

Taylor, Sarah C.

Saint Paul's Churchyard Inscription No. 179 (Altar Guild Book)

Saint Paul's Churchyard Inscription No. 46 (Tazewell Journal)

SARAH CRULL TAYLOR
Died January the 15th, 1787
Aged 32 Years

"Resolved, that it is the opinion of this committee that the several persons mentioned in this report, as being friends to the American cause, ought to be paid by the publick the several sums of money set against their names, being the value of their property in the town of Norfolk which was destroyed by order of Convention." - Purdie's *Virginia Gazette*, June 12th 1778

Sarah C. Taylor was identified as being a friend of the American cause through [approval](#) of her claim for losses suffered during the burning of Norfolk.

Attachment # 1: [The Virginia Gazette dated June 12, 1778.](#)

Attachment # 2: [Journal and Reports of the Commissioners](#) appointed by the Act of 1777, to ascertain the Losses occasioned to individuals by the burning of Norfolk and Portsmouth, In the Year 1776, pgs 5 and 9.

Notes: Page 4/5 reveal that the commissioners met (23d September 1777).

"Captain George Abyvon appeared according to summons, and was examined under oath, touching the conduct of the inhabitants of Norfolk, at the time Lord Dunmore lay in the harbor; when it appeared to the commissioners, that he left Norfolk soon after the seizure of Mr. Holt's types, and was altogether a stranger to the conduct of the people after that time, nor does he know that any of the persons whose claims are entered upon the roll, were inimical to the cause of America." (George Abyvon is testifying that he did not know that any of the persons entering claims were hostile to the American cause.) On this same date and at this same meeting, the claims of various individuals, listed by name (including Sarah Taylor) were all received and entered on the roll.

Whether or not her claim was approved and monies paid should not be the issue, since the ruling was made by the commissioners to make such an award. Sarah Taylor recognized the American cause by submitting the claim to the commissioners appointed by the Act of 1777. Her husband, Robert Taylor, served as an Alderman and took the oaths prescribed to the American cause. While it is conceivable, though unlikely, that her husband was a patriot and she was a loyalist, the obvious conclusion to draw from the evidence indicates Sarah was overtly loyal to the American cause (and her husband).

Additional notes from Ken Kirch: "Crull (#179) is probably "Curle"

From Google Books: Old Kent: the eastern shore of Maryland ; notes illustrative of the most..., by George Adolphus Hanson, p. 169: "Daniel Barraud, m. Catharine Curle, and had child., viz., Sally Curle Barraud; Sally Curle Barraud, dau. of Daniel and Catharine Curle Barraud, m. Robert Taylor"

Ceremony Commemorative Printed Program Paragraph: Taylor, Sarah C. Identified as being a friend of the American cause through approval of her claim for losses suffered during the burning of Norfolk, Sarah Taylor died January 15th 1787 at the age of 32 years.