

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Billy Talley W19434

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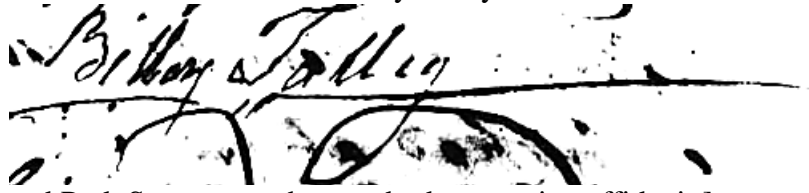
State of Virginia County of Hanover SS

On this 4th day of December 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for said County Billy Talley a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 76 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with William Bentley and served in the 5th Regiment of the Virginia Line under the following named officers, Colonel \_\_Scott, Captain Richard Cluff Anderson [Richard Clough Anderson], Lieutenant John Anderson, William Bentley 2nd Lieutenant: Ensign \_\_Tompkins: That he marched to Williamsburg in Virginia, thence to Norfolk soon after the battle of the Great or long bridge, remained in Virginia while invaded by the British Army under Fordyce after which being transferred to the Continental service he embarked at York Town in Virginia and landed at the head of Elk River arrived in Philadelphia while the British Army occupied New York, marched as far as New York but was driven back by the British Army to Brunswick where the American Army attempted to cut down the bridge but were driven off by the British: the American Army being small retreating were commanded to make three fires for each man & immediately to move on leaving them burning, towards Princeton and Trenton: That he with many of his comrades in arms were taken sick with the smallpox and sent to Wilmington where he suffered from the smallpox & camp fever for several weeks after which he rejoined the Army, was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] in General Green's division which was only partially engaged in the Battle, marched to Valley Forge & was subsequently engaged in the battle of German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] under General Washington, the cold weather coming on the Army went into winter quarters <sup>at Valley Forge</sup>. During this period he suffered from want of provisions and close and also from disease, being deprived even of many of the necessities of life and constantly harassed by the enemy: that the company to which he belonged was commanded by different Officers: they being often changed by promotion or otherwise; that in the month of February following that he is in 1778 his term of service having expired he received his discharge from General Muhlenberg and returned home to Hanover County in Virginia where he resided at the time he enlisted in the service of his Country. That he supposes his discharge was lost or destroyed, never expecting to have any use for it. And that he served as herein expressed, the full term of two years.

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 any agency of any State or only on the agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Billey Talley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billey Talley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. Below the signature, there are several horizontal lines, some of which are slightly wavy, possibly representing a signature strip or a separator line.

[Charles Talley, a clergyman, and Park Street gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 8: On May 28, 1841 in Henrico County Virginia, Mrs. Elizabeth W Talley, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Billy Talley a revolutionary war pensioner who died March 5th, 1834; that she married him in King William County Virginia December 24, 1791; that they were married by Parson Whitehead she thinks; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 11: family record]

Billey Talley was born February 29, 1856

Billey Talley married March 19, 1785, Lucy Wood; they were married by the Reverend Sheldon Billey and Lucy had the following children:

Polly Talley born January 24, 1786, married January 20 [no year given] Charles Whitlock

John Talley born December 17, 1788, married July 4, 1816 Sarah B. Williamson in Henrico County Virginia

Billy Talley married Elizabeth W Crenshaw December 24, 1791; she was born December 7, 1771; they were married in Prince William County

Billy and Elizabeth had the following children

Williamson Talley born October 13, 1792, married October 26, 1820 Elizabeth T Redd, daughter of Samuel Redd of Caroline County Virginia, by the Rev. Spilbe Woolfork in Caroline

Billy Junior born September 2, 1794, married may 24, 1821, Elizabeth T, daughter of Captain Daniel Ellett, in King William County Virginia by the Reverend Charles Talley, Junior

Thomas Talley born March 6, 1796, married June 3, 1819, Eliza F Archer in Norfolk, by the Reverend Wm Paxton

Nathaniel Talley born July 8, 1804

Elizabeth W. Talley born March 4th, 1809, married August 30, 1826, John G Wade, by Reverend Charles Talley

[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. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]