

## David "Taff" Ross

**Ross**, Pvt. David "Taff" -Killed 6 Nov. 1778 on journey from Ft. McIntosh to Fort Laurens

"In moving on, Lieut. Parks of Gibson's regiment, and David Ross, a spy a spy (a former prisoner with the Indians) generally called by his Dutch friends Taff Ross--Ross ahead as spy, and Parks out near him trying to kill a deer, were both killed by Indians, who fled away."

Recollections of Capt. Jacob White, Draper MMS 3S320-23

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Additional information on "Taff" Ross was provided by Shemenski, Pat of Canton, OH. "RE: Names of Men Who Died at Fort Laurens" E-mail to Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation. 17 January 2008 and 21 January 2008. Pat's source, Footnote.com.

"I found pension records for two men who are not listed on the fort web site ([www.friendsofortlaurens.org](http://www.friendsofortlaurens.org)) who said they had assisted in the building of Fort Laurens. John Sanders and Enoch Wingfield both said that Lieut. Parks and Taff Ross were killed by Indians on the march from Fort McIntosh to Fort Lawrence (sic)."