

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Vincent Tapp S6188

f25VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

11/7/11 rev'd 3/27/15

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia Culpeper County SS

On this 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Culpeper County now sitting Vincent Tapp a resident of said County & State aged seventy 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 the 7th of June 1832,

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the County of Culpeper in the year 1762 April the 22nd as he understood from his Father –

That he entered the service as a substitute for Peter Kemper in September 1780 and marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina and thence to Salisbury, thence to Cheraw Hills near Pedee [River] in South Carolina under General N. Green [Nathanael Greene] – That the Brigade was commanded by General Edward Stevens, that sometime in the spring 1781 he was discharged and returned home making a tour of a little more than six months – and was not again in service – That he can prove the above service by the certificate of Colonel David Jameson¹ who was Lieutenant in the company he belonged to.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

S/ F. T. Lightfoot

S/ Vincent Tapp²

I Daniel Jameson a resident in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia hereby certify that I have examined the above Declaration subscribed by Vincent Tapp that he sets forth facts in regard to his service, in the Revolutionary War, as known to me from observation as I was with him as Lieutenant in the Company he belonged to.

S/ David Jameson³

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in the County of Culpeper on the 22nd April 1762

Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

¹ [David Jameson S5607](#)

² not the actual signature of the veteran—scribe has signed it

³ ditto

Answer. My name was formerly in the Church Book, but that book has been burned

Question Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was then living in Culpeper, have been ever since with the exception of one year and now live there.

Question How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I went as substitute for Peter Kemper, he having been drafted

Question State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have stated in my Declaration the names of my officers and the circumstances of my service –

Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

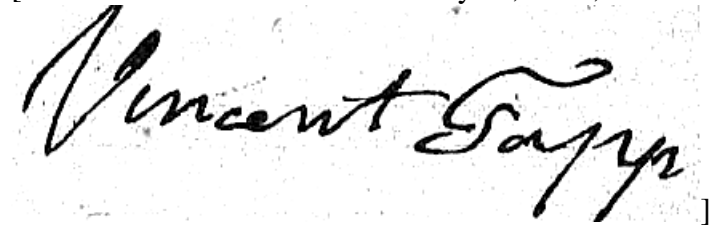
Answer. I do not recollect that I ever did. I was discharged at Halifax Old Court House, where the Company was discharged

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I would name Colonel Thomas Spindle, John Amiss [sic, John Amos?], and Philip Amiss [Philip Amos?], I prove this service by Colonel David Jameson to was my Lieutenant

[p 19: There is a letter dated November 18, 1837 sent from Amissville by the veteran regarding a technical matter relating to his pension certificate. This document does appear to carry the actual signature of the veteran as follows

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 11, 1841; there is no family data in this file.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vincent Gays". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Gays".

[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.]