

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Farris Nathan	VA	R14085	f25VA
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Polly Fitzgerald	Former widow	Va half pay	

[p2] State of Kentucky

Pulaski County Sct

We John Fitzgerald and Polly his wife late Polly Faris widow of Captain Nathan Faris aged about eighty years, James Hudson & Polly his wife late Polly Paris, and James Johnson & Rebecca his wife late Rebecca Faris daughter and the only surviving heir at law & children of the said Captain Nathan Faris deceased

The said Polly Fitzgerald aforesaid upon oath testifies and declares that Nathan Faris her late husband entered the service of the United States as a Captain commanding a volunteer company under the command of the then Colo George Rogers Clark and joined the army at what is now called Louisville in the state of Kentucky and continued in the army in service during the campaign and was at the taking of a post on the Wabash and also at the taking of Vincennes on the Illinois and got an honorable discharge.

Shortly after his return from the campaign aforesaid he engaged in the erection & establishment of a Station in that part of Kentucky now called Green River within about ten miles of Colo Casey's Station. A party of Indians one morning about day light attacked and took the station and killed my husband the said Captain Nathan Faris, his brother and one of our children with sundry other persons. They took my child by the fort and bashed its brains out against a tree. As soon as my husband was wounded, he said he must die and burden [?] me to take the other surviving children and make my escape which I did and carried with me our two surviving children herein & above mentioned. Polly

[p3] and Rebecca now Polly Hudson and Rebecca Johnson. The Indians burned, destroyed, and carried away every thing about the station among the rest my husband's discharge above mentioned.

We Polly Hudson late Polly Faris and Rebecca Johnson late Rebecca Faris, daughter & only surviving children & heirs at law of the said Capt Nathan Faris deceased, were too young at the time of our father's death to recollect anything about the services of our father in the army or during the war. We beg to refer the Department to the accompanying deposition in aid of our mother's declaration on oath as proof of our father's claim to bounty land and money for his services aforesaid. We further declare that our father Captain Nathan Faris never received nor have we received the money he was entitled to for his services aforesaid. Nor did he nor have we ever received a warrant for the bounty land promised to our father on the part of the state of Virginia nor did he in his lifetime or we since his death ever assign or transfer in any manner whatsoever our claims for the sevices aforesaid therefor:

Know all men by these presents that we Johnson Firzgerald and Polly his wife, James Hudson & Polly his wife, James Johnson & Rebecca his wife aforesaid the widow surviving children& heirs at law of the said Captain Nathan Faris due as & all of Pulaski County state of Kentucky do hereby authorize constitute and appoint the Honb^l Sherrod Williams our Representative in Congress our true & lawful attorney for us and in our names to demand and

receive from the proper department the money due to us as the widow & heirs at law of the said Captain Nathan Farris, deceased, and for us

[p4] and in our names to demand & receive from the state of Virginia a warrant for the quantity of land due to us as the widow & heirs at law aforesaid and we further authorize & empower our said attorney to ask for demand & receive the amount of money or land that we may be entitled to for the services aforesaid from each and any department that it is proper. Said money & land warrants may be payable from. And our said attorney is hereby fully authorized & empowered to constitute & appoint one or more substitutes & attorneys under him for the purpose of effectuating business herein expressed.

Given under our hand & seals this 13th day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

John Fitzgerald	x his mark
Polly Fitzgerald	x her mark
James Hudson	x his mark
Polly Hudson	x her mark
James Johnson	x his mark
Rebecca Johnson	x her mark

[routine county certification
Bourne Goggin JPCC
William Fox, clerk]

[p6] I do certify that Nathan Farris late of the county of Lincoln and state of Virginia now state of Kentucky was Captain of a company of volunteers infantry commanded by Major J Downey in a campaign for a six months tour of service against the Indians at the O post on the Wabash River, That the said Nathan Farris with his company under said Major J. Downey was marched from the county aforesaid and joined the army of the United States under the command of GENERAL George Clarke at or near the seat of Louisville now Louisville of Kentucky that the said Nathan Farris then served under the command of the said George Clarke during the said campaign and was regularly discharged for the said tour of sic months service. That he the said Elijah Farris served as a private under the command of the said Nathan Farris in the aforesaid campaign. That some years after the said campaign or tour of service the said Nathan Farris was killed supposed to have been by the Indians. That he left surviving him a wife and three children. That his wife whose name is Polly he is informed and believes is now alive and resides in the county of Pulasky [sic] state of Kentucky. That his children names were Rebecca, Sally, and Polly.

[p7] one of whom is decd. The other two are living, to wit: Rebecca and Polly with all of whom I was and now am well acquainted as the wife and heirs at law of the said Nathan Farris Decd having lived from the above named tour of service a neighbor of the above named Nathan Farris and said wife and heirs at law of the said Nathan Farris.

I also certify that some time about 1776 that Nathan Farris went out under General Clarke after being enlisted and what length of term of tout I do not recollect given under my hand this 22 day of August 1835.

Elijah Farris x his mark

[routine Washington County Ky certification
John Yocum JP]

[p12] State of Kentucky, Pulaski County, sct

This day personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the Cty of Pulaski Henry Cilbern of sd cty and upon his oath states that he believes that he was 83 years old the 10 day of last June & he further states that he served under General Clarke one campaign the year 1786 at Vinseans [sic Vincennes] and he further states that he well recollects that Nathan Faras [sic] served at the same campaign and was called captain but wheather [sic] he acted as Cpt he does not recollect but thinks it probable that he did. Given under my hand this 27th day of Oct 1845.

Henry Cilbern x his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me on the date above

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[routine county certification

Will Fox, clerk

W.M. Fox deputy clerk]

[p17] State of Kentucky, Casey County

Be it remembered that on the nineteenth day of August 1835 before undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said county (who is personally known to me) appeared James Faris and made oath in accd form of law that Nathan Farris late of the County of Lincoln and believes state of Virginia and now state of Kentucky was captain of a company of volunteer infantry commanded by Colonel John Downey in a campaign for a six month tour of service against the Indians at the opost on the Wabash under Col John Downey was march from the county afsd and joined the Army of the United States under the command of General George Clark at or near the Fall of Louisville (now Lousiville Kentucky) That the said Nathan Farris there served under the command of the said Genl George Clark during the said campaigns and was regularly discharged for the said tour of six months service. That he the said James Farris served as a private under the command of the said Nathan Farris in the afsd campaign. That some years after the said campaign or tour of service the said Nathan Farris was killed supposed to be by the Indians. That he left surviving him a wife and three children. That his wife shoes name is Polly he is informed & believes is now alive and resides in the county of Pulaski State of Kentucky. That his children's names were Rebecca, Sally, and Polly one of whom is dead the other two are now living to wit Rebecca & Polly with all of whom he was and is now well acquainted as the wife & heirs at law of the said Nathan Farris deceased. Having lived from the above

[p18] named tour of service neighbours of the said Nathan decd and the said wife & heirs at law of the said Nathan.

s/ James Farris

Subscribed & sworn to the

Day and year first above written

Before me

John E Fitzpatrick JPCC

[Routine county certification

Joel Sweeney, clerk]

[p19] State of Kentucky

Lincoln County sct

This day personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the county & state aforesaid, Benjamin Briggs, a resident citizen of Lincoln County aforesaid. Who upon oath states that he is in his eightieth year, that he will be eighty years of age the 3d day of April next. That he served under George Rogers Clark in his campaigns. One in the year 1782 against the Indians at the Pickaway towns and at Urbana. Both places were taken by sd

Clark. The other campaign was in the year 1786 against the Indians above Vincennes. He further states that he well recollects that Nathan Farris under sd Clark in one or the other of the said campaigns but which he is not now able from long lapse of time to say & designate but he is certain & positive that said Farris commanded a company in one or the other of said campaigns. Given under my hand this 20th day of February 1845.

Sworn to & subscribed

The day & year last above

s/ B. Briggs

Mentioned – before me

A.F.Henley JPLC

[routine county certification

Thomas Helm, clerk]

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The deposition of James Hamilton of lawful age take before me John M Hail a justice of the peace for the county of Pulaski and state of Kentucky to be read as evidence at any place where the records stand as the said Hamilton being first sworn states that he was a ~~soldier~~ officer in General George Clark's campaign at the Opost Wabash River in the old Indian war and that Nathan Faris was acting captain in said campaign under the said Genl Clark's campaign.

s/ James Hamilton

[routine county certification

John M. Hail JPC

Will Fox clk]