

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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[p9] State of KY

Rockcastle County Sct

On this 27 day of January 1834 personally appeared before the justices of the county court for said county Moses Faris a resident citizen of the county aforesaid aged 75 the 3<sup>rd</sup> of next month who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That in the month of March or April in the year 1778 or 79 which he does not now remember he entered the service in the army of the United States as a volunteer for six months in Pittsylvania County state of Virginia for the term of six months in the company commanded by Capt Roberts the name of the Col forgotten but in the brigade commanded

[p10] by Genl Scott [*Charles Scott*]. He served six months and was discharged at Petersburg [*Petersburg*] Va by his Capt afs<sup>d</sup> which he has long since lost. He believes that Nelson was his Lt. His ensign forgotten. He was in no battles. Owing to the loss of his memory by sickness he does not recollect the officers in the Regt. After this in the year he now believes 80 he served as a volunteer for six months under Col<sup>o</sup> Mathus or Nelson he does not distinctly recollect which as a volunteer and after his term of service had expired he was discharged near James Town which he has long since lost. He was discharged by his Capt whose name he now believes was Smith but he first entered he believes his Capt was by the name of Nelson. And before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York. In the year 1782 he moved to Ky and he employed a man by the name of

[p11] Ch<sup>s</sup> Sherly [*Charles Shirley?*] then Lincoln County to serve a tour of duty for three months to go against the Shawnee Indians. He went the trip and returned and brought him a written discharge in his own name for three months which he lost. He served under Capt Morrison (the father in law of Doct<sup>r</sup> Gaithers [*Nathan Gaither*] late a member of congress). In the year 1783.4.5&6 he was engaged in Indian scouts on Holston [*River*] & in Ky. The number he does not recollect but almost every two or three months, but adding them all together he has no doubt they would amount to upwards of seven months. In these scouts he was often under Capt Estill of Madison County Ky & Capt Morrison

[p12] and others whose names he has forgotten in consequence of the loss of memory.

He hereby relinquished every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state whatever. The line in which he served was he understood the Virginia State troops or militia. He does not know which. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afs<sup>d</sup>.

Moses Faris x his mark

He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services living in Ky.

Moses Faris x his mark

1 As to his age he has stated. He was born in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia

2 Has no record of his age.

4 He was called in to service as a volunteer as he has stated afs<sup>d</sup>

5. He has stated all the officers he now remembers, but he believes he saw Genl Nelson, Mathus, and Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg]
6. He has stated all he knows about his discharges.
7. As to his character he refers to the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Quin, Capt Wm Smith, Janus W Anderson.
8. When he first entered the service he was marched from Pittsylvania through Charlotte, Halifax, to Petersburg Va where he was discharged. The second trip he was marched through the state, the counties forgotten except Bedford to near James Town on James River where he was discharged.

Moses Faris    x his mark

[P12 ff] routine county supporting statements and certification

John Quin

William Smith

Saml Wilson

James Terrill, clerk

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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 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834, Moses Faris appeared before the Honorable Joseph Eve Judge of the 15 Judicial Circuit, Kentucky, at the Court House in the County of Rockcastle in Open Court and upon his Oath file the following additional statement to his original declaration, filed in the County Court of said County on the 7 of January 1834. He states that the first trip under Captain Roberts he served six months whether he engaged for three months at first & then for three months more he does not remember, (owing to the loss of memory by sickness) but as to serving six months he cannot be mistaken. From Pittsylvania, he was marched to Petersburg, where he was stationed until he was discharged by his Captain aforesaid where he was discharged. When he served under Colonel Mathus or Nelson, he volunteered in Pittsylvania, after his first term of six months for two months, was marched to Petersburg by his Captain he now thinks his name was Nelson, or Tyler, after his time had expired, he entered for two months more, but about half of the Company went home & a new company was formed and he thinks his Captain's name was Smith, after this engagement Colonel Nelson or Mathus marched the Regiment down near Richmond then down James River, then back to Petersburg, where his second term had expired of two months, about half the Regiment was discharged & returned home, recruits were beat up for two months longer & he again volunteered for two months more and to the best of his recollection he was placed in a company commanded by Captain Nelson, though he may have still remained under Smith – There was so many change of officers, and he frequently on scouts that he cannot remember the different changes – After he volunteered the last as aforesaid the Colonel marched about half the Regiment towards Richmond & his company with two or three other Companies were stationed at Petersburg to guard the Arsenal where he remained until his

time expired when he was honorably discharged by his Captain & returned home. He in his original declaration, spoke of it as a six months trip, and has always so considered it, but it was made up of three engagements, but without ever leaving the service.

S/ Moses Faris, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died June 3, 1841, place not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]