

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Leonard Farrar S17406

NC VA

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State of Missouri

County of Franklin SS.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Honbl Charles H Allen Judge of the Franklin Circuit Court now sitting Leonard Farar a resident in the Township of St John in the County of Franklin and State of Missouri aforesaid aged sixty nine Years or thereabouts 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 seventh of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was living at the time of his first entering the service in the County of Pytselvania [sic: Pittsylvania] in the state of Virginia, that in the fall or first of the Winter of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight troops were raised in the County of Guilford in the state of North Carolina that one James Wilson an acquaintance of the family of this petitioner a citizen of Guilford County was drafted and this petitioner became his substitute then in his fourteenth or fifteenth year and joined a company commanded by Capt James Frost. Isam Hancock [Isham Hancock] Lieutenant, Charles Dougherty first and Enoch Foster second Sergeant the regiment was commanded by Col. [Andrew] Hampton and Lt. Col. Hamright [sic: Frederick Hambright] Genl. Lininton [sic: John Alexander Lillington] commanded the brigade. This petitioner joined the troop in Guilford County and marched from thence by the way of Salisbury to Charleston, when at Charleston he had the small pox and was confined to the Hospital and hence knows but little of what was done on the part of the army. he received a discharge signed by his Col. Hampton Lt. Col. Hamright and Captain Frost which is lost. and this petitioner believes he received his discharge on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March seventeen hundred and seventy nine for a Tour of three months. In the spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty as this petitioner believes he was drafted in Pitsylvania County Virginia and was attached to the Company of one Captain Burns or Burnet but was from the circumstances of his having a Rifle, removed with others who had Rifles into the Company of Captain Cowdan [sic: James Cowden] who was from Henry County in the State of Virginia and this petitioner marched by the way of Cobham & Petersburg in Virginia to a place called as he thinks the Maubin Hills [sic: Malvern Hills 15 mi SE of Richmond] where he joined the army commanded by Genl [Robert] Lawson Col [St. George] Tucker and Maj'r [John] Holcomb. The Army marched from the Mauben Hills through the Country in different directions and to places the names of which are entirely forgotten; some time in the summer of the year seventeen hundred and eighty this petitioner received a discharge at the house of Capt. Cowdan in Henry County Virginia but does not recollect by whom it was signed. The discharge was for a Tour of three months service, and is lost. In the month of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, one Mashack Stevens was drafted and he was the brother in law of this petitioner but when called on to go into the service he failed for some cause or other and on the day that the battle of Guilford was fought [15 Mar 1781] this petitioner then in the County of Pitsylvania in the state of Virginia hearing the report of the large guns at Guilford went to his Brother in law Mashack Stevens and proposed to substitute for him, and in the morning thereafter this petitioner went to Guilford Courthouse in the state of North Carolina (or near thereto) and reported himself as the substitute of said Stevens to Capt Joseph Morton who had previously raised a Company in Pitsylvania County and was by the said Capt mustered into service, on the day after, as this petitioner recollects he was removed to another company the names of the officers of which are forgotten. but Genl Lee [more likely Lt. Col. Henry Lee] had the command of the troops. the army marched as this petitioner was informed in pursuit of Cornwallis. after a considerable time (the precise time not recollected) this petitioner was sent in company with other soldiers to guard some Prisoners to Mjr Rose in the state of Virginia, with the

prisoners he recollected to have passed through Hillsborough [NC] at Mjr. Roses he received a discharge for a tour of three months but does not recollect by whom it was signed but knows the same is lost. Some time in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one this petitioner was again drafted in the county of Pytsylvania in the State of Virginia and went with a single Captain's company to Little York he recollects of passing through Petersburg [sic: Petersburg]. The officers of the Company are entirely forgotten. he was at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and the taking of Cornwallis but does not recollect in what Regiment he received after the surrender of Cornwallis a discharge for a three months Tour as he believes but does not recollect by whom it was signed, but knows that the same is lost. And the said petitioner further states that he has no documentary evidence by which his services can be proven neither does he know any person that can testify to his services. and he further states that he was born in the County of Googeland [sic: Goochland] in the state of Virginia in the year seventeen hundred and sixty four as he believes that he has no Record of his age, that he has lived since the Revolutionary War in Virginia South Carolina Kentucky and Missouri and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. and he further states that he is known to John Caldwell & John G. Greer men of his neighborhood who can testify to his character for truth and veracity Sworn to and subscribed to in open court day & date aforesaid

Leonard hisXmark Farar

NOTE: The file contains a letter written on 14 Aug 1843 inquiring about a pension for Margaret Farrar, widow of Leonard Farrar. The letter stated that they were married by Rev. John Shateen in Pendleton District SC