Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Fariss (Farris) R3456 Transcribed by Will Graves f27GA 1/30/08 rev'd 1/14/15

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State of Georgia, Rabun County

On this the 27th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary it being a Court of record for said County, William Farris, a resident of said County, who being duly sworn as the law directs doth on his oath make the following Declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension by virtue of the above recited act of Congress [June 7th 1832 Act].

That he entered the service of the United States on the first day of August in the year 1776 under the following officers viz. Captain Whitson and served a tour of two weeks only, during which time Declarant was in one engagement with the Indians in which in which Captain White was wounded of which he afterward died. The Battle was fought on the West fork of the Catawba River. Furthermore Declarant again volunteered on the 10th of September and served a tour of three months against the same enemy under Captain William Cathy. And that the tour under Cathy was in the year '77 in the latter part of the Same; and that in '78 Declarant served by substitution for a term of three months and after this Declarant served in his own proper person for four weeks-- for which he claims a pension.

There is no person living by whom I can prove my Service nor did I ever received any discharge therefore. I State, and can on [sic, only?] State the facts.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State – Sworn to and Subscribed.

S/Wm Fariss

[p 13: J. Chastain, a clergyman, and William J. Gains gave the standard supporting affidavit.]