

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Taliaferro (Taleaferro) S7695

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At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for Fluvanna County on Monday the 22nd day of June 1818

This day William Taliaferro age sixty-six years, resident of this County personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on oath. That he entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution in the year 1775 or 1776, that he belonged to a Company commanded by Captain Towles of the \_\_Regiment commanded by Colonel Blackburn, as well as he recollects (who was afterwards General Blackburn) of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment. That he served as a soldier aforesaid upwards of twelve months when he procured a substitute and got a discharge which discharge is lost or mislaid that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence of his said Services. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said William Taliaferro served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the common enemy the term of twelve months, and upwards aforesaid and that he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his country for support and has therefore a just claim to a Pension in the manner prescribed by 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:" the same is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

At a Court of Quarterly sessions continued and held for the said court of Fluvanna on Tuesday the 27th day of March 1832

William Taliaferro a resident of the County aged eighty years heretofore inscribed on the Pension List Roll of the United States as a private in the Army of the Revolution at the rate of \$8 per month commencing on the \_\_day of \_\_ 18\_\_, under a law of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 agreeably to a certificate from the War Department dated the \_\_day of \_\_ and numbered \_\_and who was after having received by virtue of said Certificate one semiannual allowance as a Pensioner stricken from the said Pension list Roll because the said Taliaferro's name could not be found on the Roll of Soldiers of the Virginia line in the Continental establishment and for want of Proof besides the Oath of the said Taliaferro that the said Lothario actually served as he declared This day personally appeared in Court being a Court of record for the County of Fluvanna and made oath that he is not now possessed of any property whatever either were real or personal of which to render a Schedule and the said Taliaferro further made Oath that he was a resident of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has

not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income of any kind whatever and that he is now entirely dependent upon the charity of his countrymen for a support and that he was actually placed on the Poor list of his County and has been receiving the benefit of the Poor Law of his State for several years past. That his family consist of a wife who is as decrepit and as feeble as himself and is also placed on the Poor list of his County, two daughters and a son, the latter with but one arm, and that the left, neither of the three latter being able to support themselves comfortably. The said Taliaferro also produced in court to certificates one of John Timberlake Junior in the following words and figures, to wit;

Fluvanna County, to wit, I do hereby certify that the bearer William Taliaferro under the Law of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 was enrolled on the Pension list Roll of the Virginia agency as a Soldier of the Army of the United States that I acted as counsel & attorney for him in obtaining said Pension certificate & received & paid to him a semiannual Pension for several years. That on a more rigid [one or more indecipherable words] which took place as to the valid [sic, validity] of the said Pension claim some time after the said original certificate was granted to said Taliaferro – his name was stricken from the Pension Roll said Taliaferro at the time of granting the said original certificate resided & still County of Fluvanna aforesaid & State of Virginia certified this 2nd February 1832 signed J Timberlake Junior and the other by Hugh Nelson and W. D. Meriwether, in the following words and figures to wit "we the subscribers do hereby certify that we had in our possession some time since a certificate of Oliver Towles late and Officer of the Revolutionary War stating that during the War he had enlisted a certain William Taliaferro, as a Soldier to serve in his company, and that he did serve in that same Company, we learned that this certificate has been lost and being called upon to state its substance, record it as above, Given under our hands this first day of March 1832, (signed) to Nelson, W D Meriwether and the court does hereby certify that the said John Timberlake, Junior, Hugh Nelson and WB Meriwether are respectable and credible witnesses, all of which is ordered to be certified to the Department of War.

State of Virginia Fluvanna County, to wit

[attested by Alexander Shepherd, Junior, clerk of the Fluvanna County court]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit: On the 23rd day of February 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly meet a court of record by the laws of the said State William Taliaferro aged about seventy-four<sup>1</sup> years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the war of the Revolution in the year 1776 that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Towles of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Blackburn (as well as he recollects) who was afterwards General Blackburn of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment that he served as a Soldier aforesaid upwards of twelve months when he procured a substitute and got a discharge which discharge is lost or mislaid.

And I 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 to wit: 3 feather beds and furniture, 2 spinning wheels, one chest, one looking glass, one sow and 4 pigs, 3 pewter basons, one sugar dish and teapot, two large jugs, one loom (inferior), 2 cupboards, one flax wheel, 4 chairs and one table, one horse, one cow and calf, one pewter dish, 12 plates, one sett [set] cups and saucers, one rung [?], two flat irons, one oven pot and skillet, one iron teapot, 2 iron wages, 3 hoes, one coalter, for water vessels of wood, 2 old wheat riddles, one frow, one drawing knife, one Scythe and cradle, one bridle and saddle, and 7 or 8 barrels of corn and one Gun: all of which property except the four last items to wit bridle & saddle, corn & Gun are subject to a Trust Deed a security by this Deponent to Samuel F Morris and James T Jones, Trustees, to secure James Richardson and Barrett G Payne from suffering on account of being his security for the payment of the sum of \$158.08 with legal interest thereon from the first day of January 1823 payable on the 17th day of October 1823 to Thomas Lyne Junior – of which said that there is only about the sum of \$60 paid. And the said Declarant further states that his family consist of himself who is from his age and infirmity unable to contribute but little towards supporting himself, a wife aged about sixty-two years, who is very infirm from old age and a disease called the breast complaint and unable to support herself and three daughters one twenty-six years of age, another twenty-four years of age and the other twenty-two years of age and also a son seventeen years of age who are as able as usual to contribute to their support.

S/ William Taliaferro, X his mark

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This is to Certify & make known to all whom it may Concerned that William Taliaferro enlisted with me sometime in the month of January or February 1776 as a Soldier in the revolutionary Army at which time I commanded a Company as a Captain. Given under my hand & seal this 17th day of October 1821

Attest:

O. Towles, Jr

S/ O. Towles

Lieut. Colo. at the conclusion of the war

This is to certify & make known to all whom it may concern that William Taliaferro enlisted with me sometime in the month of January or February 1776 as a soldier in the revolutionary army at which time I commanded a company as a captain Given under my hand & seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1821

Attest  
O. Towles Jr

O. Towles  
Lieut. Col. at the conclusion of the war

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]