

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Taff S3753  
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State of Tennessee Jefferson County: On this 12th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Jefferson County, now sitting, George Taff a resident of the County of Jefferson and State aforesaid aged sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that sometime in the summer of the year 1781 he marched from the County of Hampshire State of Virginia under the command of Captain Cunningham and marched on through Fredericksburg then to Williamsburg at which place he was discharged, after a servitude of some upwards of three months. That he served as a drafted Militia man and received a discharge from Captain Edward McCarty from Hampshire County Virginia, and that he has lost said discharge.

That in the spring of the year 1782, he volunteered under the command of Captain Teaverbough [? could be Teaverbaugh] of Hampshire County Virginia and marched on to Tigers Valley [Tygart's Valley] to guard the Inhabitants from the attack of the Shawnee Indians, marching through the Allegheny Mountains Virginia at which place he received a discharge from Captain Teaverbough after a servitude of three months which discharge is also lost: and that he has no recollection of the names of the Field officers during the first campaign except General Muhlenberg – that during the 2nd campaign there was no company but the one in which he served, and that his place of residence was in Hampshire County Virginia – and that William Hill Esquire is knowing to the circumstance of his serving as above stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Hamilton, Clerk

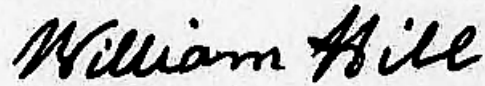
S/ George Taff

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Taff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'G'.

State of Tennessee Jefferson County: On this 12th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court for the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Jefferson County now sitting William Hill Esquire aged sixty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration. That he was acquainted with the above named George Taff in Hampshire County Virginia during the Revolutionary War and recollects distinctly of his

having served two Campaigns as above stated.

S/ William Hill



[James Hill & William Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

Q Where and in what year were you born

A. I was born in Hampshire County State of Virginia on the 19th day of December 1763

Q. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it –

A. I have, and it is at home, [one or more indecipherable words] from an entry made by my Father in a prayer book

Q. Where were you living when called into service, Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live –

A. In Hampshire County Virginia, since the Revolutionary War, I have lived in Jefferson County Tennessee the principal part of my time where I am now living.

Q. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a substitute for whom.

A. I was drafted the first Tour and volunteered the second

Q. State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can Recollect and the general Circumstances of your Service

A. I can recollect General Muhlenberg but am not certain whether he commanded Regulars or Militia and the general Circumstances of my service are contained in my Declaration

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it –

A. I did receive to discharges, one from Captain McCarty and the other from Captain Teaverbough and lost them.

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your Character for Veracity and their belief of your Services as a soldier of the Revolution

A. William Hill Esquire and James Hill

S/ George Taff

Sworn to in Open court 12th September 1832

S/ Joseph Hamilton Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]