

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Taff S38423

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State of Virginia County of Middlesex Sct.

At a Court held for the County of Middlesex aforesaid in the Town of Urbanna on the 27th day of April 1818 before the Justices then sitting came Peter Taff aged sixty-five years resident in the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the 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". That he the said Peter Taff enlisted for the term of two years on the \_\_ day of \_\_ February 1776 in the State of Virginia and County of Essex and the company commanded by John Webb Captain in the 7th Virginia Regiment of the Virginia line in the Brigade commanded by General Woodford that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the \_\_day of February 1778 when he was discharged from the service in the State of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles at Somerset Court house [probably a reference to the battle more commonly known as the Battle of Millstone or the Battle of Van Nest's Mill, January 20, 1777], the battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777], that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

In testimony whereof the Court do certify that it appears to their satisfaction that the said Peter Taff did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy for the term of 2 years at one time, on the Continental establishment and that they also satisfied that the said Peter Taff needs the assistance of his Country for Support.

And further testimony whereof they have ordered the seal of the Court to be hereto affixed.

Test: George Healy, CMC

[f p 13: there is an attestation dated February 28, 1820 that the veteran has presented in court a certificate granted him of his service and enlistment during the revolutionary war signed and in the hand of Henry Young late a Captain of the 7th Virginia Continental Regiment. The actual document itself, however, is not among the file documents.]

Schedule

Middlesex County & State of Virginia

On the 28th day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the aforesaid County Peter Taff aged sixty-eight years, a resident of the County aforesaid, having been duly inscribed on the pension list, Roll of the Virginia Agency delivered

into Court and duly made oath to the following Schedule of his property to it. Forty-four acres of land under a mortgage to Nancy W Alderson the 1st day of May 1806 for £28.3, one Negro boy and one Negro girl under a deed of trust made unto Joseph Jancy for \$350 the 4th day of January 1821 – one cow and yearling \$10 – 2 heifers \$12 and small steer \$8 – one work ox \$12, 12 flag chairs \$3, 2 chests \$3 – 12 pewter plates \$3 – 9 spoons 25 Cents, 3 basins one dollar, 2 earthen dishes 75/100, bowl and tea pot 34, one coffee pot 25 cents, 3 stone pots one dollar, one ditto 34/100, 2 jugs one dollar one old loon \$2, 4 old Slays \$1.34, one small table \$2, one iron pot one dollar, 2 old ditto 25/100 one pot rack one dollar, one spider 42 cents, pair tongs and shovel 50/100, one old looking glass 15/100, 2 old axes 50/100, one small have share plow \$1.05 –quarter casks \$2, 3 tugs 75, one tub 2 piggins 75/100, to washtub 75/100 one pessel \$0.50/100, one vinegar crewet 50/100, one decanter \$0.25/100, one glass tumbrel 7/100, one old pair cart wheels \$2, one iron spice mortar 75/100, pessel 25/100, one pair andirons 50/100, 2 old spinning wheels one dollar – one salt cellar 8/100, pair Collor cards [illegible] Bible and hymn book 75, one candle [illegible] snuffers \$.8, 2 sack bags 84/100 [illegible] one cup board one dollar, my wife aged 54 children daughter aged 18 son aged 14 years

Sworn to and declared on the date first written before the court.

Signed Peter Taff

And also further took the following Of I Peter Taff 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

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 27, 1818