

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Starritt [NC8] Ctf. 1027
Transcribed by Will Graves

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Lee's Legion Dragoons iss'd 4/26/30, lost) (Private)	Starritt, Benjamin	Ctf. 1027 dated 12/11/30 (dup. of 999 \$100 per annum Agency, Tenn. No Papers
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See Agency Book, Act. 5/15/28
Telephone Report from Gen. Acctg. Office shows
last payment made from 3/3 to 9/3/49 on Sept. 12, 1849 by Agent at Jackson, Tenn.
while he was living in Fayette Co., Tenn

[Note: I believe this is the same man who testified in support of the application made by the widow of James Hamilton W155 and whose affidavit in that case reads as follows:

[fn p. 25: Actual text with deciphered text interlined and offset in italics]
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She ought [to draw one]. I am 78 years of age and get a pension for my service
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in the regular army.
Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 25th April 1840
S/J. Williams, JP*

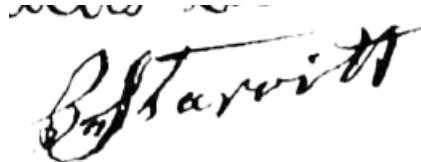
S/ B Starritt¹



[and at fn p. 42]

May 19th 1842 Personally appeared before me E. L. Evans an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee Benjamin Starret who being first duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he was in the Army with James Hamilton in the North Carolina Militia drafted and was mustered into service the 10th day of November 1778 and our discharge the 10th of May following. We were in one mess and were both in the battle at Briar Creek and served our tours and returned home with Honorable discharges after that I saw him often in the Army but not in the same Troops with me and do not remember who were his officers. That tour we served under General Rutherford in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Pesley [John Paisley] in Captain John Donel's company. I do know that he was in service and on scouts to he married a lady by the name of Jane Gwyn in February 82. He was twice wounded by the enemy. I have seen the deposition of his widow and think it correct and if any drawls pensions I would think she ought. I am 78 years of age and get a pension for my services in the regular Army. In my former deposition I stated that we were out together in 1779 and till the following May – by mistake I stated it one year too late which mistake I have corrected in this deposition. This will certainly account for our serving a longer tour than three months. We were drafted for five months but were out as long as above stated.

S/ Bn Starritt



and in support of the application filed by the widow of [John Fitzpatrick W7276](#) he offered the following testimony

¹ I am of the opinion that this man is probably Benjamin Starritt

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State of Tennessee Fayette County

On this 12th day of March 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County Mr. Benjamin Starritt² a Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$100 per annum and a resident of said County aged 90 years and makes oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with John Fitzpatrick of Surry County North Carolina in the days of the revolutionary War, that the said John Fitzpatrick was married to one Sarah East in said Surry County sometime in the early part of the year 1778, and that this affiant, on the occasion, was present and saw them legally Joined together affiant further states that in the latter part of the year 1778 the said John Fitzpatrick entered the Service of the United States in company with affiant as a drafted militia man for a tour of six months in Colonel Pacey's Regiment [sic, John Paisley] & Captain Donald's [John Donald's] Company, which Tour he served out and was discharged on Savannah River and returned home, during this tour we were in the battle of Briar Creek,³ That we remained at home in the same neighborhood until Gates defeat at Camden immediately after which time myself and the said John Fitzpatrick again entered the service of the United States in a light horse or Cavalry Company commanded by Captain Daniel Gillespie in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gillespie, that the said John Fitzpatrick remained in said service with this affiant and was in the mess with one Hugh McRory or McCrory who was also a member of said company, That we remained in said service being transferred to Colonel Lee's Legion which was well before the battle of Guilford⁴, That we were both at said battle, after which time we remained in Service under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and was marched to the South, that we remained in said service until Close of the war, and was honorably discharged at the Fort near a place called the Two Sisters on Savannah River after which time we returned home, that during the time we were in said service the said John Fitzpatrick was a good and efficient soldier, that affiant was occasionally called upon and acted as Lieutenant to his Company That he was in various other Battles to wit Warhob's lane⁵ against the Tories and at Charlotte and the Eutaw Springs.⁶ Affiant acting a part of his time as an officer was well acquainted with the said John Fitzpatrick and is certain that he performed said service, that he was legally married to his wife the said Sarah at the time above mentioned Affiant also has understood from the said John Fitzpatrick, that he performed other tours of militia service previous to his marriage but of this affiant can say nothing of his own knowledge, That affiant left North Carolina at a very early date and can say nothing as to when the said Fitzpatrick died but understood that he was dead and that his widow the said Sarah had removed to Smith County in the State of Tennessee where she is still living as affiant is informed. There are probably various other incidents and occurrences during our said Service, but from the great lapse of time and loss of memory affiant will not attempt to give them.

² He is indexed in the National Archives under "Benjamin Starritt" without designation as to state and without papers. The cover sheet notes he was assigned to Lee's Legion (Private) Ctf. #1027 \$100/annum last payment on September 12, 1849 while he was living in Fayette County, Tenn.

³ March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

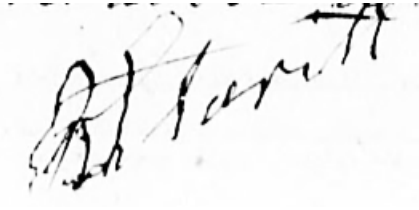
⁴ March 15, 1781

⁵ Sic, this is probably a reference to the engagement at Wahabs Plantation [also called Walkup's] which occurred on September 21, 1780 between Whigs commanded by Lt. Col. William Richardson Davie and Maj. George Hanger commanding the British/Loyalists. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/wahabsp.htm>. John Allison questions whether or not Hanger was actually at Wahabs. John points out that Hanger does not mention being there in any of his post-war writings.

⁶ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

Sworn to and subscribed, before me the day and date first above written
S/ H. W. Sharp, JP
[Hardy W. Sharp]

S/ B. Staritt [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. Staritt". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail on the "t".