

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Faris Va21 <sup>1</sup>

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May 7, 1818

William Faris who resides in the County of Russell in the State of Virginia, wishing to become a pensioner pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Congress of the United States passed on the 18th day of March, 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," personally appeared in Court and declared on oath that he enlisted as a soldier with Captain Wallis [perhaps Capt. Andrew Wallace of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment who was killed at the Battle of Guilford] in the Forks of James River, Botetourt County, Virginia, and served as a private soldier in the revolutionary war he thinks near about five years, during which time he served his country faithfully. He was at the battle of the Cow Pens [Cowpens, January 17, 1781] with General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], at which engagement 666 prisoners were made. He was likewise at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] with General Green [Nathanael Greene] and at the battle of Yadkin. He was wounded in the left leg at the battle of Guilford and has never received any pension. His leg being inspected by the Court the scar of a wound appeared thereon, and from the knowledge which some of the members of the Court themselves have as well as from other satisfactory evidence the Court are of opinion and do hereby certify that the said William Faris is a person of credit as a witness, that it was generally understood in the neighborhood of the residence of the said William Faris previous to the passage of the said Act of Congress that the said William Faris had served in the Revolutionary War; and it appears to the court that the said William Faris is in such reduced circumstances in life, as to need assistance from the country for support. All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

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<sup>1</sup> See Law Order Book 6, Page 38 of the Russell County, Virginia, court records