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of Virginia in the State of Virginia
who was a Private in the 1st Regt commanded
by Captain John of the 1st Regt commanded
by John in the 1st Regt
War

1st Regt War

Enrolled on the Roll of 1831
at the rate of 1 Dollars 00 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1 day of Jan
and 1831

Arrears to the 1st of 11 00
Semi-ans. allowance ending 05
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{ Revolutionary Claim,
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by John Clerk
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State of Kentucky
Pendleton County

On this 7th day of October AD 1832,
personally appeared in open court, before
the judges of the Pendleton County county
court now sitting Robert Taylor a resident
of Pendleton county and State of Kentucky,
aged seventy five years, who being first
duly sworn according to Law, doth on his
oath make the following declaration, in
order to obtain the benefits of the Act of
Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he was enrolled as a minute man
in the Militia of the State of Virginia about
the month of October 1779 at Boonsborough
Station on the Kentucky River then in
the district of Kentucky and State of Virginia
(now in Madison County and State of Kentucky)
and in the beginning of the month of November
1779, he was detailed (regularly) with his own
consent to go about fourteen miles from Boons-
borough to a place which is now in the
county of Clark and State of Kentucky
to build a station which was and is now
called Strodes Station and he did go
as aforesaid and assisted in building the
station by working and guarding by turn
and after the building was completed he
remained in the station guarding (except
when ordered out in pursuit of the Indians)
until the beginning of the month of January
1781 making a term of fourteen months
which he was stationed at Strodes Station
all of which time he was engaged guarding

at the Station, ranging through the
country looking out for Indians and for
Indian signs, marching in pursuit of the
Indians as well as marching to the relief
of other Stations which had or was likely
to be attacked by the Indians during all
his service at the Station he served as a
private soldier and under the command
of Captain John Constantine - and
when there was any necessity for men to
go in pursuit of the enemy it was common
to take such men as was willing to go
as there was always some left at the
Station and those who did this go was
said to volunteer. This declarant having
served in all that part of the Indian wars
in the West immediately subsequent to the
year 1787 and having skirmishing being
much of a summer he can ^{not} give at this
length of time even at his advanced age
many of the particulars of the affairs of the
month's service but he will relate some
of the most prominent of which he has
the most distinct recollection. About the
middle of March 1780, the Indians aided by
and perhaps altogether instigated by British
emissaries sent no doubt by the British
authorities commenced a violent recon-
quering of both the new and old Stations
in the district of Kentucky and frequently
where they could find any persons out of the
Station would kill them and steal and
destroy all the property which they could
at such times as the above were
always on the alert and consequently

until the latter part of July or the first part
of August when the Indians accompanied by
a few British emissaries attacked and
~~captured~~ Martins and Riddles Stations
the one on Kingstons and the other on Stony
forks of Licking River immediately there
was men called for to go in pursuit of
the enemy and this declarant with
many other volunteers and marched
under the command of Captain John
Golder with Lieutenant John Pick and
Ensign Thomas Calloway with Benjamin
Logan as Colonel we first marched to the
mouth of Licking River near where Cin-
cinnati Ohio now stands where we were
met by General Clark together with
several other companies when we marched
to ^{Little Miami} Chillicothe on the ~~Ohio~~ River thence
to Preway on ~~the~~ River in what is now
the State of Ohio where the enemy embowed
their forces and gave us battle which
resulted in the defeat of the Indians
we losing some where about twenty
and the enemy as was believed considerably
more in success the enemy had removed
their women and children after this
battle we returned home and a short
time there after we again marched to
within a short distance of Bardstown
having been informed that the Station
at that place was in danger but
learning that it was a false alarm
we returned this time this declarant
marched under the command of Captain

John Constant no other incidents now
recollected nor any other officers than those
spoken of nor does he recollect for perhaps
he never did know to what Regiment
he belonged nor what Colonel commanded
him unless it was Colonel Benjamin ^{Logan}
which is probable as he was usually
along when there was many companies
in company so he will close this
part of his service by saying that he
served not less than two months in the
year 1779 and not less than twelve
months in the year 1780. This declar-
=ant returned to his father in Frederick
County (Virginia) from Strodes Station in
the month of January or February 1781 and
soon after his arrival ^{he was} enrolled as a militia
man in that county to be in readiness
at a moments warning and soon
there after the time not now recollected and
in the aforesaid year of 1781 and when
General Washington had called on his country to
 furnish new levies of troops to operate in
the State of Virginia this declarant was
drafted for the term of three months and
marched and served in the grade of
orderly ~~and~~ ^{first} sergeant in the
company commanded by Captain George
Bell and Lieutenant Henry Gallett Ensign
not now recollected and a Regiment the
name of which he does not recollect nor
indeed does he believe that he ever did
know of any other name than Virginia
Militia but the Regiment was numbered
and he has forgot the number and

as the name if it had any ~~the~~ Regiment
to which he belonged was commanded by
~~William~~ and a Major whose
name he cannot now recollect.
He marched through the country and
occasionally fell in with other troops
which was like the troops to which he
belonged shaping their course to Little
York. ~~Washington~~ to the investment of
Lord Cornwallis they ultimately arrived
and set down before the enemies works
and continued to operate as ordered
until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis
while at Little York he cannot now say
to ~~the~~ Brigade or Division he belonged nor
what General officer had the immediate
command of the troops to which he belonged
he some times now thinks that he was
attached to the command of General
Stephens but on the other hand he
distinctly recollects that in the capacity
of orderly sergeant he read to his company
General orders from General Sturbon he
he therefore will not say what General
had the immediate command of him
except that Washington was the
supreme commander and that there
were many Generals at the siege that
that he now recollects to wit, General
Washington, Jay Fayette, Sturbon, Nelson,
Knox, Lincoln ~~and~~ Stephens and Colonel
Alexander Hamilton who was attached to
the Staff of Washington he recollects
much more of the French troops engaged.

in the Serge than any other troops, because
from their equipment, and dress they were
calculated to attract more of ~~the~~ attention
^{than} those of his countrymen as he was more
familiar with their appearance he ~~was~~
twice at Little York Virginia until after
the Surrender of Lord Corn Waller and
after the necessary arrangements was made
he with the company to which he
belonged was detached to guard the
prisoners of war to Winchester Virginia
and when they arrived there they were
discharged by proclamation of the Captain
and he returned home. At another
time in same year and after the
three months term aforesaid this deli-
-cates volunteered under the command
of Captain Keiskie and Lieutenant
Mr Jenkins and guarded the prison-
-ers from Winchester Virginia to Lan-
-caster Pennsylvania and performed
that service which engaged him and
the company one month no other com-
-pany or saw duty nor any other
officer. After which time and in
same year he volunteered and served
one month more under the command
of Captain Thomas Berry and went
in pursuit of some Tories on the
South Branch of the Potomac River
by the order of General Morgan there
~~was~~ ~~no~~ ~~more~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~seen~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~Tories~~
fled yet some of our men found
means to see one of them there was

but the one company ~~and~~ this hour
so that summing ~~up~~ ^{up} of ~~services~~ ^{services} up
that has declared served in the Revolution-
ary army as a Soldier in the service
of the United States ^{between} not less than two
months in the grade of a private in
the year 1779, and in some grade not
less than twelve months in the year
1780, and as first sergeant not less than
three months and as a private Soldier
not less than two months in the
year of 1781. So that he has served
as a private Soldier sixteen months
and as a first sergeant three months
making in all nineteen months.
This declarant never received any discharge
in writing from any of his officers but
was always discharged by word of mouth
he has no doubt but he could have
received a discharge in writing from
Captains Bee had he called on him
for it after his return home but
he does not do so. He therefore has no
record evidence of his services.

He was born on the 28 day of July 1758
in (as he understood from his father) Prince
William County and State of Virginia
and removed (when he was yet young
and before he could recollect or notice the
year) into Stafford County Virginia and
where he was some where about fourteen
years of age (the time not recollection)
his father removed with him into the
County of Frederick State of Virginia.

And in the year 1779, (as before stated) he moved
to Boonesborough Station on the Kentucky River
and in November of the same year went to
Strodes Station and remained there until
January 1781, when he returned to his
father in Madison County Virginia, and
in the year 1780 he removed with his
father in what is now Mason County
State of Kentucky and immediately went
again to Strodes Station in what is now
Clark County Kentucky and in the
year 1785 he removed to what is now
Mason County Kentucky (then Bourbon)
and in the year 1796 he resided on
Licking River in what is now Pendleton
County Kentucky (then Campbell) where
he has ever since resided and still
resides and has served the County of
Pendleton two years as high Sheriff and
twenty four years as a Justice of the Peace
and a member of the County Court and
is at this time a Justice of the Peace
and a member of the County Court in
and for the County of Pendleton

He knows of no person now living
whose residence he is acquainted
with who can testify as to his service
and refers to the Certificate of Charles
Boner Esq., Colonel Thomas St. Bart & Reuben McCarty
who is well acquainted with him and
resides in the County of Pendleton Kentucky
and well states what the general
belief in his neighbourhood of his
having been a Revolutionary Soldier

there being no clergyman in his neighborhood
- hood and in his county.

He hereby relinquishes every claim
whenever 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 or Territory
Sworn to and subscribed } Robt Taylor
the day and year aforesaid }

We Charles Boner, Thomas M. Hart & Reuben
McCart both residing in the county of Pendleton
county and State of Kentucky hereby certify
that we are well acquainted with Robert
Taylor Esq. who has subscribed and sworn
to the above declaration; that we believe
to be 75 years of age; that he is reputed
and believed in the neighbourhood where
he resides to have been a soldier of the
Revolution, and that we concur in that
opinion.

Sworn and subscribed }
the day and year aforesaid }

Charles Boner

Thos. M. Hart

Reuben M. Cart

And the said court do hereby declare
their opinion, after the investigation of the
matter, and after putting the interrogatories
prescribed by the war department that the
above named applicant was a Revolutionary
soldier, once served as he states.

and the court further certifies that
it further appears to them that
Charles Boner, Thomas M. Hart

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist which must be removed before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus, }.) You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of Robert Taylor

Period when the claimant entered the service.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field Officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
1777	2			Co.	Capt. Constant	75	Traditionary
1780	1			"	"	76	"
1781	3			Sgt.	Col. Logan		
	1			"	Capt. 13th		
	1			"	Col. & recollects		

The time occupied in building the fort cannot be allowed nor can the whole time for which he chaps or begs in service, at said fort, It is more than probable that he is entitled for the time only that he went out under Col. Logan, and for such service only can be I am, respectfully,
 be allowed unless he can Your obedient servant,
 J. L. EDWARDS,
 Commissioner of Pensions.
 states that he was regularly enrolled and was in actual service during the whole time. He states that he was a private man and for the time that he was in actual service only can be allowed.

In reply to your request of _____, received _____
 for a statement of the military history of _____
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
 information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
 sion on file in this Bureau.

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DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT	LENGTH OF SERVICE	RANK	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		STATE
			CAPTAIN	COLONEL	

Battles engaged in, _____
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, _____
 Date of application for pension, _____
 Residence at date of application, _____
 Age at date of application, _____
 Remarks: _____