

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Farris James VA R3452 f17VA
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[ed note: There is another R3452 file for Isham Faris]

[p2] Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Kentucky

County of Casey SS

On this twentieth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Casey County, now sitting, James Farris, a resident in Casey County and State of Kentucky, aged about seventy two 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated in the month of August seventeen hundred eighty one as a Volunteer for four months as a private soldier in the Virginia militia in the company commanded by Capt Nathan Farris and attached to the regiment commanded by Colo James Barnett. Randavoused [sic] at Stanford, Lincoln Court House. Marched by Knoblick [?] through the country to Bardstown thence across Salt River to the Falls of Ohio near Louisville, the head quarters of General George Rogers Clark of the Continental Line & Commander in Chief of the expedition who marched us across the Ohio River & thence through an unbroken wilderness to the outpost on Wabash River near Vincennes Indiana State. Then a north direction in pursuit of some Indian Towns

[p3] which we failed to find there. Returned to our post thence to the Falls of Ohio & thence up the country through by McAfee's Station, Harrodsburg & Danville to Stanford where he was honorably discharged for four months services and in August 1787 [sic] entered the state line of Virginia for three months as a volunteer militia man under the command of Colo James Knoll [?]¹ in Capt John Logan's company as a guard to the road cutters from Logan's Fort now Stanford Lincoln County to Cumberland Gapt [Cumberland Gap]² which was opened as a middle [?] way nearly the same route as the road now runs, for which services of three months he was honourably discharged and in January 1788 he entered in Virginia State Line for twelve months as a mounted militia man as a spy or scouter as commonly called *But Claims* as Indian Spie [sic] at Logan's Garrison in Lincoln County Virginia in the command of Colo Benjamin Logan which he faithfully performed & was honorably discharged for the said twelve tours or

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 Could not find an officer by this name in the VA service.
Possibly "James Knox"?

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twelve months and then returned in Capt Robert Madarral's [?] Company as a mount[ed] spy under the command of Colo Benjamin Logan under the Virginia State Line and acted as an Indian Spie [sic] for that time or tour of twelve months at Farris or Madarral Station as so called on the Wilderness Road near where Bigg Laurel Bridge [Big Laurel Bridge] now stands in Laurel County KY & served out the full time of twelve months & was honorably discharged. He again in January 1790 returned for twelve months in Capt David Logan's Company [p4] in the regiment commanded by Colo Benjamin Logan and remained at the same station which the garrison was commanded by Capt Madarral and still done the duty of an Indian Spie for twelve months & also received an honorable discharge as such the country through which we marched & upon which we acted as Indian Spies was from Logan's Fort in Lincoln County to Martin's Fort or Station in Powell Valley east of Cumberland mountain three said years services was performed nearby in the Laurel Region of country upon the Wilderness Trace & out towards the Chirokees [sic, Cherokees] Indian Nation. I resided in Lincoln County (Virginia) at the time I first entered the service of the United States & at the same place when I entered or enlisted in the state line of Virginia (have served three years and seven months in all for which I have had honorable discharges but all have been lost & have no documentary evidence & know of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. I have in all the various engagements served three years & seven months the first four tours under the call of General Clark for volunteers to go up the Wabash River as before stated the next three month service under Colo Knox by order of Virginia Council of Safety & three last years services as a Spie by said Council of Safety serving the time of said three years & seven months service. He was completely engaged at the several *post[s]* as above stated to the total exclusion of all other business or pursuits in life. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever [p5] 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 ~~and if any only~~ Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

s/ James Farris



[routine interrogatories repetitious of the declaration, county supporting statements and certification

Jesse C Portman, clergy
Owen Wilkerson, neighbor
Nathan Faris
Thales Huston
William Ray JPCC
James Clark JPCC
R,C, Haskin JPCC
John Humphrey JPCC
John Chesney JPCC
Jonathan Davenport JPCC

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[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. 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 fails 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 errors or omissions to my attention.]

The Courts Interrogatories (where and in what year were you born) Answer I was born in the Date 1770 [sic] in Halifax County Virginia

2. Have you any record of your age (and if so where is it) Answer I have the record of my age

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer I lived in Lincoln County Virginia when I entered the service of the United States & after the term of services as before stated I lived in the same County of Lincoln now the State of Kentucky and resided there until some ten or twelve years ago, since that time I have lived in Casey County Kentucky.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer I was a volunteer in every Instance of the five engagements I made with the public all was as a volunteer

5. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the General circumstances of your services

Answer General George Rogers Clark was a regular officer & had Regular troops with us to the out posts I suppose a Continental Regiment, and a Regiment of Kentucky then Virginia Militia commanded by Colonel James Barnett, Colonel Knox who commanded in opening the road before stated was a militia officer Colonel Benjamin Logan was also a militia officer Commandant of the Line of posts through the wilderness as above stated including Logan's, English's, (Maddarrals or Farris so called), Middletons to Daviss at Cumberland Mountain a Distance of one hundred miles all in Lincoln County Virginia now Kentucky, those posts as above stated was denominated stations or Garrisons a guard of spies was kept at each post under a Captain Commandant with a full number of subaltern officers & [several indecipherable words] Sufficient for the protection of the travelers on the Rote [route] to the Interior of the Country by escorting from one post to the other & by ever keeping a proper number of the Spies out in a direction from where ever the Indians was expected to come to watch for them & upon any site of them or their Sign either to pursue them, or give the earliest information possible to the Garrisons or any individual so they might be upon the watch also –

6th. To a Soldier did you ever receive a discharge from the Services & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer, I received a Discharge from the Services in every Engagement, the first by Colonel James Barnett the 2nd by Colonel Benjamin Logan, James Knox the 3rd by Colonel [words

marked through] the 4th by Captain Robert Madarral the 5th by Captain David Logan (the 2) latter discharges by order of Colonel Benjamin Logan Commandant of the Regiment to which they belong (all 5 of the discharges as above stated, I have long since lost or have been mislaid so I can't say certainly what has become of them.

7th 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Nathan Faris, Owen Wilkerson and Thales Hinston & George Portman was embraced in the pension law until very recently