Master U.S. Navy

Lieut. Farragut through Lieut. Gardner request to withdraw all his papers filed in this department to obtain a pension on account of the death of his father.

By permission of the Chief Clerk I have delivered them to Lieut. Gardner withholding Lieut. Farragut's letters to the Department in the case.

The claim was rejected as Sailing Master Farragut did not [indecipherable word] in the Naval Service, See Mr. Hardin's Register.

Papers delivered to Lieut. Gardner November 29th 1837

David G Farragut son of George Farragut See Harper's Encyclopedia volume 1 page 468
Signature gone from letter dated Norfolk, November 1, 1837.
December 21, 1911 A. E. P. [clerk's initials]

Mr. Hardin –
Please State his rank and date of G. Farragut's death.
Noted on the Register
"Dismissed 25th March 1814"

LBH

George Farragut
Dismissed March 25 1814
died 1816

Notes:
1 This file is misfiled in the Fold3.com collection. It appears as pages 27-37 of the file of Samuel Farra S31022
2 Born in Minorca Jordi Farragut Mesquida; Anglicized name to George Farragut
Personally appeared before me Thomas Williamson an Alderman in the borough aforesaid Thomas Ap. C. Jones and James Armstrong and made oath that Lieut. David Glasco Farragut is the son of George Farragut, late Master, in the United States Navy and furthermore to the best of their knowledge and belief the said George Farragut died sometime in the year 1816 leaving four children – Lieutenants William A. C. and David Glasco and two sisters Nancy and __ all of whom they understand are still living. Given under my hand and seal this 31st day of March 1837.

S/ Thos. Williamson, Aldr.

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The Hon. Secretary of the Navy
Washington
Norfolk November 1st, 1837
Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo & in reply can only express my regret & mortification at the fact, & although I feel confident that the Department is satisfied of my ignorance on the subject, from the simple fact of my making the application for surely no man would incur the risk of bringing to light such disagreeable circumstances in connection with his family for the sake of a few hundred dollars. Yet I deem some little explanation necessary to exonerate me from any suspicion of the kind.

By reference to the letter I had the honor to address the Hon. Secretary in February last, in which I gave a brief sketch of my life, in support of my claims to promotion – It will be seen that I left my Father's family in New Orleans sometime in 1810, with Con. Porter, & did not return there until 1824, at which time I spent a week with one of my Sisters, by leave of Absence from the West India Squadron – I also saw my Brother for 2 or 3 days at Key West about the same year – & this Sir comprises my whole acquaintance with my family since infancy; I have also another Sister residing on the sea shore of Mississippi, the mother of six children, whom I have never seen since she was six months old, – Thus Sir, you will perceive it is no strange matter that I should be ignorant of my Father's leaving the Navy, & what is most singular, is that not one of the officers with whom I communicated on the subject, Con. Patterson, Con. Jones & Capt. Armstrong, ever gave me the slightest intimation of the fact & I doubt if they had any recollection of the transaction. –

I will further remark Sir, that (although you have been kind enough to alter the phraseology of the record) my Father was dismissed the Navy, for incapacity, when bourn down by the infirmities incidental to old age – Of this I know nothing, but I can only say, I have always heard him spoken of, as one who had devoted his life to the service of his Country, from the commencement of the Revolution (in which he lost the use of one of his arms by a gun shot wound) & he in like manner offered up his sons at the same shrine, one by one as they became old enough, & by reference to the official report of Con. Porter it will be seen, that on or about the very day in which the sun is reported among the wounded after a hard-fought action in defense of his Country, the Father is dismissed from the Navy, because he is no longer able to serve them –
I have the honor to be, with great respect your most Obedient Servant.
To
The Hon. Secretary of the Navy

Signed D. G. Farragut
J. D. Lewis has the following entry regarding George Farragut

Farragut, George    [County]
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J. D. Lewis.  *NC Patriots 1775-1783: Their Own Words*
*Vol. 1—The NC Continental Line*
*Vol. 2—The Provincial and State Troops (Part 1)*
*Vol. 3—The Provincial and State Troops (Part 2)*
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