge.

That he entered the service of the United States a second time under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: That after his return home from his cruise in the *Fair American*, in the month of August 1781, he was drafted in the North Carolina Militia, in Lincoln County where he resided & marched to Jack's Creek in South Carolina, where they were encamped for some time – his Captain's name was James Lytle, the Colonel of the Regiment was named Lock [sic, Francis Locke], he lived not far from Salisbury. From Jacks Creek, the declaration was marched to the Eutaw Springs, and was in the battle of that place – after the Battle he was engaged in building the Stockade at Bells Branch, where the prisoners were kept till most of them died. He was discharged at the Stockade at Bells Branch, after having served his three months tour. He obtained his discharge from Colonel Locke; but took no care of the paper as he felt a great contempt for the man, & lost or destroyed it shortly afterwards & has no documentary evidence of his service.

Questions by the Courthouse:

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Ans. In South Carolina – I suppose in the year 1759, as the count I have of my age makes me 74 years old.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Ans. None that I know of.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Lincoln County, North Carolina, at my father's house 6 miles West of Batey's ford-- From Lincoln County, North Carolina, I removed to Rutherford County – from thence to Limestone County, Alabama – thence in 1826 to Henry County, Tennessee, where I lived till March 1832, when I moved to my present residence in Fayette County, Tennessee.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Ans: I first entered the service by enlisting with Captain Richardson into a Rifle Corps attached to the State Troops of South Carolina – on my second land tour I was drafted as above Stated – I may say I was forced, or impressed into the Naval Service, as above detailed.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not recollect the names of any of the regular officers, as we were never intermixed with them – Col. Isaac Huger & major Benjamin UG are all the field officers whose names I can recollect.

I first entered the Service by enlisting in the State Troops of South Carolina, as above stated, under Captain Richardson in Lincoln County North Carolina – at the same time my brother Peter Snider, Isaiah Sallyers, Martin Sallyers, William Conn, Joseph Conn, Arthur Grimes & John Grimes all from my neighborhood in Lincoln County, enlisted in the same Company. We rendezvoused at Captain Robert Alexander's on or near Catawba River, 3 miles from Tuckasitchey [sic, Tuckaseegee] Ford-- we marched from Lincoln County, North Carolina, through Camden to Charleston, where we were stationed during the whole period of 14 months, less nine days as above stated – was not engaged in any battle during the first term. During my second tour, we lay encamped at Jack's Creek until the Battle came on at Eutaw Springs immediately after the battle, the company to which I belonged with several other companies (one I recollect from Wilkes County) were taken to build the Stockade at Bells Branch & guard the prisoners there till my time expired.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Ans: Yes – My first discharge was obtained from Colonel Isaac Huger – I am unable to say what became of it – my second discharge was from Col. Locke, which I threw away immediately from a contemptuous feeling I had for the man.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: I have lived but about 18 months in my present residence – prior to that time I lived in Henry County six years and was well known to J. L. Hagler, John Atkins, O. D. Watson, Stephen Nance, T. Cooney, Thos. K. Porter.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

He states that he has no Documentary evidence of his service, & that the only person living that he now knows of who can prove his Service, is his brother Peter Snider, who entered the Service with him & to whose Declaration of this day he refers to corroborate his own statement.

Sworn to and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court 25 November 1833.

S/ William Taylor, X his mark

S/ James Jones, Clk.

State of Tennessee, Henry County

On this 11th day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the court of pleas & quarter Sessions of Henry County now sitting, William Taylor, alias William Snider, a resident of Fayette County, Tennessee, aged 74 years who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States a second time, under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That after his return from his tour in the regular Service, as stated in his other declaration of this date – in the month of August 1781, he was drafted in the North Carolina Militia in Lincoln County, where he resided, -- & marched to Jack's Creek in South Carolina, where they were encamped for some time – his Captain's name was James Lytle – the Colonel of the Regiment was named Locke – he lived not far from Salisbury –from Jacks Creek he was marched to the Eutaw Springs and was in the Battle at that place – after the Battle he was engaged in building the Stockade at Bells Branch where the prisoners were kept till most of them died – he was discharged at the Stockade at Bells Branch after having served out his three months tour – He obtained his discharge from Colonel Locke but took no care of the paper as he failed a great contempt for the man -- & lost or

destroyed it shortly afterwards & has no documentary evidence that will testify to his service --

Questions of the Court:

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Ans: And South Carolina – I suppose in the year 1759 as the count I have kept of my age makes me now 74 years old.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Ans: None that I know of.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Lincoln County North Carolina, at my father's house 6 miles West of Batey's ford [Beatties Ford?] -- from Lincoln County in said war I removed to Rutherford County – from there to Limestone County Alabama – then to Madison County, Alabama – then to Henry County Tennessee in 1826 where I lived till March 1832, when I moved to my present residence in Fayette County Tennessee.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Ans: I was drafted as above stated.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not recollect the names of any of the Regular Army officers, as we were never intermixed with them – the Corps to which I belonged being camped at Jacks Creek till the Battle came on at Eutaw & immediately after the battle the company to which I belonged, with several other companies – one I recollect from Wilkes County – were taken to build the Stockade at Bells Branch & guard the prisoners there till my time expired when I was discharged.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Ans: I did of Colonel Locke as above stated, and I think is probable I threw it away immediately through feelings of dislike & contempt for him.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: I have lived but about 15 months in my present residence – prior to which time I lived in Henry County six years -- & was well known to J. L. Hagler, John Atkins, T. Cooney, O. D. Watson -- Stephen Nance.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and an accompanying application for a pension or an additional pension for services as a regular Soldier, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ William Taylor, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court June 11, 1833.

S/ B. C. Brown, D. Clk.

State of Tennessee, Henry County

This day personally appeared before me Samuel Kendall an acting Justice of the peace for said County, William Taylor, or Snyder a resident of said County & State aforesaid and made oath, that he was in the war of the Revolution 14 months in the regular Service as he has Stated in his declaration now on file in the War Office, as well as the one forwarded with his affidavit; that he positively can and does Swear that his Brother Peter Snyder Senior whose declaration it is now on file in the War Department, and also sent with this affidavit, Served during the whole of 14 months as declared for by himself in the Revolutionary War – as to the other four months for which he declares this affiant knows not but as to 14 months he positively Swears he served. He can give no better account of his Services,

or officers than is given in his declaration – and the reason why this affidavit was not filed originally with the papers he Swears is that his Agent did not deem it necessary, as he and his Brother spoke alternately of each other's service in the declarations above alluded to. He swears that he has made search & can find no living [witness] who was with them in the Service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th August 1835.

S/ Samuel Kendall, JP

S/ William Taylor, X his mark