

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Taliaferro S6197

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The State of Ohio Clement County, Court of Common Pleas held at their November Term in the year 1832, held by the Honorable George P Torrence President thereof, and Robert Hains, Israel Whitaker and John Ewing Associates

Personally appeared before said Judges in open Court Richard Taliaferro a resident of the County aforesaid 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 with Captain Benjamin Roberts and served in the Regiment of Colonel George Slaughter of the Virginia line under the following named officers, Colonel George Slaughter, Captain Benjamin Roberts, Lieutenant William Field (or, Joseph Sanders,) Ensign William Asher. That he was discharged from the service by the said Benjamin Roberts at Louisville and the State of Kentucky in the year 1782. That he resided in the lower end of Culpeper County in the State of Virginia when he entered into the service. That he was in the battle that was fought with the Indians (the Shawnees) at a place in the State of Ohio now called old Town, then called Shawnee Town. That General Clark [George Rogers Clark] then Commanded our Troops that the next officer in command was by the name of Harrod. The Indians were defeated, this battle was in the summer of 1782 in July or August. At the time of his enlistment he resided in Culpepper County, and marched from thence to the Redstone Fort, that he and 12 others proceeded from thence to Pittsburgh in order to do Continental duty & remained at Pittsburgh nearly two months, General Broadhead or Gibson commanded, from thence to the falls of the Ohio and remained there the balance of the time except when called into actual service. That he obtained his certificate of discharge from said Benjamin Roberts at the falls of Ohio in the year 1782. That he sent this certificate of discharge to Richmond in Virginia and obtained a certificate for his pay which he sold to Fields or Roberts, and has not seen said certificate since or does he know what has become of it. Ensign Asher was killed below the falls of the Ohio by the Indians, he was present at the time he was killed and scalped.

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/ Rich'd Taliaferro



Sworn to in open Court
November 5th, 1832,
S/ J. D. Norris, Clerk

The State of Ohio Clement County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for said County Richard Taliaferro who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service as a soldier of the Revolution but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade. For two years and one month I served as a private soldier, the time of enlistment was for two years, (but did not get my discharge until one month after the expiration of the term of enlistment, and during that month I continued to do military duty,) and for such service I claim a pension. That since he made his declaration in court at the last November Term of the Common Pleas in and for the said County he has been in some degree induced to believe that his first enlistment took place in the fall of the year 1779, but cannot be certain as to the month or even the year when his services and did, he remembers well that his Term of enlistment was for two years and that he served his time and one month over as and received his discharge. He knows of no clergyman or any other person in his neighborhood who can certify to his reputation as a soldier of the revolution,

That none of the persons with whom he served as a soldier reside in this State, but he believes that some of them are in Kentucky to wit Edward Thomas, Bland Ballard,¹ Henry Foster,² William Abbott, Daniel Cowgill,³ all of whom were in Kentucky when he last heard from them that owing to bodily infirmity he is not able to procure the testimony of any witness and it would be attended with much expense. That he was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia on the 24th day of September in the year 1762. That he has a Bible record of his age which he copied from a Bible kept by his father, that the Bible kept by his father he believes is now in the possession of Judith Vatch [could be Judith Veatch] his sister who resides in the State of Indiana. That Colonel Crockett was at the falls of the Ohio commanding some troops the last year that he was in the service. That Samuel Parham, James McKinney Esquire, Samuel Hill, William Glancy, John Owens, Tebina [?]Williams & John Free [could be John Tree] who reside in his present neighborhood can testify as to his character for veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 27th day of May 1833

S/ John Robinson, JP

S/ Rich'd Taliaferro

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]

¹ [Bland W. Ballard W20655](#)

² FPA W25586

³ FPA S3199