

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Farley Stephen (Mary Farley) VA W78 f44VA  
Transcription by Fred Weyler 27May2013

*Edited and supplemented by Will Graves (in italics)*

[p2] West Tennessee certificate

To Stephen Farley of White County

Private under Capt Thomas, Col Meriwether in Virginia for 7 months

Issued 22Jun1833 @ \$23.33/annum

[p3] State of Tennessee

White County SS

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for said county, Stephen Farley, a resident of White County aged about seventy one years of age who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated.

He thinks, from the best estimate he can form that it was in the Spring of the year 1778 he was drafted in the county of Amelia and state of Virginia where he then resided. He was very young, not exceeding seventeen years of age, and although the draft was for three months, the company to which h was attached, only marched a short distance below Petersburg and an express came and they returned home. Not having been out more than one month. He has no recollection of his officers.

Some time after this, how long he is unable to say, but it was not very long, his brother William Farley was drafted in the said county of Amelia. His brother was not in a condition to go, and this declarant went out in his place, as a substitute in the company commanded by Captain Sherwood Walton. His Lieutenant's name was John Cumpton. The name of his ensign he has forgotten. Capt Walton's company was ordered to a place called Cabin Point to guard a magazine. This duty was performed by Captain Walton's men and some troops from Brunswick but how many or who commanded the Brunswick troops he does not remember. He remained here for three months, and on the expiration of his time, returned home. He states that none of the company received a written discharge.

His third tour of duty was shortly after the second. He does not know how long. He was on this occasion drafted himself for three months. He belonged to the company commanded by Captain Edmund Booker, also of Amelia County. From Amelia Court house Capt Booker marched his company by the way of Petersburg to Richmond where he joined Col Merrywaether's or Maryweather's [*probably Thomas Meriwether*] regiment. The British troops were then in possession of Manchester. Capt Booker's company crossed James River at Tuckahoe ferry above the falls in order to join the army at Richmond. The declarant now is and always has been illiterate. He has no recollection who commanded the British at Manchester, and in that part of Virginia, nor does he remember who had the chief command of our own troops at Richmond but he thinks at that time it was Genl Lafayette. He was there, this declarant frequently saw him and is of opinion that he had the chief command, but expected shortly to be joined by Genl Washington. He recollects the general fact that the American Army fled before

the enemy, and was frequently pursued. But he says that Genl Lafayette had orders not to hazard a battle if he could possibly avoid it. This was not very long before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, but how long, he cannot say.

[p5] This declarant in all was in the service seven months. His first and second tours being three months each. His last tour he served out without being in any battle although he suffered much from fatigue and in hurried retreats from the enemy. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove the foregoing facts nor does he know of any living witness by whom the same can be established. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department:

1<sup>st</sup> He was born in Amelia County Virginia on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1762.

2- He has now in his possession in a family Bible which formerly belonged to his father. It contains a record of his age.

3- When called into the service, he lived in Amelia County Virginia. Since the Revolutionary War he removed from Amelia to Franklin County Virginia where he lived six years. From there he removed to Rowan County North Carolina where he remained about two years. From there he returned to Virginia and settled in Lunenburg County where he remained about four years. From there he went to Nottoway County Va where he remained about two years. From there he went to Prince Edward County Va where he remained about three years. From there he removed to Caswell County NC. From there he removed to White County Tennessee where he now resides and has resided ever since.

4- As to the manner of calling into service, he was drafted the first and third times. The second time he was substituted for his brother as above stated.

5- He cannot state the names of any regular officers as he belonged to the militia. Nor the No. of any of the regiments. As to the general circumstances of his service, he has stated them as fully as he can.

[p6] 6- He never received any written discharge but was dismissed at the expiration of his respective terms of service.

7-He states the names of the following persons in his neighborhood to whom he is known and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Isaac Hutson, Moses Linville, Isaac Taylor, and Rev Hezekiah Dildine & Thomas Talent.

He hereby relinquished every claim to a pension *or* annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Stephen Farley                      x his mark                      seal

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 12Oct1832

Test: Jacob A Lane clk

By N Oldham DC

[Routine county supporting statements and certification:

Hezekiah Dildine, clergy

Thomas Talent, neighbor                      signature Thomas Tallant

Jacob a Lane clk

N Oldham deputy clerk

John Jett, Henry Barton, Elijah Frost officers off the court

[p9] 26Mar1833

A repeat declaration stating that his first was the best he remembers.

[P13] Pension summary form and work sheet.

[p14] Tennessee certificate 5744

To Mary Farley widow of Stephen Farley

Deceased 05Jul1838

Issued 10Sept1840 2 \$23.33/annum

[p16-18] the widow's declaration in White County, Aug 1840.

's pension certificate

[p20-24] the widow's declaration in White County, Jun 1840

*[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]*

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### *Supplemented by Will Graves*

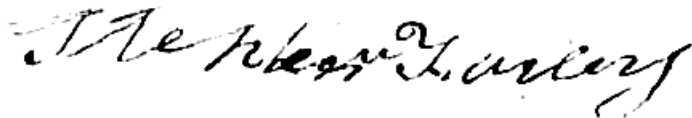
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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*State of Tennessee White County: March the 26 A.D. 1833*

*Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for said County Stephen Farley who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he is unable after making every exertion to give any additional information as to the officers under whom he served. He is unable also to state with any degree of accuracy the periods of the War when he served. He still believes that he entered the service in the spring of 1778 as stated in his Declaration now present. Since reflecting upon the subject the best estimate which he is able to form from his recollection is that his second tour of duty as a substitute for his brother William Farley under Captain Sherwood Walton, was performed in the fall of the year 1778 – His third and last service under Captain Edmund Booker was as well as affiant can recollect shortly after the end of his second tour but how long he is unable to state. He is satisfied of the fact that the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] was shortly after he returned from his last tour of duty. He states that he was quite young when he first entered the service of his Country and in deed was young when his last service was performed. He states that the above is the best information he is able to impart. In his recollection as to the "periods" of his service he may be an accurate. He claims pay for seven months being the length of time exactly served by him in the service of his Country.*

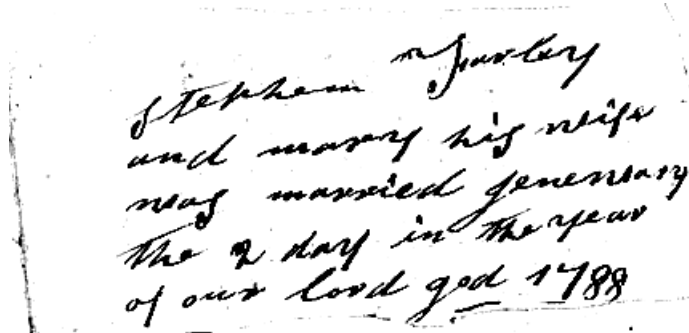
*S/ Stephen Farley*



[p 20: On June 1, 1840, Mary Farley, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Stephen Farley, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 2, 1788; that her husband died July 5, 1838 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: Affidavit given by Thomas Tallant and Jeremiah Farley that the following family record is in the hand writing of Stephen Farley:

"Stephen Farley and Mary his wife was married Jenensary the 2 day in the year of our Lord god 1788"



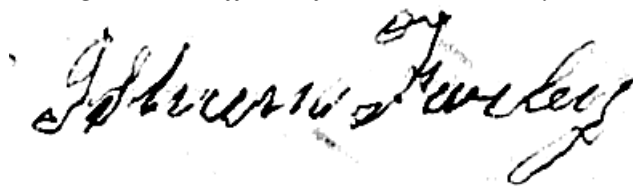
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Thomas Tallant  
Jeremiah Farley

[The relationship, if any, of these affiants to the widow and/or the veteran is not stated.]

[p 21: On May 29, 1840 in White County Tennessee Judith Farley, wife of John Farley, brother of Stephen Farley, gave testimony that Stephen Farley and his wife Mary came to her house a few days after they were married in January 1788. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 21: On June 1, 1840 in Quite County Tennessee, Isham Farley gave testimony that Stephen Farley and his wife Mary came to his (affiant's) father's within 2 or 3 days after their marriage in January 1788 and that the family record of the Farleys now in possession of the court belonged to the affiants father John Farley.



Isham Farley