

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Farley: W7244

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Giles County: State of Virginia To Wit

On this 30th day of June 1834 personally appeared before the County Court of Giles County now sitting Thomas Farley a resident of said County of Giles and State of Virginia aged between seventy three and seventy four 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 the 7th 1832.

That in the fall of the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Capt. Thomas Burke [or Burk] and was stationed at Woods Fort, Greenbrier County now Monroe County and remained as a soldier at said Fort for the space and Term of three months.

That in the succeeding spring to wit in the spring of 1777 he again entered the service against the Indians as a Volunteer under the command of the said Thomas Burke, then a Captain and was stationed at Culbertson's Bottom Montgomery County (now Giles County- and that he remained in the service in the spring of 1777 for three months during which time he occasionally acted as a Spy against the Indians.

In the fall of 1779 or 1780 he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the Command of Major Joseph Cloyd George Pearis Captain and James Mars Lieutenant he then (as also during the two tours above mentioned) lived on Walker's Creek Montgomery County, now Giles County Virginia, and was marched through the Western part of Virginia into the state of North Carolina and was in the battle of the Shallow Ford of the Adkin [sic: Skirmish at Shallow Ford of Yadkin River about 10 miles west of present Winston-Salem NC, 14 Oct 1780] in which Captain Pearis was wounded - he attended Captain Pearis as a guard after he was wounded and left the service during the Winter - having been in the service of the United States this tour six weeks.

In the spring following, which was the spring of 1780 or 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer under Colo. William Preston Henry Patton was Captain - no other officers recollected - he was marched from Montgomery County where he lived to the state of North Carolina near Guilford Court House and was in the battle of the Alamance river [Skirmish at Clapp's Mill, 4 Mar 1781] and the battle of the Reedy Fork of Haw River at Whitesills Mills [Skirmish at Wetzel's Mill, 6 Mar 1781]. Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was commanding at the time part of the army. he was that tour in the service of the United States three months.

That in 1778 he enlisted under Captain John Renfro in Franklin County [formed from Henry and Bedford counties in 1786] Virginia Skelton Taylor was Lieutenant. after he enlisted he was marched from Franklin County to Colo. Madison in Montgomery County Virginia where he was stationed and remained six weeks (or one and a half months) from Montgomery County he was marched to Rich Creek Greenbrier County, Va. now Monroe County under the command of Captain John Woods where he was stationed and remained six weeks. the time he enlisted for having expired he was discharged having served three months

Since he left the service of the United States he has lived on Walker Creek now Giles County. that he has no documentary evidence of these facts. that his first tour above mentioned is known to Colo. Christian Snidow of Giles County Va. and his second tour to the said Colo. Snidow & Joseph Whitaker of Montgomery County. that his third tour above mentioned is known to Capt Thomas Shannon of Giles County Va. that his fourth tour is known to the said Colo. Christian Snidow of Giles County and that as to the last mentioned tour he knows of no person at this time he can prove the same by.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

NOTE: On 25 Sep 1848 Patty Farley, 76, applied for a pension stating that as Patty Lester she married Thomas Farley in Montgomery County on 8 May 1793, and he died 12 June 1839