

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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[p2] Virginia certificate 23233 to Jacob Fariss

Private under Capt Allen, Col Tucker for 10.5 months

Issued 09Dec1833 @ \$35/annum

[p4] State of Virginia

Cumberland County to wit

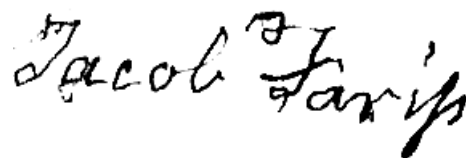
On this 23rd day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before

Justices of the county court of Cumberland County now sitting, Jacob Fariss a resident of said county and state of Virginia aged eighty one years the fifth day of January 1833 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States on the first day of January in the year 1778 as a drafted militia man in the state service of Virginia under Captain John Martin of Albemarle County from the County of Albemarle, State of Virginia. That he marched from home on the first day of January 1778 by Charlottesville to the barracks in Albemarle County and remained in service at that place under the command of John Martin as his captain and William Fountaine [sic] as his Colonel, as guard over the prisoners taken at the capture of Burgoyne. That he was discharged from that tour on the 31st day of March 1778 having served three (3) months. That he was again called out as a drafted militia man in the same service under the same officers at the same place on the first day of June 1778 and remained in service until the 31st day of August 1778 when he was discharged having served three months. After this declarant had performed the aforesaid tours and was discharged he moved [*his*] home and settled in the county of Cumberland and state of Virginia on the 5th day of March 1780. That on the 13th day of February 1781 he was drafted as a militia man from the county of Cumberland and state of Virginia to march to North Carolina. That this declarant did march from the said county on the 13th day of February 1781 under Charles *Ballow* [*Charles Ballew*] of the said county as his captain & Beverly Randolph as his colonel through the county of Mecklenburg and joined the army under General Green [*Nathanael Greene*] in North Carolina not far from Guilford Court House a day or two before the battle [*March 15, 1781*] of Guilford Court House. This declarant was *detailed* as a guard over prisoners sent to Halifax Court House State of Virginia to which place he marched under the command of Ensign Cox, delivered the [p5] prisoners to Colonel Hunt who discharged this declarant at that place on the 28th day of March 1781 having served forty five (45) days whilst this declarant was with the army on this tour. He was commanded by Captain Charles Ballew, Colonel Beverly Randolph and attached to the brigade of Virginia militia men under the command of General Lawson [*Robert Lawson*]. That some short time after his return home, he was again named out under the command of Sergeant Barnett Gains to guard the ferry boats at the town of Cartersville in the county of Cumberland at which place under the command of Colonel Thomas Drew he served seven weeks and when Lord Cornwallis came up to the point of Fork he was ordered together with the detachment to carry the boats to James' Mill where they were sunk. This declarant believes that Col. Thomas Drew was the only commissioned officer at Cartersville. That on the 11th day of September 1781 this declarant with the aforesaid detachment rendezvoused at Col Shipwith's

Mills in the county of Cumberland and on that day marched to the siege of Little York under the command of Captain Richard Allen of the county of Cumberland and state of Virginia at which place he remained until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and then guarded the prisoners to Williamsburg at which place he was discharged on the 29th day of October 1781 but this declarant did not receive a discharge in writing. Whilst in the service at the siege of York & Williamsburg at which two places and on the march there this declarant served forty nine days (49). He was under the immediate command of Captain Richard Allen and was attached to the regiment under the command of Major Henry Shipwith & Major M George Tucker and brigade of Virginia militia under the command of General Lawson. That Captain Harkins [Creed Haskins] of Cumberland who is now and was also in company with this declarant in this last tour of duty. That he has no documentary evidence and does not now know of any person living who can testify as to his services aforesaid except Benj Hatcher Esqr of Manchester and William Walker of Cumberland who was with him at the siege of York. That this declarant was born in the county of Henrico in the state of Virginia on the 5th day of January 1752 but has no register of his age. That he moved from that county as before noted and finally settled in the county of Cumberland where he has ever since resided.

This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name not is [sic] on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

s/ Jacob Fariss



Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

Benjamin Cunningham
Presiding justice

[p 6-7] routine county supporting statements and certification

Joseph Jenkins, clergy

John W Wilson neighbor

Miller Woodson, court clerk

Wm Walker, militia sergeant

Allen Wilson, JP

[p8] Pension department service work sheet form

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months and 15 days in the Virginia militia.]

Supplemented by Will Graves

5/26/13

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The affidavit of Capt. Wm Walker¹ of Cumberland County State of Virginia after being duly sworn before me a Justice of the peace for said County saith that Mr. Jacob Farris now of the County of Cumberland marched from said County on the 11th of September 1781 to the Siege of York under the command of Capt. Richard Allen (now dead) in whose company I acted as Sergeant where we remained in service till the surrender of Lord Cornwallis which was about 6 weeks.

S/ Wm Walker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Walker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Wm Walker".

¹ FPA S6340 transcribed and posted in this database 5/26/13