

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Stephen Farrar W7240

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State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On this 28 day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court Stephen Farrar a resident of said county and state aforesaid aged seventy one years 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 June 7th 1832. That he has no record of his age but has always been told that he was born in the County of Goochland in the month of February 1762 that he removed with his fathers family in 1772 to the County of Louisa. That he was called into service from the County of Louisa in a company of militia under the command of Captain Robert Mosby in the year 1778. That the lieutenant of the company was Henry Johnson. That the regiment in which he served was placed under the command of two continental officers viz Major McGill, and a Frenchman also a Major whose name was pronounced D. Cluman [Charles Deklaman] although he knows not how it was spell'd. That the detachment was under the command of Gen'l [George] Weedon, that part of them of which this declarant was one returned to Richmond & were there discharged, that in this tour he served two months. That he was called into service again from the county of Louisa in April 1781 in a company of militia under the command of Captain Watson, superior officers Major Armstead and Colo. Charles Dabney. that they marched to Richmond, that he was in Richmond when arnold & Philips were in Manchester [when Gen. Benedict Arnold and Gen. William Phillips were in Manchester across the James River from Richmond, 30 Apr 1781] That Genl Lafayette was in Richmond at same time & encamped with his troops on Church Hill, the militia encamped about where the Capital now stands. That the company to which this declarant was attached marched from Richmond down the country and crossed the Chickahominy into New Kent County, we there heard of the arrival of Cornwallis at Petersburg [on 20 May], and were ordered to return to Richmond from Richmond we marched to Hanover, and were discha[r]ged or relieved by other militia at Colo. Dandridges in said County. in this Tour I was called out for two months but served three months. do not think we received a written discharge the militia being generally discharged by company — On my return to the County of Louisa I was immediately called into service again in a company of militia under Capt John White Superior Officers Major Throgmorton and Col'n. Baytoss. that we marched through Hanover and crossed the Pamunkey River at New Castle [now Old Church]. thence through King William & King & Queen Counties to Gloucester were stationed for some time a Gloucester Church under the command of Genl. Weedon. a detachment of French troops at the same time was stationed at Gloucester C[ourt] House - left the Church and marched to Gloucester Town and remained there in active service until after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct] when we were discharged having served four months. I recollect that at the Siege of York Col'n J[?] commanded a detachment of Light Infantry & grenadiers. My services during the Revolutionary War were nine months. First Tour in 1778 Two months, Tour spring & summer 1781 3 months, summer & fall of do. 4 months, he further declares that he has resided in the County of Fluvanna for thirty five years, still resided there. that he knows of no evidence which he can procure to prove his services. That he is generally known in the County of Fluvanna, and refers particularly to his neighbours viz Rev'd Robert Lilly Colonels Drury [rest of name illegible] Danile[?] G Payne & Geo W. Richardson for Testimony as to his his Character, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension other than the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & Subscribed the day & date first herein written.

[signed] Stephen Farrar

NOTE: On 5 Aug 1843 Elizabeth Farrar, 74, successfully applied for a pension stating that she married Stephen Farrar on 28 Dec 1790, and he died on or about 22 Aug 1838. Her application included a copy of a bond signed by Stephen Farrar and Tandy Rice in Fluvanna County on 27 Dec 1790 for the marriage of Farrar to Betsey Rice.