

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Feris (Farris) S1813

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State of Tennessee Maury County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before James Henry, Robert Wortham, & Peter Williams Justices of the Court of Pleas and Order Sessions for said County, now sitting, Caleb Farris a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged Sixty Seven years who first being 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 June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. Applicant states that he was born in the County of Chester State of Pennsylvania in the year 1765, that his Father moved to the State of South Carolina in 1776 York District -- where this applicant resided when he entered the service as a drafted Militia man for a three months tour under the command of Capt. James Houston and Lieut. Thomas Bratton, Houston was unable to march in the command of the Company then devolved on Lieut. Bratton for the balance of the Tour, applicant was marched with his company to Woodward's in Fairfield District, where he joined the Regiment commanded by Col. William Bratton, then marched to Marshall's mills on the waters of the Congaree River where he was camped about three weeks he was then marched to Howell's ferry on the Congaree where General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] took the entire command of the whole force including State Troops. Applicant says he was then marched to Rumps on the road to Orangeburg where he heard of the defeat of the State Troops under Col. Wade Hampton, by the Tories commanded by the notorious Col. Cunningham in the neighborhood of Orangeburg on Edisto River.¹ He states that after Col. Hampton's defeat, he marched under General Sumter to Orangeburg and took possession of it where he staid about three months, he says that campaign closed the 25th day of December 1781 wanting four or five days of four months. Applicant states that the first of July, 1782 he was drafted for a second tour of three months, from York District South Carolina, under the command of Capt. Chambers he was marched from York district through the District of Fairfield to the Town of Orangeburg, he states that not far below Orangeburg Col. Richard Winn who afterwards died in Maury County Tennessee, took command of the Regiment and marched into the State of Georgia, he thinks parts of three regiments composed Col. Winn's command, which was principally employed in pursuing and arresting the Tories sometimes in South Carolina and sometimes in Georgia. Applicant says that when he was not in pursuit of the Tories, he with Col. Winn's Regiment was

¹ The veteran MAY be referring to the action between Lt. Col. Richard Hampton and William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham which occurred in November 1781. This action occurred on the North fork of the Edisto River near Orangeburg http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_r_hamptons_surprise.html

engaged in collecting beef cattle for General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army then lying at a place called the Four Holes in South Carolina. Applicant says he left the service first of October 1782. He states that he was in no battle. That he has no documentary evidence of his age or his service, that he knows no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except William Whitesides² and his brother Isaac Farris³ Applicant says he lived in York District South Carolina from the close of the war until 1804, he then moved to the County of Davidson Tennessee where he continued one year then moved to the State of Kentucky where he staid three years, he then moved to the County of Maury Tennessee in 1808, where he has resided ever since and where he now resides.

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.

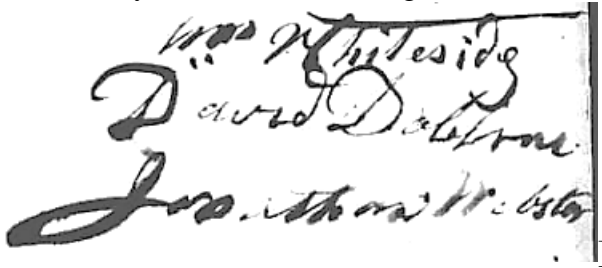
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. J. Porter, Clk

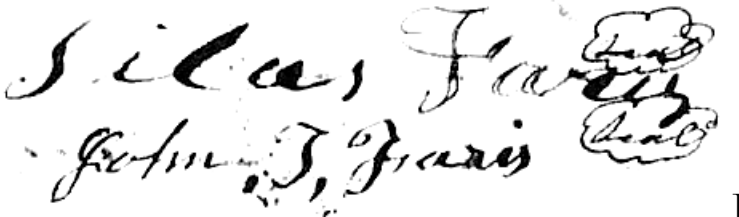
S/ Caleb Feris



[William Whiteside, David Dobbins & Jonathan Webster gave the standard supporting affidavit: in addition, "the said William Whiteside says that he served with the applicant in the revolutionary war in the same Regiment...."]



[p 12: On January 4, 1841, in Maury County Tennessee, Silas Faris and John T. Faris filed a claim stating that they all the surviving children of Caleb Feris, who died June 11 1838 leaving a widow who died on __ day of __ 1838; they state that their father drew a pension at the rate of \$22.75/annum.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.75 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 25 days in the South Carolina militia.]

² Sic, [William Whiteside S1885](#)

³ [Isaac Feris \(Farris\) S3352](#)