

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Farrar W3968

Amy Farrar

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County

Amy Farrar now in the Seventy third year of age this day personally appeared before me Samuel Sharp one of the Acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and made the following declaration on oath that she intermarried with William Farrar on the Eighteenth of February 1792 in the County of Rockingham which appears from the entries made in the Family Bible and that she had the following children (to wit) Patsey who was born on the 6th of December 1792 Susannah, who was born on the 11th of January 1794 William born the 22nd of December 1796 John born the 16th of March 1798 Anny born January the 18th of 1800 all of which appears of Record of the family Bible and that she further states on her oath that the said William Farrar departed this life in the year of 1801 in the month of March with the consumption which was occasioned by his Exposure in the Army and the said Amy Farrar still remains a widow of the said William Farrar.

And that she further states that during the time they lived together as man & wife that he frequently mentioned that he was in several engagements but does not recollect anyone except that of Brandywine [September 11, 1777].

And that she further states that she has no recollection of the names of the officers under which he served but he frequently mentioned to her that he was marched to Fort Pitt where he served out the term of his enlistment and was discharged at that place.

And she further states that she often heard him say that he enlisted in Granville County State of North Carolina in the Cavalry as a common Soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed to before me the 15th of February A.D. 1840.

S/ Saml. Sharp, JP

S/ Amy Farrar, X her mark

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State of Tennessee Fayette County

Be it known that Major Pleasant Henderson¹ a native of Granville County in the State of North Carolina personally appeared before me Thomas H. Lister a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Fayette, aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was intimately acquainted with William Farrar a soldier of the War of the revolution, we grew up in the same

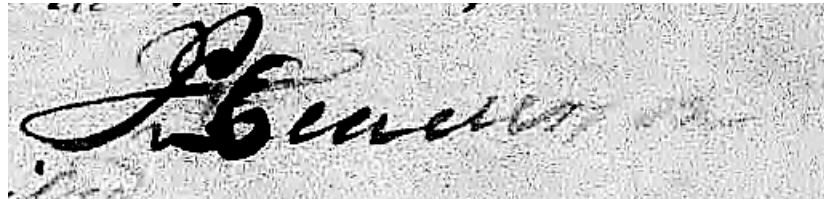
¹ [Pleasant Henderson S1912](#)

neighborhood in the County of Granville. He early in the War enlisted as a Soldier in the Cavalry, and the Regiment to which he was matched was ordered to the North where he served out the period of his enlistment, and was discharged at Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh -- He returned to Granville County and a few years thereafter removed to Rockingham County in the State aforesaid where he married and settled and lived until his death leaving 5 or 6 or more Children His widow from accounts recently received is living in Rockingham aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 1 day of July 1839

S/ J. H. Lister, JP

S/ P. Henderson

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "P. Henderson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper.

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office, that a warrant for bounty land for the services of William Farrar they Soldier of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, was issued on the 28th day of May 1784 No. 1090 for 228 acres of land, being the quantity of land allowed a Soldier for 2 1/2 years services.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 27th day of January 1840.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 47: In the cover letter transmitting the above, William Hill states that there are no muster rolls for the Continental Light Horse in his office and the above is the best evidence he can give of Farrar's service in the Revolution.]

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County

Thomas Searcy now in the Seventy fourth year of his age personally appeared in open Court and made the following statement upon oath. That he became acquainted with William Farrar in the County of Granville shortly after he returned out of the service of the revolution war he came to this affiant's Father's and lived 8 or 9 months (he being a brick mason) to put up a chimney. In the spring of 1783 he removed to the North part of Guilford County to the late Governor Martin's on Dan River to do some brick work for him, afterwards the County of Guilford was divided and the North part of said County was formed into a new County by the name of Rockingham. This affiant further states that in the fall of the year 1783 he (the affiant) emigrated to said County of Guilford and settled in about one mile of said Governor Martin, where he was in the habit of being in company of the said William Farrar almost every week for 3 or 4 years that Amy Whitworth whom he afterwards married lived also in the same neighborhood in this affiant was well acquainted with her when a young woman that after their marriage he frequented their house that he was well acquainted with all their children (to wit) Patsey, William, Susan, John and Anny and further he states that they were married in the month of February 1792 the precise date not recollected that the said William Farrar died in the month

of March 1801 and he further states that Amy Farrar the applicant to be placed on the pension list is a woman of Truth and is the same person she represents herself to be (the widow of William Farrar Deceased).

Sworn to before me in open Court this 24th day of February 1840.

S/ J. Holderly, C. C.

S/ Thomas Searcy

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County

Be it remembered that before the subscriber a Justice of the peace duly commissioned & sworn for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Lewis Bradfield of said County and made oath that he married the daughter of Amy Farrar, widow of William Farrar deceased, which said William this affiant has uniformly heard & believes, enlisted & served in a Company of Cavalry in the Continental line of North Carolina, in the War of the Revolution, and received bounty land therefore in 1784. That ever since his acquaintance, with the said Amy Farrar she has in her possession a family Bible, in which there is a manuscript Register as follows To wit:

William Farrar was born March 19th, 1751

Amy his wife was born September 24th, 1768

Patsey was born December 6th, 1792

Susannah was born January 11th, 1794

William was born December 22, 1796

John was born March 16th, 1798

Amy was born January 18th 1800

Sworn to and subscribed to before me the 28th day of April 1840.

S/ Saml. Sharp, JP

S/ Lewis Bradfield

[p 8-9, is a photograph of the original family register. It varies from the above by the inclusion of the following entries in addition to those quoted above:

“Polly their first daughter and child was borned December 20th 1788

Samuel their first son was borned December 15th 1790

Patsey their 2nd daughter was borned December the 6th 1792

Susannah their 3rd daughter was borned January 11th, 1794

William their 3rd son was borned December 22nd 1796

John their 3rd son was borned March 16th 1798

Anny their 4th daughter was borned January 18th 1800

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September 24th 1768 ¹⁸¹³

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was born December 21st 1788

Samuel their first son was born
December 15th 1790

Patsy their second daughter was born ¹⁸¹⁰
December the 6th 1792

Susannah their third daughter was born
January the 11th 1794

William their second son was born
December 22^d 1796

John their third son was born ¹⁸¹⁵
March 16th 1798 ¹⁸²³

Amey their fourth daughter was born ¹⁷⁹⁸
January the 18th 1800 ¹⁸⁰⁰

~~Patsy their fifth daughter was
born January 19th 1802~~

Patsy H. Oliver was ¹⁸²⁵
born ¹⁸¹²
January 19th 1802

Thomas Searey now in the Seventy fourth year of his age personally appeared before me Samuel Sharp one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and made the following Statement on oath in addition to his former statement, to wit, that he became acquainted with William Farrar in the County of Granville & State aforesaid in the year 1776 he being frequently at the house of this affiant's Father and that said Farrar having remarkable small eyes drew the attention of every person who saw him, That in the [year] 1778, as well as this affiant recollects, the said Farrar enlisted in the County of Granville, in Continental service of the Revolutionary War in the Cavalry and this affiant understood was marched to the North, that in the year 1781 the said Farrar returned to Granville County and came to this affiant's Father's, where he lived nearly one year, and the said Farrar stated that he had traveled from Fort Pitt in 8 days on foot which being disputed by his friends he in order to convince them produced his discharge at Fort Pitt dated 8 days previous to his arrival which satisfied them as to the fact, he frequently mentioned to this affiant how he traveled from Fort Pitt, that when he was hungry he would call at some house on the road and ask for something to eat and when he had it given to him he would take it in the hands and eat it as he walked on the road, that when he was tired and sleepy he would lay down on the road side and sleep, and when rested sufficiently, would rise and walk on, traveling in this way all the time and never sleeping in a house by which mode of traveling he arrived home 2 days sooner than his Comrades, who were on horseback. The said Farrar having lost his horse before he was discharged which he stated had died, this affiant states positively that the said William Farrar is the same person to whom a bounty of Land was allowed by North Carolina for his services and that a warrant for the same was issued to him, which he sold to one Alexander Nelson and that he is the identical William Farrar who married Amy Whitworth and now petitioning to be placed on the pension list agreeable to the Act of Congress as the wife of William Farrar deceased

State of North Carolina Rockingham County

Sworn & subscribed to before me this the 28th day of April 1840

S/ Saml Sharp, JP

S/ T. Searcy

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County

Thomas Seacy personally appeared before me Samuel Sharp one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that the leaf above attached was taken from the family Bible of William Farrar Deceased and Amy Farrar his wife.

Sworn to before me this 9th day of July 1840

S/ T. Searcy

S/ Saml. Sharp, JP

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental Cavalry.]