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PAGE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
1	Cover page for pension file W. 4603: William Taylor & Sarah	
2	Statement of pension payments to William Taylor, covering the period 4 Mar 1831 to 4 Mar 1833. Total payments: \$160.00. Pension certificate number: 6571. Recorded in Book D, Vol. 6, Page 85 [unidentified series of books].	
3	Statement of pension payments to "William Taylor, 2d", covering the period 5 May 1818 to 4 Mar 1820. Total payments: \$176.02. Pension certificate number: 16257.	"The notation "2d" could mean that William's father was also named William.
4	Document reference number: 5109(?). Statement of pension rate to be paid to Sarah Taylor, widow of William Taylor, commencing on 4 Mar 1848, at \$80.00 per annum. Recorded on Roll of Pensioners, page 284 [page is torn where volume was noted]	
5	Page 1 of Pension application dated 12 Oct 1839, submitted by Sarah Taylor.	
6	Page 2 of Pension application dated 12 Oct 1839, submitted by Sarah Taylor.	
7	Page 1 of affidavit dated 12 Oct 1839, containing statements by Mahlon Taylor, in support of his mother's pension application of the same date.	Includes birth date for Mahlon.
8	Page 2 of affidavit dated 12 Oct 1839, containing statements by Mahlon Taylor, in support of his mother's pension application of the same date.	Contains the signature of Mahlon Taylor.
9	"V 6143 Sarah Taylor of William. Pennsylvania." Possibly the outside or backside of one of the other documents. No other information on the page.	
10	Page 1 of affidavit dated 14 Sep 1838, containing statements by Isaac Allen and Mahlon Taylor, in support of Sarah Taylor's pension application.	Explains the relationship between the Taylor and Allen families. States that the Taylors lived at one time in Columbia Co., PA. Includes Isaac Allen's date of birth.
11	Page 2 of affidavit dated 14 Sep 1838, containing statements by Isaac Allen and Mahlon Taylor, in support of Sarah Taylor's pension application.	Mentions that the Taylors moved to Pennsylvania in 1797. Contains the signature of Isaac Allen.

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12	Page 3 of affidavit dated 14 Sep 1838, containing statements by Isaac Allen and Mahlon Taylor, in support of Sarah Taylor's pension application.	Contains the signature of Mahlon Taylor.
13	Page 1 of petition by Sarah Taylor for continuation of her late husband's pension. Dated 14 Sep 1838.	
14	Page 2 of petition by Sarah Taylor for continuation of her late husband's pension. Dated 14 Sep 1838.	Includes statement by the Register of Wills as to the location of William Taylor's will.
15	Certification by H. C. Piatt, Prothonotary, that the signature of Joseph K. Frederick, Esq., on Sarah Taylor's petition dated 14 Sep 1838, is genuine. Dated 21 Sep 1839.	
16	Pension application by William Taylor, dated 5 May 1818. Includes summary of Army service.	Mentions specific battles he participated in during the war. Contains the signature of William Taylor.
17	Thomas Hays, Prothonotary, certifies the qualifications of Seth Chapman, Esquire, as the signer of William Taylor's pension application dated 5 May 1818.	
18	Page 1 of William Taylor's pension application dated 4 Dec 1828.	Includes a summary of Army service. States that previous eligibility for a pension has been dropped "on account of his property." Includes an itemization and valuation of his property.
19	Page 2 of William Taylor's pension application dated 4 Dec 1828. This page continues the property list and includes a list of his debts.	Valuation of property is signed by William Allen.
20	Page 3 of William Taylor's pension application dated 4 Dec 1828.	Family members mentioned: Sarah, 33; Elizabeth, 30; Fanny, 27; a child of Elizabeth, 6; wife Sarah, 64. He mentions that he is "by trade a Taylor" [sic]. Also includes a chart showing how he has more recently disposed of some of his property, including 152 acres of land to William Allen.
21	Testimonial by Tunison Coryell, Prothonotary, as to the validity of the declarations submitted by William Taylor. Dated 11 Dec 1828.	Makes reference to a nine month term of service in the Revolutionary War, which does not agree with any other summaries or records of William Taylor's service.
22	Cover page: "Wm. Taylors Application for Pension under the act of June 7, 1832." Pension certificate number 11233.	
23	Page 1 of William Taylor's pension application, dated 5 Sep 1832.	Mentions his discharge at Valley Forge by Brig. General Charles Scott. Contains signature of William Taylor.

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24	Page 2 of William Taylor's pension application, dated 5 Sep 1832.	
25	William Taylor, Pennsylvania, \$80 per anm. <unidentified word> 1818. 11233. <unidentified word, possibly an abbreviation for "Deceased">. Appears to be the backside of another document, possibly the one identified as page 26 in this file.	
26	Brief in the case of William Taylor, County of Lycoming in the state of Pa. (Act 7th June 1832).	A preprinted questionnaire regarding William's war service and the supporting documentation.
27	Page 1 of a letter to Mrs. Henry C. Bowen of Adrian, Michigan, from A. D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator [presumably of the Pension Office, Washington, DC], dated September, 13, 1939.	This is a response to an inquiry by Mrs. Bowen (see file page 30), regarding William Taylor. The reply summarizes data from the records in this pension file.
28	Page 2 of a letter to Mrs. Henry C. Bowen of Adrian, Michigan, from A. D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator [presumably of the Pension Office, Washington, DC], dated September, 13, 1939.	
29	A small card with the preprinted heading of "WIDOW, &c." File No. 4603, Sarah Taylor, Widow, William Taylor, Pvt. Rev. War.	Written notes on the left side of the card appear to be a record of correspondence with various persons who inquired about William Taylor. This includes Eli Taylor Conner, Bertha Masteller and Mrs. Henry C. Bowen.
30	Letter to Revolutionary War Dept., Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., from Harriet C. Bowen (Mrs. Henry C.), dated Aug. 7, 1939.	She requests the pension record of William Taylor of Chester Co., Penn.
31	Letter to United States Director of Pensions, Pension Department, Washington, D.C., from Eli T. Conner, dated May 9, 1927.	Mr. Conner has lost the previous letter he received about his great grandfather, William Taylor, and requests that the information about him be resent. He also requests information about one of his other great grandfathers, Samuel Van Horn. See file page 40 for Mr. Conner's first letter, and page 44 for the reply to this letter. Since the discovery of Mr. Conner's letters, research into his family tree would suggest that he was mistaken about William Taylor being his ancestor.
32	Page 1 of a letter to Pension Department, Washington, D.C., from Bertha Masteller.	Bertha did not date her letter but a postmark-like stamp shows that the Pension Office received it on May 31, 1913. She had previously obtained information about her great grandmother's pension (see page 36 of this file) but sent it to Mrs. Brumbaugh at the DAR, who lost it, so this letter is a request for another copy of the information.

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33	Page 2 of a letter to Pension Department, Washington, D.C., from Bertha Masteller.	
34	Page 3 of a letter to Pension Department, Washington, D.C., from Bertha Masteller.	
35	Bureau of Pensions Form S-871 (or 8-871), Record Division, Department of the Interior. Aug. 7, 1911.	Purpose of form is unclear.
36	Page 1 of letter to Pension Bureau, Washington, D.C., from Bertha Masteller, dated Dec. 17, 1912.	Bertha was in the process of applying for DAR membership (she succeeded in becoming member number 98023, as a descendant of William Taylor, Ancestor No. A113137) and she is here requesting William Taylor's pension application. Her description of William's service record does not match what is on file. She thought he served with a group of New Jersey volunteers. But she does state his correct date of death.
37	Page 2 of letter to Pension Bureau, Washington, D.C., from Bertha Masteller, dated Dec. 17, 1912.	
38	Page 3 of letter to Pension Bureau, Washington, D.C., from Bertha Masteller, dated Dec. 17, 1912.	
39	A blank page with a Pension Office date stamp that reads Dec 18, 1912.	Probably the date they received Bertha Masteller's letter (see file page 36).
40	A letter to Com. of Pensions, Washington, D.C., from Eli T. Conner, dated Aug. 4, 1911.	This was Mr. Conner's first of two requests for information about William Taylor. See file page 31 for his second letter.
41	Document reference number: 4872. Statement of pension rate to be paid to Sarah Taylor, widow of William Taylor, commencing on 4 Mar 1843, at \$80.00 per annum. Certificate of Pension was issued 5 Feb 1844. Recorded in Book A, Vol. 1, Page 137.	States that William's service was "in the Pa. Line."
42	Document reference number: 4825. Statement of pension rate to be paid to Sarah Taylor, widow of William Taylor, commencing on 4 Mar 1836, at \$80.00 per annum. Certificate of Pension was issued 5 Feb 1844. Recorded in Book A, Vol. 2, Page 167.	Also states that William's service was in Pennsylvania, but does name the correct commanding officers corresponding to the Virginia 8 th Regiment.

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43	Document reference number: 1825. Statement of pension rate to be paid to Sarah Taylor, widow of William Taylor, commencing on 31 Mar 1838, at \$80.00 per annum. Certificate of Pension was issued 8 Jan 1840. Recorded in Book A, Vol. 2?, Page 167.	Also states that William's service was in Pennsylvania, but does name the correct commanding officers corresponding to the Virginia 8 th Regiment.
44	Page 1 of letter to Eli T. Conner, from Winfield Scott, Commissioner, Rev. & 1812 Wars Section, dated October 3, 1927.	This is the reply to Mr. Conner's second letter (file page 31).
45	Page 2 of letter to Eli T. Conner, from Winfield Scott, Commissioner, Rev. & 1812 Wars Section, dated October 3, 1927.	
46	A preprinted form for gathering service and pension data in response to a citizen inquiry. It is filled in with the facts about William Taylor, but is undated and unsigned.	Could have been the form used to prepare the letter to Mr. Conner (file page 44).
47	"Payments to be made at Philadelphia, Penn, by the ? Bank ?, Agent for paying Pensioners in the Agency of Pennsylvania. Recorded by Vinal Luce, Clerk, in Book D, Vol., 6, Page 85."	Probably the back side of the document in file page 2.
48	War Department, Revolutionary Claim. William Taylor ... entitled to receive Eighty dollars per annum ... 4th of March, 1834 ..., dated 7 March 1833. Signed, Lewis Cass, Secretary of War.	Compare to reference signature at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_Cass
49	"Payable semi-annually. The first payment on this Certificate will be made on the 4th of March next, in Philadelphia, at the Bank of the United States."	Appears to be the back side of another document.
50	War Department, Revolutionary Claim. William Taylor, 2d, ... is inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Pennsylvania Agency, at the rate of Eight dollars per month ... 5th of May, 1818 ..., dated 14 December 1819. Signed, C. Vandeventer, Acting Secretary of War.	C. Vandeventer was Maj. Christopher Vandeventer, filling in for John C. Calhoun. Also sometimes as "Van Deventer."
51	This appears to be the back side of another document (probably the one in page 52 of this file). It is signed by John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War. Following the signature of Calhoun, it says, in parentheses, "for J. L. Edwards."	Signature appears authentic; compare to that found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Caldwell_Calhoun

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52	A letter to J. L. Edwards, Esq., from William Wilson, of Williamsport, dated 3 Dec 1819.	The author appears to be inquiring about a Revolutionary pension application from William Taylor which had been submitted to J. L. Edwards on 14 Feb 1818, but which had not resulted in a reply. He also mentions that William Taylor "went to N. Jersey some time ago" and on the way paid a visit to a W. Milnor, who wrote a letter (see file page 71) which was submitted to Edwards with this letter. It appears that Edwards was James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, and therefore in close contact with John C. Calhoun. This letter is puzzling because the only pension application from 1818 in this file is the one on page 16, but that is dated 5 May 1818, and so cannot be the one submitted in February.
53	This appears to be the back side of another document. It is signed by John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War Department. It also bears the inscription "Hon. W. Wilson, H. R." There is also a statement in a third hand, written at ninety degrees clockwise from the other writing, but it is difficult to read because it is faint and partially torn.	Have not identified what the other side of this is. Wilson, both here and on page 52, is believed to be Congressman William "Congress Billy" Wilson, who represented the district which includes Lycoming Co., though it appears that his term had expired in the month after he had submitted William Taylor's application referred to in file page 52.
54	This appears to be the address side of the letter found in file page 55. It has what looks like a postmark from Milton, Pa., dated "OCT 15" with no year. There is a handwritten date of "Oct. 19, /39". It is addressed to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C. and appears to be from R. H. Hammond.	Assumed to be from 1839. R. H. Hammond is believed to be Congressman Robert Hanna Hammond, who was from Milton, PA. The district he represented does not currently include Lycoming Co., but perhaps it did during his term of 1837-1841.
55	Assuming that file page 54 is the address side of this letter, it was written to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, from R. H. Hammond of Milton, Pennsylvania., and dated 14 Oct 1839.	This letter was written to accompany additional testimony for the pension application of Sarah Taylor. Quite possibly this refers to the documents in file pages 5 & 6.
56	A letter to J. L. Edwards, Esq., from R. H. Hammond, dated 24 Sept 1839. His return address was Milton, Pennsylvania.	This letter accompanied the submission of Sarah Taylor's pension application. Submission was apparently delayed due to the death of Prothonotary Frederick, which resulted in difficulties locating Sarah's papers.
57	A free form handwritten note about Sarah Taylor's pension. The document is numbered "6143" and contains the usual notations about William's service and date of death. At the bottom it says "Hon. R. H. Hammond, H.R." The document itself is undated. It may be the backside of another document.	

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58	Notations on the backside of another document: "William Taylor Application and Inventory." Further down in fainter ink and different hand it reads, "Not entitled."	This is probably the backside of file page 59 or 60.
59	Page 1 of a pension application for William Taylor, dated 9 December 1820. An inventory of his property begins at the bottom of the page.	Makes reference to a previous pension certificate, number 16257, dated 14 December 1819.
60	Page 2 of a pension application for William Taylor, dated 9 December 1820. Continuation of the inventory of his property.	Dependent family members mentioned: daughter Sarah, 27; son James (no age given); daughter Elizabeth, 23; daughter Fanny, 21; son William, 18; wife Sarah, 56.
61	Certification of the copy of William Taylor's application and inventory (see file pages 59 & 60), by Prothonotary Thomas Hays. Dated 9 December 1820.	In the opinion of the court, William's property was worth \$563.25 (which agrees with the inventory on file page 60).
62	A folded sheet of paper which just says "Sarah Taylor."	Probably the back side of the document in file page 63.
63	A pension application for Sarah Taylor, dated 17 September 1849.	Witnessed by Justice of the Peace, C. [Charles] C. Konkle and William C. Allen.
64	Certification by Charles C. Konkle, Justice of the Peace & Magistrate, as to the identity of Sarah Taylor. Dated September 20, 1849, Fairfield Township, Lycoming Co.	
65	A folded sheet of paper which just says "32655 Sarah Taylor."	The number could also be: 32665 or 32455.
66	A pension application for Sarah Taylor, dated 18 Dec 1843.	Witnessed by William Taylor (presumably Sarah's son).
67	Certification of Sarah Taylor, by William Chamberlin, Justice of the Peace. Dated 18 Dec 1843. And certification of William Chamberlin, by Hepburn McClure, Prothonotary, 30 Dec 1843.	Based on the bleed-through ink, this is the backside of file page 66.
68	A sheet of paper which just says "Hon. W. Wilson, of Penn." Undated.	
69	A letter to the Hon. William Wilson, House of Representatives, from James L. Edwards of the Pensions office, dated 5 Jan 1819.	Regarding William Taylor's pension application, Edwards is requesting additional information. He needs the date when William entered the service and the judge's certificate as to his "indigent circumstances."
70	A short undated note to Mr. Edwards, which apparently accompanied the pension claim of William Taylor. Author's signature is illegible.	

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71	A letter to William Taylor, from William Milnor, of Philadelphia, dated 28 Oct 1819. It explains a mixup in which William Taylor's papers were mistakenly sent to Meadville.	This appears to be the letter which William Taylor obtained on his way to New Jersey in 1819, which was referred to in the letter found in file page 52. William Milnor was a three-time member of the U.S. House of Representatives, though in 1819, he would have been between his second and third terms. His district did not include Lycoming Co., so is it unclear how he became involved with William Taylor's case.
72	A letter to William Milnor, Esq. of Philadelphia, from James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, dated 25 Oct 1819.	It explains that a pension certificate for a William Taylor was issued 30 Jun 1818 and sent to Meadville, Crawford Co. and that if they find that the William Taylor who resides in Lycoming County, is not the same person, a pension and certificate will be issued. This letter is in response to one sent to the Pension Office by Mr. Milnor, dated 23 Oct 1819.
73	This appears to be the address side of a letter to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City. It was postmarked at Williamsport, PA, but only the month of the date is legible: JAN. At 90° counterclockwise to the address, various notes have been written regarding Sarah Taylor's pension payments, including a date of 3 Jan 1844. Further down also overwriting the address, it reads: "Hon. J. B. Anthony, Williamsport, Penna."	This is probably the address side of the letter in file page 74.
74	A letter to J. L. Edwards, from J. B. Anthony of Williamsport, dated 30 Dec 1843. The letter was sent along with Sarah Taylor's pension application.	The author was Joseph Biles Anthony, who served in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania State Senate, but it appears that he was not occupying either of those offices at the time of this letter. Anthony Twp. in Lycoming Co. was named after him.
75	Page 1 of a three-page, 17-point questionnaire about William Taylor's qualifications for a pension. Not dated.	
76	Page 2 of a three-page, 17-point questionnaire about William Taylor's qualifications for a pension. Not dated.	
77	Page 3 of a three-page, 17-point questionnaire about William Taylor's qualifications for a pension. Not dated.	
78	Pension application of William Taylor, dated 3 Feb 1819.	Confirms his month and year of birth as May 1754 (by reference to his age at last birthday).
79	Certification of Seth Chapman who was the judge who certified William Taylor's pension application (see file page 78), by Prothonotary Thomas Hays. Dated 3 Feb 1819.	

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80	The address side of a document, addressed to Hon. James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City. Postmarked at Williamsport, PA, SEP 20 (no year). At 90° counterclockwise to the address are various notations, including one which says, "Hon. J. B. Anthony."	Probably the address side of the letter in file page 81.
81	Letter to Hon. James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, from J. B. Anthony of Williamsport, dated 20 Sep 1849.	This letter accompanied the submission of Sarah Taylor's pension application.
82	A small piece of paper that says "Sarah Taylor, Pennsylvania, Suspended." The next word is uncertain but it is followed by a date, 28 Sep 1839, and then, "Hon. R. H. Hammond." Then further down, "Act 7 July 1838."	
83	A small piece of paper that says "See letter to Hon. S. McKean, 17 December 1828. ??? letter to Hon. P. Stevens, H.R., 17 March 1832."	Samuel McKean represented Pennsylvania's 9 th district from 1823-1829. Philander Stephens represented the same district from 1829-1833.
84	A small piece of paper which says "William Taylor, Pa., Act 7 June 1832, to what time pd [paid]? Pension Office, Sept. 28, 1839. died, pd [paid] to 4 March 1838"	
85	Bounty Land Warrant Record Card (National Archives Form VAM-51 12-5-41). Taylor, William. Pvt., Virginia. Warrant Number 12606. Acreage: 100. Issued 31 Jan 1794 to Robert Means, assignee.	The actual warrant has been found at Ancestry.com: "U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858" and serves as Source[3762] in my family tree database (Reunion).