

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Farley W7244

Patty Farley

VA

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Giles County: State of Virginia To Wit

On this 30th day of June 1834 personally appeared before the County Court of Giles County now sitting Thomas Farley a resident of said County of Giles and State of Virginia aged between seventy three and seventy four 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 the 7th 1832.

That in the fall of the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Capt. Thomas Burke [Thomas Burk] and was stationed at Woods Fort [on Rich Creek 4 mi E of Peterstown], Greenbrier County now Monroe County and remained as a soldier at said Fort for the space and Term of three months.

That in the succeeding spring to wit in the spring of 1777 he again entered the service against the Indians as a Volunteer under the command of the said Thomas Burke, then a Captain and was stationed at Culbertson's Bottom Montgomery County (now Giles County) and that he remained in the service in the spring of 1777 for three months during which time he occasionally acted as a Spy against the Indians.

In the fall of 1779 or 1780 he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the Command of Major Joseph Cloyd George Pearis Captain and James Mars Lieutenant he then (as also during the two tours above mentioned) lived on Walker's Creek Montgomery County, now Giles County Virginia, and was marched through the Western part of Virginia into the state of North Carolina and was in the battle of the Shallow Ford of the Adkin [sic: Skirmish at Shallow Ford of Yadkin River about 10 mi W of present Winston-Salem NC, 14 Oct 1780] in which Captain Pearis was wounded – he attended Captain Pearis as a guard after he was wounded and left the service during the Winter – having been in the service of the United States this tour six weeks.

In the spring following, which was the spring of 1780 or 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer under Colo. William Preston Henry Patton was Captain – no other officers recollected – he was marched from Montgomery County where he lived to the state of North Carolina near Guilford Court House and was in the battle of the Alamance river [Skirmish at Clapp's Mill, 2 Mar 1781] and the battle of the Reedy Fork of Haw River at Whitesills Mills [Skirmish at Wetzel's Mill, 6 Mar 1781]. Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was commanding at the time part of the army. he was that tour in the service of the United States three months.

That in 1778 he enlisted under Captain John Renfro in Franklin County [then Henry County] Virginia Skelton Taylor was Lieutenant. after he enlisted he was marched from Franklin County to Colo. Madison in Montgomery County Virginia where he was stationed and remained six weeks (or one and a half months) from Montgomery County he was marched to Rich Creek Greenbrier County, Va. now Monroe County under the command of Captain John Woods where he was stationed and remained six weeks. the time he enlisted for having expired he was discharged having served three months

Since he left the service of the United States he has lived on Walker Creek now Giles County. that he has no documentary evidence of these facts. that his first tour above mentioned is known to Colo. Christian Snidow [pension application S17112] of Giles County Va. and his second tour to the said Colo. Snidow & Joseph Whitaker of Montgomery County. that his third tour above mentioned is known to Capt Thomas Shannon of Giles County Va. that his fourth tour is known to the said Colo. Christian Snidow of Giles County and that as to the last mentioned tour he knows of no person at this time he can prove the same by.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[This declaration was certified by William Smith and Francis Farley, "a preacher of the Gospel."

State of Virginia Giles County To Wit

On this 24th day of July 1837 personally appeared before the County Court of Giles County now sitting Thomas Farley Senior a resident of said County of Giles and State of Virginia aged (as he believes) about seventy six 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 the 7th 1832.

That in the fall of the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Thomas Burke and was stationed at Wood's Fort in the County of Greenbrier (now Monroe County) for the term of three months, that being the period of time for which he enlisted and the same having expired he was discharged.

In the succeeding year the Spring of 1777 he again entered the service as a Soldier against the Indians and was under the Command of Captain John Henderson a part of the time and a part under the command of Capt Thomas Burke and a part under the command of Captain John Taylor and he believes that Henry Patton was Lieutenant. The length of time he then served was three months and was stationed principally at the mouth of Indian creek now in the County of Monroe (the Greenbrier) and at Culbertsons Bottom then Montgomery County, now Mercer County Va. and during a great portion of which time he acted as a spy together with one John Jameson and was in several scouting parties on Bluestone River now in said County of Mercer

In the year 1778 or 1779 he enlisted under Captain John Renfro in Franklin County Virginia Shelton Taylor was Lieutenant After enlisting he was marched from said County of Franklin to Colo. Madison in the County of Montgomery Virginia where he was stationed and remained one and a half months from which place he marched to Rich Creek Monroe County Virginia (then Greenbrier County) under the command of Captain John Woods, where he remained six weeks. – In the latter part of the year 1780 as nearly as he now recollects he again entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer under the command of Major Joseph Cloyd – George Pearis was Captain and James Marrs Lieutenant he then lived on walkers Creek Montgomery County Virginia (now Giles County Virginia) and was marched through Western Virginia into the State of North Carolina and was in the battle of the Shallow Ford of the Adkin in which Captain Pearis was wounded. he attended Captain Pearis as a guard after he was wounded and left the service during the winter thereafter having been in the service One and a half months – In the Spring following he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer. he then resided in the aforesaid County of Montgomery under Col William Preston. Henry Patton was Captain and was marched from Montgomery County into the State of North Carolina near Guilford Court House and was in the battle of Alamance River and the Battle of the Reedy Fork of Haw River at Whitesills Mills. General Green was commanding at the time part of the Army. he was that tour in the service One and a half months. that he served in all at different times about twelve months Since he left the service of the United States he has lived in the County of Montgomery until the County of Giles was taken off of said County of Montgomery and established into a County. Since which time he has lived in said County of Giles. that he has no documentary evidence of any of the above facts but his services under Captain Thomas Burke were known to the late Col. Christian Snidow of said County of Giles. and his services under Captain Thomas Burke Captain John Taylor and Captain Patton were known to said Snidow and Joseph Whitaker of Montgomery and his tour under Major Joseph Cloyd is known to Captain Thomas Shannon of Giles.

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.

He also states that he is very infirm and his memory has become very treacherous so much so that he cannot be perfectly certain that the above dates as to the time the service was performed are correct – but from the best of his recollection and from information derived from others he thinks they are correctly stated.

NOTE: On 25 Sep 1848 Patty Farley, 76, applied for a pension stating that as Patty Lester she married Thomas Farley in Montgomery County May 1793, and he died 12 June 1839. A copy of the marriage

return from Rev. Richard Whitt gives the date of marriage as 8 May 1793. A Treasury-Department document gives the date of Thomas Farley's death as 11 June 1839. It was stated that two of her children were near 60 years old.