

## Joseph Taylor/s Who Fought in the War/s

Joseph Taylor Sr. is supposed to have been born about 1730, according to our researchers. He was old enough to be taxed in Virginia (Norfolk area) in 1750, which meant he was at least 16, but not old enough that his mother didn't have to be listed in the tax list as the person responsible for his taxes. Then from 1751 to 1754 Joseph seems to have paid his own taxes, meaning he must have become a legal adult, which probably meant age 21.

We also have him filing for his Martin County, North Carolina land grant in 1756 and apparently squatting on the land awaiting the final deed, which was delayed. So, we get an idea of him living in Virginia until his mother died and then moving to North Carolina after he filed for his grant.

Who, then, is the Joseph Taylor that appears in the Martin County Militia Muster Roll for 1748?

Transcribed by Joel S. Russell from the originals found in the North Carolina State Archives. This list was found on the web at <http://www.rafert.org/colonial/mart1748.htm> →

### Possibilities:

A: This is really another man by the same name. (Why, then, aren't there extra Joseph Taylors in other old Martin County records?) -or-

B: It's really our Joseph, and he spent time in North Carolina before he applied for his land grant. This would explain why he went there after his mother died. He might have had an older brother he'd stayed with, or perhaps one of the many Norfolk neighbors who had moved there. Various sources say that all able-bodied males who reached the age of sixteen were to be enrolled in the militia. If Joseph was full age in 1750, he was old enough to join the militia in 1748.

In 1748 the reasons for the militia being formed were Spanish attacks in Beaufort, NC, including Spanish pirates & privateers. Also, the famous Blackbeard "passed through Beaufort inlet at will." Read more at:

<http://beaufortartist.blogspot.com/2008/08/spanish-invasion-1747.html>

Only one muster roll appears for Martin County, so we have no more details. Note that Joseph Taylor volunteered, rather than being drafted. Did he go to Beaufort? (This muster was not to fight Indians. There had been troubles with the Indians in the past, but things were relatively quiet until an uprising in 1754 occurred in the area around Tarboro.)

*Did Joseph Taylor hope to fight Blackbeard?*

Was Joseph Taylor looking for excitement? We can't be sure this Joseph was our very own Joseph, but it highlights a few things we don't know about his reasons for choosing North Carolina. Family? Friends? Opportunity? Adventure?



## Martin County - 1748

### Volunteers

Isaac Boyt  
 Needom Bryan  
 David Carraway  
 Jonathan Cherry  
 Benjamin Cippin  
 Joseph Cooper  
 Lorton Cooper  
 Ephraim Coward  
 Simon Daniel  
 John Davies  
 William Dew  
 David Everitt  
 John Garrett  
 Benjamin Hardison  
 David Hinson  
 Christopher Hynds  
 Abraham Johnston  
 Martin Joyce  
 Joseph Lee  
 Marium Manning  
 John Manning  
 Bently Manning  
 Edward Mizell  
 Ezekial Moore  
 Jacob Morris  
 James Mosley  
 Stephen Outbridge  
 John Parker  
 William Purvis  
 Joseph Reading  
 John Redditt, Jr.  
 Ebenezer Slade  
 Jesse Staten  
 John Summit  
 Joseph Taylor  
 Thomas Watson  
 Thomas Williams  
 Jonas Wood

### Draftees

Henry Bate  
 John Bonner  
 James Brumfiled  
 John Cross  
 George Ethingham  
 John Harrel  
 Joshua Hodges  
 Samuel Moore  
 Elijah Price  
 James Robeson  
 Samuel Smithwick  
 William Sumner  
 Daniel Swain  
 William Turlington  
 Joseph Hinson Warren  
 William Whitfield  
 Samuel Willard