

APPENDIX 1. Pension claim.

State of New York
County Ontario

Stephen Taylor of the town of Seneca in the County of Ontario and State of New York and formerly of Sheffield in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts being duly **????** and sworn doth on oath solemnly depose, say, and **????** that he served this county in the revolutionary war against the common enemy and that he the deponent enlisted in the month of March 1781 in the 1st Massachusetts Regiment Joseph Vose commandant in Captain Williams company for the term of during the war and that he received an honorable discharge December 27th 1783 from General Know 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 in indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support and he therefore prays that his name may be placed on the pension list pursuant to an act of Congress passed the 18th day of March 1818 Entitled an act to provide for certain persons Engaged in the Land and Naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War and further the deponent saith not.

/s/ Stephen Taylor

Sworn to declared and subscribed this fifteenth day of
April 1818 before me a Justice of the Court
of Common pleas in and for the County of Ontario.

/s/ Stephen Phelps

State of New York
Ontario County

On the twenty second day of August 1818 William Owen being duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say that he the deponent is acquainted with Stephen Taylor of the town of Seneca 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 Stephen Taylor in the said Town of Sheffield before the said Taylor enlisted in the service of the United States and that he the deponent in the years 1781 1782 and 1783 was in the Continental Service in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment Commanded by Colonel Brooks and he knew him the Said Taylor was at that time in the Service of the United States in the first Massachusetts Regiment Commanded 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 said service until the Close of the War in December 1783 when the said Corps was generally discharged at which time he the deponent saw the said Taylor in the aforesaid Town of Sheffield **?? ??** after his return from service which was a few days after the return of him the deponent as he has no doubt of his receiving an honorable discharge and further saith not.

/s/ William Owen

Sworn to and subscribed

this twenty second Day of
August 181 before me.

/s/ Stephen Phelps
a judge of Ontario Common pleas

State of New York
Ontario County

On the twenty second day of August 1818 before me Stephen Phelps a Judge of Ontario Common pleas came Benjamin Wells deposed and saith that 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 Vose and he the deponent held a Lieutenant's Commission and served the same time and in the same Regiment with the said Stephen Taylor and he knows that the said Stephen Taylor Continued in Said service to the Close of the war and has not any doubt of his Receiving an honorable discharge.

/s/ Benjamin Wells

Ontario County on the 22nd day of August ??? came the aforesaid deponent whom I know to be a credible witness and make oath to an subscribe the above deposition before me.

/s/ Stephen Phelps
Judge of Ont. Comm. Pleas

APPENDIX 2. Pension hearing.

State of New York
Allegany County

On this fourteenth day of February 1821 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 proceeding, and recognized as such Court by the laws and judicial decisions of said State,) Stephen Taylor aged fifty-four years, resident of the town of Alfred in said county, who being first duly sworn according to the law, doth on his own 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 Vose and in the company commanded by Captain John Williams and afterwards by Lieutenant Thos. 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 sixteenth day of April 1818 and that he received a pension Certificate No. 3306. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident 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 any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby 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 18th of March, 1818 not, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, and properties or securities, contracts, or debts owed to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto affixed, and by me subscribed, viz.

5 old chairs \$2.50, 1 old table \$1.00, 1 looking glass \$1.50, 2 old trunks \$.75	\$5.75
1 old desk \$1.00, 2 pr. old curtains \$.50, 1 Teakettle \$1.00	2.50
1 old dinner pot \$.62½, 1 broken Spider \$0.25, 1 kettle pot	.87½
2 small kettles \$0.62½, 1 frying pan \$1.00, 4 old pails \$0.375½	3.75
2 iron basins \$0.50, 1 bake pan \$1.25, 4 old barrels \$0.31	3.50
1 old table \$0.37½, shovel and tongs \$1.25, 1 old chest \$0.25	1.87½
11 old plates, \$1.00, 1 soup dish \$0.25, 1 pitcher \$0.37½, teapot \$0.25	1.87½
1 cream cup \$0.12½, 5 glasses \$0.44, 2 glass bottles \$0.12½	0.94
2 glass decanters \$0.25, 1 pepper mill \$1.00, 1 ax \$1.00, 3 old baskets \$0.25	3.25
4 old books \$0.37½, 1 saw \$1.50, 1 old wheelhead \$0.50	3.50
1 churn \$0.50, 5 old knives and fork \$0.50, 1 coffee pot \$0.37½	1.37½
1 cow \$16.00, 2 pigs \$2.00, 3 fowl \$0.50	<u>20.50</u>
/s/ Stephen Taylor	51.89

That he is by occupation a Farmer but in consequence of 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 last – 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 twins – my stepson Bradford aged five years.

/s/ Stephen Taylor

Stephen Taylor

Sworn to and declared in
open court before me
this 14th day of February AD 1818
/s/ Amos Peabody, clerk

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the courthouse in **????** in and for the county of Allegany before the Judge of said Court on the 14th day of February of the Term of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one

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Philip Church
Moses **????** Judges
Thomas Dole

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

The said Stephen Taylor as a person placed on the Pension List of the United States having exhibited a Schedule **????** by him containing his whole estate and income (his necessary clothing and bedding excepted) in pursuance of an act of Congress of the United States **????** in addition to an act 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 eighteenth day of March 1818 passed March 1st 1820 having taken subscribed and produced to this court an oath of affirmation by the said act required and the said court having heard evidence of the nature and value of the property mentioned in the said Schedule and duly considered the premises are of the opinion that the property contained in the said Schedule is of the value fifty one Dollars and 89 cents and they **????** order this clerk to certify the same in due form.

I, Amos Peabody, Clerk of said county do hereby certify that the foregoing Oath and the Schedule thereto affixed, are truly copied from the Record of the said Court; and I further certify, that it is of the opinion of 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 said Court, on this 14th day of February 1821.

/s/ Amos Peabody
Clerk of the aforesaid Court,
in and for the said County

APPENDIX 3. Bounty land warrant claim.

Territory of Minnesota
County of Winona

On the 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 of Winona and Territory of aforesaid Stephen Taylor aged ninety seven years a resident of Money Creek valley in the county of Winona and Territory of Minnesota who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Steven Taylor who was a private in in the company commanded by Captain Cushing in the first regiment --- commanded by Col. Joseph Vose 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 181, and his pension certificate bears date the 30th day of September AD 1818 and is numbered 3306 that he served as a private 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 is declaration and proofs now on file in the pension office at Washington, upon which his said pension was granted and to which he respectfully refers. 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 application therefore, and I hereby request the Commissioner of pensions to forward my warrant to Samuel Jenkins Albany New York.

/s/ Stephen Taylor

We, C. F. Buck and F. W. Curtis, residents of Winona County in the Territory of Minnesota upon on oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Stephen Taylor in our presence and that we believe from the appearance and Statements of affidavit that he is the identical person he represents himself to be.

/s/ C. F. Buck

/s/ F. W. Curtis

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year written and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons, that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be and that I have no interest in this claim.

/s/ William E. Hewitt

Justice of the Peace