

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Vincent Tapp S41231

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Virginia. Judicial Circuit composed of the Counties of Bath, Rockbridge, Augusta, Amherst, Nelson & Albemarle SS

On this 19th day of January 1820, before me, the subscriber, one of the judges of the Superior Courts of law, holden in & for the said Circuit, personally appeared Vincent Tapp aged about sixty-three years, resident in Staunton, in the County of Augusta in the said Circuit, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made 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 Revolutionary war:" That he enlisted for the term of three years in the latter part of the year 1776, or beginning of 1777, at Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashby [a/k/a, Stephen Ashley], of the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood, in the land of the State of Virginia, on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the Winter of 1779, when he was discharged from service, in or near Morris Town [Morristown], State of New Jersey, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. – That he was wounded in the aforesaid battle of Brandywine – was placed on the pension list by act of Congress (he believes) in the year 1811; that he is now, and has been some years, a cripple, and 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 – other evidence being filed in the War Department; when was granted a pension: which pension he now relinquishes.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day & year aforesaid

S/ Arch'd Stuart

I do certify that I believe the above declaration to be true & I am also satisfied that the applicant is in indigent Circumstances & requires the aid of his Country for his support.

S/ Arch'd Stuart

[Facts in file: the veteran was survived by his widow, Susannah Tapp, who died in April 1835; the date and place of their marriage is not shown nor is her age or maiden name given in the file; there is an affidavit dated 1857 in Albemarle County Virginia given Richard Gamble, 87, who testified that he was the brother of the veteran's widow; Gamble also testified that his brother-in-law Vincent Tapp was wounded in the arm at Brandywine and that afterwards the veteran resided in Albemarle County where he taught school for some time in the neighborhood of Charlottesville and then removed to Staunton where he was clerk of the Hastings Court until his

death in March 1824; on June 21, 1824, one Henry I. Tapp was granted letters of administration of the estate of Vincent Tapp, a soldier; in 1832 in Augusta County, one Walter H Tapp stood as security for John Churchman, son-in-law of the veteran; the name of Churchman's wife is not stated in the file; in 1858, the soldier's grandson, Vincent Tapp Geiger was Indian agent in California; his parents are not named. The veteran was initially pensioned under the Special Act of Congress March 3, 1811 at the rate of \$2.50 per month and under the act of April 24, 1816 his pension was increased to \$4 per month.]]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 19, 1820, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Augusta County Legislative Papers

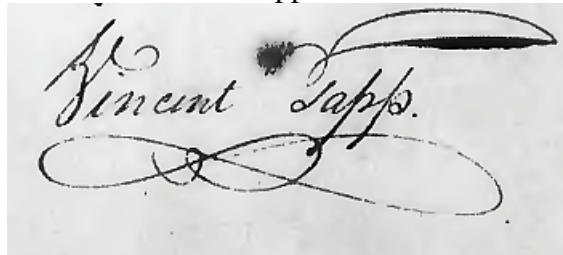
To the Hon.

The Speaker and House of Representatives in General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Petition of Vincent Tapp humbly sheweth.

That your petitioner, twelve or fourteen years ago obtained a Military land Warrant for two hundred Acres, in consequence of his Services as a Sergeant-Major in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of the late Continental Army. The said Warrant your petitioner delivered to a certain Capt. George Rice, at the time a Citizen of Frederick County, who friendly promised to have it entered in the proper manner; but a little after Capt. Rice's arrival in Kentucky, he died; Since which your Petitioner cannot find any Account either of the Warrant or entry thereof. Your Petitioner therefore prays a renewal of the Warrant, or such other Act, as will secure to him the benefit of the said Military Land Warrant, as in your wisdom shall think proper; and your Petitioner, as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

S/ Vincent Tapp



Staunton November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1798

[Reverse]

Tapp's Petition

December 10, 1798

Cts Justice

December 17, 1798

Reasonable

Reported

Augusta Sec.

This day Alexander Humphrey came before me & made oath that he made inquiry at the Land Office held by Col. Anderson for the purpose of entering Military Land Warrants &

locations in the State of Kentucky & in the Miamis & Sista & find no location made in the name of Vincent Tapp for two hundred Acres the Quantity received for his Services as a Sergeant Major neither could I hear anything of the Land Warrants. He further deposeth that if he had known that it had been necessary that he would have obtained a Certificate from the said register of the said office, for the same.

November 26, 1798

S/ J. W. Bowyer

On the third day of July 1783 a Military Land Warrant No. 1322 Issued in the name of Vincent Tapp for two hundred acres in consideration of his Service for three years as a Sergeant Major of the Virginia Continental line:

As Appears of record

S/ William Price, Regt. [Register]

Land Office

December 10, 1798

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Joe B. O'Connor has uncovered another application filed by this veteran in Washington County, TN. Its source is FamilySearch.org > Washington County, Tennessee > Public Records > Miscellaneous Records 1778-1900 > Image 46 & Image 47  
Author: Washington County (Tennessee). County Clerk; McCown, Mary Hardin]

1819

State of Tennessee Washington County: July Session 1819

Be it remembered that on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1819 personally appeared in open Court the Subscriber Vincent Tapp aged Seventy Two years & being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain person[s] who were engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War & after being duly sworn according to law made & subscribed the following declaration with that he the said Vincent Tapp Served true & faithfully in the revolutionary war at what precise time he cannot recollect enlisted into the Continental Service in the County of \_\_ State of Virginia in the 12 Regiment of the Virginia line under Captain Ashly [Stephen Ashby or Ashley] Colonel James Wood Command which Regiment belonged to the brigade [of] General Scott [Charles Scott] & was in the following battle to wit Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth Court house [June 28, 1778] that he was discharged in West Point after having faithfully [been] in Service two years in constant Service which discharge he kept for some time but owing to some casualty [casualty] or accident he lost from which circumstance he has it not in his power now to produce it he also states that he has no other means in his power to prove his Services now except by his own oath that he is now in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of his Country[']s Gracious Assistance for support & has never been placed on any pension list of the United States nor has he ever been without the \_\_ of the same that he now resides in the County of Washington State of Tennessee. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day of \_\_ written.

Test

S/ Jas. Sevier, Clerk

S/ Vincent Tapp, X his mark {Seal}

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Addendum to Vincent Tapp S41231

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Vincent Tapp Sergeant Major of the 8th Virginia Regiment, having served three years, the term of his enlistment, with great reputation is now discharg'd from any future service in said Regiment and is recommended to his Country as a brave Soldier [illegible]

J. Wood [James Wood BLWt2419-500] Col. com.