

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Taff (Taffe) S36825

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Davis Floyd

On this 10th day of November 1818 before me \ President of the second Judicial Circuit in the State of Indiana Personally appeared James Taff of Clark County in the State aforesaid aged sixty-three years and having been by me first duly sworn for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of a late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" on his oath aforesaid saith, that in the year 1776 he enlisted into the service of the United States in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia in the Company of Captain Abel Westfall afterwards transferred into the rifle Core [Corps] of Colonel Danl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] that he enlisted for the term of two years and served the time fully out and was discharged at Paoli by Captain Van Swerengen [Van Swearingen] that he was at an engagement with the British in the State of Jersey near a place called the rising Sun that he was at the engagement at or near Brunswick in the State of New Jersey that he was at the taking of Burgoyne [Battle of Saratoga or Battle of Bemis Heights October 7, 1777] in the State of New York at a place called Still water that he was in the engagement near Edge Hill [Battle of Edge Hill Pennsylvania, December 7, 1777] some distance above Philadelphia that he was in sundry skirmishes too tedious to mention that he has long since lost or mislaid his discharge and that he is in reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to and declared before me

S/ Davis Floyd

State of Indiana Sct.

Absalom Little of mature age came personally before me and being first duly sworn on his oath says that he served in Colonel Morgan's rifle Corps in the same Company with James Taff named within and that he feels Confident that he said Taff served at least nine months in the aforesaid Corps.

Sworn to before me

S/ Davis Floyd

State of Indiana

Be it Remembered that at a Circuit Court for the County of Clark Continued and held by adjournment at the Court house in Charlestown on Wednesday the 23rd day of August 1820 Before the Honorable Davis Floyd President of the Second Judicial Circuit in the State aforesaid and John Beggs and Milliard Goodwin Esquires his Associates James Taffe a Revolutionary

Soldier came personally into Court and Being Sworn in the manner prescribed by law, made and filed the following Declaration, and Schedule of his property, to it, "Clark County SS on this 23rd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said County, James Taffe aged sixty-four years, nine months, resident in said Clark County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, viz. in the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line in Captain Abel Westfall's company, from which he was attached to Colonel Morgan's rifle Regiment, Middlebrook in New Jersey, that he is now on the pension List roll taking date on the 10th of November 1818 and that the Number of his pension certificate is 7180, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz., 2 horses, one two year old colt, 5 Cows, 5 calves, two 3-year-old steers, four two-year old do, two one year old do, one sow and 6 pigs, one Barrow, one 3 gallon kittle, one do do, one oven & lid, one frying pan, one old gun barrel, one small table, 500 feet cherry plank,

S/ James Taffe<sup>1</sup>

My Occupation has been that of a powder maker, but from inability, I am unable any longer to pursue it, my family consists of 4 in number, viz., Elizabeth Taffe my wife aged 57 – my son Benjamin Taft aged 20 years 10 months, John Taff aged 19 and 9 months, & my Daughter, Nancy Taff aged 16 years, Benjamin Taft labors for himself, my said son John incapable to support himself, Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 23rd day of August 1820, whereupon the Court appraised the property of the applicant contained in the aforesaid Schedule, and [sic, at?] \$199

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 10, 1819 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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The Virginia state library has posted on this website several documents relating to this veteran as follows

[http://1va1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/R6IRSJK5YG4H4NCMRVEFSLIY8KBUYQI636NJC7GLGHTPG2IT52-36569?func=full-set-set&set\\_number=003800&set\\_entry=000001&format=999](http://1va1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/R6IRSJK5YG4H4NCMRVEFSLIY8KBUYQI636NJC7GLGHTPG2IT52-36569?func=full-set-set&set_number=003800&set_entry=000001&format=999)

State of Indiana Clark County:

Absalom Littell of lawful age after being duly sworn deposes and saith that he knew James Taffe personally during the Revolutionary war that he served as a private soldier in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in the Virginia Line in the year 1777 & 1778 I believe also in the area part of the year 1778 and further this deponent sayeth not.

S Absalom Littell

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<sup>1</sup> not the actual signature of the applicant but rather the name of the veteran in the handwriting of the scribe but see the pension application of Daniel Hartley S36571 for an affidavit which appears to be signed by Taffe.

State of Indiana  
Clarke County

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Morgan, in the Virginia line in the year  
1777. & ~~1778~~ I believe also in the early part  
of the year 1778. and further this  
deponent saith not Abraham Littel.

Sworn to before me before me Samuel Ford  
one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid  
this 29th Day 1824  
Samuel Ford J.P.

State of Indiana Clark County

Peter McDonald of lawful age after being duly sworn deposes and saith - that he knew personally James Taffe during the Revolutionary War that he enlisted in 1776 in the Virginia line in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg and also that he was in service in 1777 under the command of Colonel [document image cut off here]

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