

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Farragut R1172

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Navy Lieut. David G Farragut [David Glasgow [Glascoe] Farragut] son of George Farragut<sup>2</sup>  
Master U.S. Navy

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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 29<sup>th</sup> 1837

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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]

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Mr. Hardin –

Please State his rank and date of G. Farragut's death.

Noted on the Register

"Dismissed 25<sup>th</sup> March 1814"

LBH

George Farragut

Dismissed March 25 1814

died 1816

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<sup>1</sup> This file is misfiled in the Fold3.com collection. It appears as pages 27-37 of the file of [Samuel Farra S31022](#)

<sup>2</sup> Born in Minorca Jordi Farragut Mesquida; Anglicized name to George Farragut

Norfolk Borough Sct.

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1837.

S/ Thos. Williamson, Aldr.

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The Hon. Secretary of the Navy  
Washington

Norfolk November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1837

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> 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. –

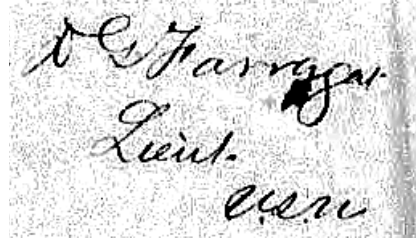
I will further remark Sir, that (although you have been kind enough to alter the phraseology of the record) my Father was dismissed the Navy, for incapacity, when bourn down by the infirmities incidental to old age – Of this I know nothing, but I can only say, I have always heard him spoken of, as one 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  
Lieut. U.S.N.



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

Farragut, George Dobbs [County]

First in SC Navy, a POW at the Fall of Charleston, SC. 1781-1782, a Captain of Infantry in the NC State Regiment under Maj. Bennett Crafton and Maj. Joel Lewis. 5/1/1782, a Major over the units of Light Horse within the State Regiment. (5/5/1783, the NC General Assembly back-dated this promotion.) Said by some to have been at the battle of Cowpens, SC. Father of Admiral David G. Farragut. Born 9/29/1755 on Minorca, d. 1817.

J. D. Lewis. *NC Patriots 1775-1783: Their Own Words*

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to George Farragut pp 6  
Audited Account No. 2309

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[Book] F May 1787

Captain George Farragut his Account for Pay as a Captain in the State<sup>Navy</sup> Service from the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1780 to 10<sup>th</sup> March 1783 inclusive

Charged at	£3084
Add short extended	15
[old SC] Currency	£3099
Sterling	£442.14.3 ¼

NB. This Account is not Certified, see note within

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<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina

to George Farragut

Dr. [debtor]

For his pay as a Captain in the State

Navy from May 12<sup>th</sup> 1780 to March

10<sup>th</sup> 1783 <sup>1033 days</sup> both Days Inclusive at £3

To currency per day

3084

Add short extended

15

Currency

£3099

Sterling

£442.14.3 ¼

State of South Carolina

Personally appeared Captain George Farragut, who maketh Oath, that the above Account is just and True, and that he has received no Part thereof.

S/ George Farragut



NB. His Command dated about 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1780 from the Commissioners of the Navy. He did receive a Loan Office Certificate for Lieutenant & Captain's Pay to the date of the above Account of one thousand Dollars (Continental) from William Gibbs Esquire in Philadelphia on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1780 –

Received the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 1784 from the Commissioners of the Treasury an Indent No. 7 [?, very faint] Book F for four hundred forty-two pounds fourteen Shillings & three pence farthing in full satisfaction of the above account

S/ George Farragut

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Petition of Jacob Milligan,<sup>4</sup> Charles Crowley,<sup>5</sup> George Farragut & others 13 February 1786

P.27.1786 Comm'r

Mr. Otterson

Mr. Dessasure

Col. Hill

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It to the Honorable John Lloyd Esquire, President, and others the Honorable Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Jacob Milligan, Charles Crowley, George Farragut, Joseph Raven Mathews, John Milligan & Edward Allen.

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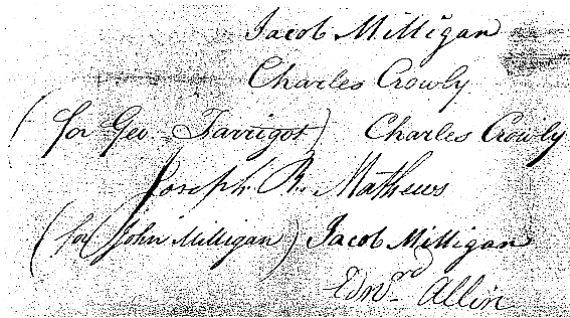
<sup>4</sup> [Jacob Milligan SC30](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Charles Crowley \(Crowley\) SC1724](#)

Sheweth.

That your Petitioners were in the Service of this Country in the Naval Department, during which Time there utmost Abilities were at all Times cheerfully exerted. Your Petitioners have presented a similar petition at the meeting before the last of the Legislature, but was not carried into Effect.

They therefore pray your Honorable House to take their Case into Consideration and put them on the same Footing as Commodore Gillon [Alexander Gillon] and his Officers, will grant them such other Relief as your Honorable House in their great Wisdom think meet,<sup>6</sup> and your petitioners will ever pray



Handwritten signatures of petitioners, including Jacob Milligan, Charles Crowley, Joseph P. Matthews, and Edm. Allin.

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<sup>6</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...". Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.