

STATE OF NEW-YORK,

*Allegany* COUNTY, N.Y.

On this *fourteenth* day of *February* 1827 personally appeared in open Court, (being a Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, and constituted a Court of Record by proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings, and recognized as such Court by the laws and judicial decisions of said State,) *Stephen Taylor* aged *16* years, resident of the town of *Alfred* in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

he enlisted in the Year seventeen hundred and eighty one into the first Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Borne and in the company commanded by Captain John Williams and afterwards by Lieutenant John Cushing - and served in the same company and Regiment until he was discharged in December seventeen hundred and eighty three at West Point

and that he made application for a Pension on the *fourteenth* day of *April* 1818 and that he received a Pension Certificate, No. 3317 - And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 15th day of March, 1816, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed, viz.

50 chairs \$2.50 - 1 old table \$1.00 - 1 looking glass \$1.50 - 2 old trunks \$7.50 - 5.75

1 old dinner pot - 62 - 1 broken silver - 8 0.25 - 1 broken tin pot 1.50  
 2 small kettles - 8 0.82 - 1 frying pan - 8 1.00 - 4 old saucers 8 3.75  
 2 iron basins 8 0.50 - 1 bakke pan - 8 1.25 - 4 old basins 8 3.50  
 1 old table 8 3.75 - Shovel & Tongs - 8 1.25 - 1 old clock - 8 0.25 - 1.27 1/2  
 11 old plates 8 1.00 - 1 soup dish - 8 0.25 - 1 pitcher - 8 0.37 1/2 - 1.27 1/2  
 1 Comm. cup 8 1.25 - 5 plates - 8 0.44 - 3 tin bottles 8 0.12 - 1.44  
 2 saucers 8 0.25 - 1 pepper mill 8 1.00 - 1 bag 8 1.00 - 1 old badger 8 0.25  
 4 old books 8 0.37 1/2 - 1 saw - 8 1.50 - 1 old wheel barrow 8 3.50 - 3.50  
 1 Chair - 8 0.50 - 5 old knives & forks - 8 0.50 - 1 Coffee pot 8 0.37 - 1.37 1/2  
 1 cow - 8 16.00 - 2 pigs 8 2.00 - 3 fowls 8 0.50 - 20.50

*Stephen Taylor* 5189

That he is by occupation a Farmer but in consequence of a wound received by a Rifle ball through the body and the loss of my right Eye and the weakness of the other, I am rendered unfit to perform much labour - My Family consists of my wife Abigail, who is in very ill health and unable to work and has been much confined to her bed for three or four Years past - My son William aged sixteen Years - My Daughter Caroline aged thirteen rather weakly and subject to fits - My Daughter Emeline, aged Ten Years my son Edward aged Ten Years - Thomas - My stepson Bradford aged five Years -

(Signed) *Stephen Taylor*

To 41

Stephen Taylor

Before me  
this 14th day of February  
1821  
Great Peabody Clerk

At a court of common Pleas held at the Court house in the  
said county of Allegheny before the Judges of  
said court ~~on the 14th day of February~~ before me  
the 14th day of February of the year of February in the  
year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one

Present Philip Church  
Thomas Cole  
Judge

In the matter of Stephen Taylor a Pensioner  
residing in the Town of Westport in  
said County

a schedule subscribed by him containing  
his military clothing and bedding  
acts of Congress of the United States  
and naval stores of the United States in the Revolutionary  
war taken on the 18th day of March 1818  
and having to him subscribed and produced to this court  
the oath of affirmation by the said act required and the  
said court having viewed and considered the nature and value  
of the property mentioned in the said schedule and duly con-  
sidered the premises are of the opinion that the property  
mentioned in the said schedule is of the value of fifty one  
dollars and eighty nine cents and the clerk ordered this  
Clerk to certify the same in due form

The said Stephen Taylor  
has presented on this  
Pension list of the United  
States having exhibited a  
list of his military clothing and  
bedding and naval stores  
taken on the 18th day of  
March 1818

County of Allegheny, ss.

I, Great Peabody Clerk of said county, do hereby certify,  
that the foregoing Oath, and the Schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the  
Record of the said Court; and I further certify, that it is the opinion of the said Court,  
that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule, is  
fifty one dollars and eighty nine cents.  
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court,  
on this 14th day of February 1821  
Great Peabody  
Clerk of the Court aforesaid, in and for said County.

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Application of  
Stephen Taylor, a  
Revolutionary Soldier  
for Bounty Land under  
the act of 3<sup>d</sup> March 1855.  

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claims 160 acres

Samuel Jenkins of  
Albany N.Y.  
agent

Territory of Minnesota }  
County of Wisconsin }

On this fifth day of May AD  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared  
before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and  
Territory aforesaid Stephen Taylor aged thirty seven years  
a resident of Honey Creek valley in the County of Wisconsin and  
Territory of Minnesota who being duly sworn according to  
law declares that he is the identical Stephen Taylor who was a  
private in the company commanded by Captain Christy  
in the first regiment of ~~Minnesota~~ ~~volunteers~~ commanded by  
Col Joseph Vora in the war of the Revolution

That he is now a pensioner on the roll of the Albany pension  
agency at the rate of eight dollars per month under the  
act of the eighteenth day of March AD 1814 and his pen-  
sion certificate bears date the 30th day of September AD  
1815 and is numbered 3306 that he served as such private  
as aforesaid for the term of three years and continued  
in actual service in the said war for the term of fourteen  
days and was honorably discharged as set forth in his de-  
claration and proofs now on file in the Pension Office at Washing-  
ton upon which his said pension was granted and to which  
he respectfully refers He makes this declaration for the pur-  
pose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled  
under the act approved March 3, 1850. He also declares that  
he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or  
any other act of Congress nor made any other application  
therefor and I hereby request the Commissioner  
of Pensions to forward him a warrant to General Scott

he respectfully represents He makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress nor made any other applications therefor, and I hereby request the Commissioners of pensions to forward my warrant to Lemuel justine Albany New York Stephen Saylor

We C. P. Buck and J. W. Curtis residents of Winnebago County in the Territory of Minnesota upon oath declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Stephen Saylor in our presence, and that we believe from the appearance and statements of the applicant that he is the identical person he represents himself to be  
C. P. Buck  
J. W. Curtis

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written and I certify that I know the applicants to be credible persons, that the Applicant is the person he represents himself to be, and that I have no interest in the claim.  
William E. Hewitt

Territory of Minnesota }  
County of Winnebago } Justice of the Peace  
I McWhorter Sargeant Clerk of the said County do hereby certify, that William E. Hewitt was on the day of the date of the above certificate a duly qualified Justice of the Peace within and for the said County duly elected and qualified and that the signature above purporting to be his is genuine  
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my name this 1st day of May A.D. 1855  
McWhorter Sargeant

State of New York  
Cattaraugus County S.P.

Stephen Taylor of the town of <sup>Seneca</sup> ~~Seneca~~ in the

County of Cattaraugus and State of New York and formerly  
of Buffalo in the County of Berkshire and Common  
wealth of Massachusetts being duly sworn and  
and being clothed with solemnity do hereby depose say  
and declare that he is a native citizen of the  
United States and that he served this country in  
the revolutionary war against the common  
Enemy and that he the defendant testified in the  
Month of March 1781 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts  
Regiment Colonel Joseph <sup>Lawrence</sup> ~~Lee~~ in Captain William  
Combs' company for the term of clearing the war and that  
he received an honorable discharge - December  
27<sup>th</sup> 1783 from General Knox at West Point in  
the Regiment aforesaid and that his discharge  
was burnt in his father's house and that he is  
52 years old and is in indigent circumstances  
and needs the assistance of his country for  
support and he therefore prays that his claim  
may be placed on the pension list pursuant  
to an act of Congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1818 entitled an act to provide for certain per-  
sons engaged in the Land and Naval Services  
of the United States in the Revolutionary war  
and further the defendant saith that

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 before me  
Stephen Phelps  
a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cattaraugus

Stephen Taylor



The foregoing declaration sworn to declare  
and subscribed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818  
before me

a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
in and for the County of Ontario, and  
State of New York - - - -

Ontario County ss

I Stephen Phelps a Judge of the Court of  
Common Pleas in and for the County of Ontario do  
certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said  
Stephen Taylor did serve in the Revolutionary War as  
stated in the preceding declaration against the common  
enemy and I now transmit the preceding and  
testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary  
for the department of War pursuant to the directions  
of the aforementioned Act of Congress -

Camden N.J.  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 1818

Stephen Phelps

Ontario County ss

I certify that Stephen Taylor the  
defendant Applicant is in reduced circum-  
stances and in want of the assistance of his  
Country for Support

August 24<sup>th</sup> 1818

Stephen Phelps a  
Judge of Ontario Common  
Pleas

*not recd.*  
August 8, 1933.

Orrin H. Smith  
175 West 4th Street  
Winona, Minnesota.

*See*  
EHW/ILL  
Stephen Taylor  
S. 42457

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Stephen Taylor, who served in the New York troops in the Revolutionary War, who is reported as the only soldier of that war who is buried in the State of Minnesota.

A search of the Revolutionary War records of this office fails to show a claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service of a Stephen Taylor who served in the Dutchess County, New York, militia. The record has been found of a Stephen Taylor who resided in New York State and moved to the State of Minnesota. It is furnished herein in hope that it may be the record of the soldier in whom you are interested.

Stephen Taylor, while a resident of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, enlisted sometime during the month of March, 1781, served as a private in Captains John Williams and Thomas Cushing's company, Colonel Joseph Voss's 1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts regiment and was discharged December 27, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 16, 1818, at which time he resided in Seneca, Ontario County, New York. He gave his age then as fifty-two years, the date and place of his birth and names of his parents not shown.

In 1821, the soldier resided in Alfred, Allegany County, New York. He stated then that his family consisted of his wife, Abbigail, his son, William, aged sixteen years, his daughter, Caroline, aged thirteen years, his son and daughter, Edward and Emeline, twins, aged ten years, and his



stepson, Bradford, aged five years. The maiden name and age of the wife of Stephen Taylor are not shown, and there are no further data regarding his family in the papers in this pension claim.

On May 5, 1855, at which time he resided in Money Creek Valley, Winona County, Territory of Minnesota, the soldier applied for bounty land which was due on account of his services in the Revolutionary War. He stated that he was aged ninety-seven years, no explanation of this discrepancy in his age shown. Warrant No. 18010 for one hundred and sixty acres of bounty land was issued March 10, 1856.

In order to ascertain the location of this land, you should apply to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Building, this city, furnishing that official the number of the warrant, acreage, and date of issuance. ✓

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILMER,  
Assistant to Administrator.

State of New York  
Ontario County

On the Twenty second day  
of August 1814 William Deven being duly  
Sworn doth on his Oath depose & say that  
he the Deponent is personally acquainted  
with Stephen Taylor of the Town of Sura  
in the County of Ontario who formerly resided  
in the Town of Sheffield in the State of  
Massachusetts and that he the Deponent was  
acquainted with the said S. Taylor in the said Town of  
Sheffield before the said Taylor emigrated  
into the Service of the United States  
and that he the Deponent in the years  
1781. 1782. & 1783. was in the Continental  
Service in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment  
Commanded by Colonel Brooke and that he  
knew the said Stephen Taylor was at that  
time in the Service of the United States in  
the first Massachusetts Regiment Comman-  
ded by Colonel Vose and that he knew  
him the said Taylor to serve in said  
first Regiment for two or three years  
previous to the close of the war and  
that he continued in the said Service until  
the close of the ~~war~~ war in August  
1783 when the said Corps were general-  
ly discharged at which time he the  
Deponent was discharged and that he  
the Deponent saw the said Taylor in  
the City of said Town of Sheffield some  
shortly after his Return from Service

which was a few days after the return  
of him the Dependant as her No doubt  
of her recovery an honorable discharge  
and further faith not William Owen  
I have to and subscribed  
this twentieth day of  
August 1814 before me  
Stephen Phelps  
a Judge of Ontario Commissions  
I further certify that I am acquainted  
with the above named Dependant  
Wm Owen & know him to be a Credible  
Witness  
Stephen Phelps a Judge

State of New York  
Ontario County on the twentieth second  
day of August 1814 before me Stephen  
Phelps Esquire of Ontario County  
Judge of the Peace in Wells who being duly  
sworn deposes and saith that he the  
Deponent is acquainted with Stephen  
Taylor of the Town of Seneca in the County  
aforesaid and that he knew the said  
Stephen Taylor in the years 1781, 1782, and  
1783 and that he was then a Soldier  
in the first Massachusetts Regiment  
Commanded by Colonel Joseph Barr and  
that he the Deponent held a <sup>sergeant's</sup> ~~captain's~~  
Commission and served the same time  
in the same Regiment with the said  
Stephen Taylor and he recollects that  
he the said Taylor continued in said service  
to the close of the war and as not  
any draft of his knowing an honorable discharge  
and further saith not. Ben<sup>m</sup> Wells

Sworn to before me on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of August 1814  
George Benjamin Wells the said Deponent and  
and made de Bath to & Subscribed the above  
Deposition before me Stephen Phelps a  
Judge of Ont. Co. Comples

State of New York  
Ontario County  
Clerks Office



The testimony that Stephen Phelps whose name is  
subscribed to the foregoing Affidavit was on the  
day of the date of the same a Judge of Ontario  
common Pleas and that the same is his signature  
I hereto subscribe my name and affix the  
seal of said County at Canandaigua this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1818—

J. W. Nair Clerk

State of New York  
Ontario County, ss.  
Clerk's Office

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WANT

In testimony that Stephen Phelps whose name  
is subscribed to the foregoing certificate dated  
August 24<sup>th</sup> 1818 was on the day of the date of  
the date of the same a Judge of Ontario Com-  
mon Pleas and that the same is his signature  
I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of  
said County at Canandaigua this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1818.

Thos. McNamee

The honorable the secretary of the war department will  
please forward my certificate (if allowed) to Stephen Phelps  
Esqr. Canandaigua who is my agent  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1818.

Stephen Taylor



Albany, <sup>N.Y.</sup> May 14, 1855.

L. P. Waldo Esquire,  
Comr. of Pension,  
Sir,

I enclose the declaration of  
Stephen Taylor, a soldier of the Revolution, who claims 160  
acres of Bounty Land, under the act of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1855.

Yours, Sir,

Very respectfully

Wm. S. Taylor

Agent for Claimant

Agent for Claimant

Rev. & 1813 Wars Section

January 15, 1928

H. C. Varney  
743 Iglehart Ave.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S. 42457 it appears that Stephen Taylor while a resident of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts enlisted in March 1781, served as a private in Captain John Williams and Thomas Cushing's Company, Colonel Joseph Vose's First Massachusetts Regiment and was discharged December 27, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 16, 1818 while a resident of Seneca, Ontario County, New York aged ~~fifty-two~~ years.

In 1830 he was living in Alfred, Allegany County, New York and referred to his wife Abbigail, his son William aged sixteen years, daughter Caroline aged thirteen years, son and daughter Edward and Emeline, twine, aged ten years and step-son Bradford aged five years. There is no further data on file as to his family.

In <sup>May 1865</sup> ~~1855~~ he was living in Money Creek Valley, Winona County, Minnesota, and stated he was aged ninety-seven.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT