Finding aid to the land grant for military service to William and James Taylor signed by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, 1807 MS.559

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Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America, TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Know ye, That, in consideration of military service performed by William Taylor (a Major for the seventh year of his service) to the United States, in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment, and in pursuance of an Act of the Congress of the United States, passed on the day of August in the year 1790, intituled “An Act to enable the Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying north-west of the River Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota;” and another Act of the said Congress Passed on the 9th day of June, in the year 1794, amendatory of the said Act, There is granted by the United States unto James Taylor assignee of the said William Taylor a certain tract of land, containing Eight Hundred and Eighty nine acres, situate between the Little Miami and Sciota Rivers, north-west of the River Ohio, as by survey, bearing date the fifth day of December in the year one thousand Eight hundred and three. and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Survey of Eight hundred and Eighty nine acres of land on a Military Warrant No. 4947, for a like quantity in favor of the said William Taylor. On the Stonelick fork of Miami Beginning at a Walnut buckeye and two ashes on the east bank of the creek where the most eastwardly line of John Linton’s Survey No. 681 strikes the bend of the creek, thence S34.E444 ½ poles to a white oak, and three beeches thence S56W320 poles crossing a small branch to two beeches an ash and dogwood thence N34, W444 ½ poles to four ashes in Linton’s line thence N56E320 poles with his line to the Beginning.

With the appurtenances: To have and to hold the said tract of land, with the appurtenances, unto the said James Taylor and his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof, the said Thomas Jefferson President of the United States of America, hath caused the Seal of the said United States to be hereunto affixed, and signed the same with his Hand, at the city of Washington, the fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1807 ; and of the Independence of the United States of America the thirty second.

By the President, [signed by Jefferson]

Secretary of State

On the reverse side: William Taylor was originally entitled to the bounty land granted by the within patent to James Taylor, who claims under the said William

War Office III. Dec. 1807 [signed] W. Dearbourn Scry of War

Recorded in the office of the Department of State Vol IV page 464 of the records of patents granted to the Virginia line on Continental Establishment. Department of State 14 December 1807 [signed] J.W. King

Scope and Contents note

Land grant for military service from the United States government to James Taylor, assignee of William Taylor, for seven years of William Taylor’s voluntary service in the U.S. Military. The document is dated 1807 and is signed by Thomas Jefferson and his Secretary of State James Madison.

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**Biographical history note**

Virginia began to raise troops in 1775, raising 15 regiments in the Virginia Continental Line (referred to in the land grant as the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment) by 1777. William Taylor joined the Second Virginia Regiment sometime in 1775 as a private and continued his service through the end of the war, at which time he had advanced to the rank of major (see attached testimonials regarding his military service). Virginia awarded bounty lands to soldiers who had enlisted for at least 3 years in the Continental Line, State Line, or State Navy. Heirs could apply if the soldier died. The amount of the grant was dependent on rank and amount of time served. The process of applying and proving service was lengthy and required proof of service. The documents supplied by soldiers to support their claims are held in the Virginia State Library. Facsimiles of the documents relating to William Taylor are included here. After examining and approving documentation of Revolutionary War military service, the governor issued a certificate on which the Land Office register subsequently issued a warrant for bounty lands; these documents are also held by the Virginia State Library, and can be requested on microfilm via inter-library loan. Once the bounty was approved, the land was surveyed and a grant was issued. All land grants were in Ohio and Kentucky; records of the Ohio surveys and grants are held by the Ohio Historical Society.

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