

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Farris John

VA

R3455

f12VA

Transcribed by Fred Weyler

01Jun2013

Edited by Will Graves [in italics]

[p5] State of Illinois

Franklin County On this 2nd day of June 1834 personally appeared in open court before Dempsey Odum & Jeremiah Neal Esq justices of the "Franklin County Commissioners Court" John Farris a resident of Franklin County State of Illinois aged seventy seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 in Capt George Brown Company and served in 14th Regt of the Continental of Virginia Line under the following named officers, He enlisted at Louisa Court house State of Virginia and that he there joined the Regt which was commanded by Lieut Colo Slaughter. From there they marched to a place called the Stone Mills, near the state line of Virginia at which place we had a small engagement in which we lost two men one killed and the other left wounded. From there they marched to Guilford Court house in the State of North Carolina where we had a general engagement [*March 15, 1781*] which lasted he thinks near one hour and a half. From there they marched to Petersburg in the State of Virginia and joined the Marquis de La Fayette and when the British made their appearance in the River they then recd orders to cross the river and repair to head quarters on James River seven miles below Richmond at the Brick house. They then were marched to Portsmouth to guard the mouth of the river until the French Fleet should come in and after the French Fleet arrived we were marched to Williamsburgh State of Virginia where he

[p6] was legally discharged by Major Rusel [*? Russell?*] and that he had a printed discharge he thinks bearing date 17781 or 1782. He thinks his service amounted to three years and that he left his discharge in the state of Virginia not knowing it would ever be of any service to him and that when he entered the service before mentioned he lived in the State of Virginia Hanover County.

And that after he returned home and that in the year 1782 he volunteered under Colo Charles Dabny [*sic Charles Dabney*]. From there they marched to the Siege of little York where he remained until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [*October 19, 1781*]. From there he went as a guard with the prisoners to Winchester Baracks [*sic*] in the state of Virginia from which place he was discharged by Colo Hawes [*Samuel Hawes*] we having service two months and that the discharge for this tour of duty was left with the one first mentioned.

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 state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

John Farris x his mark

[routine county certification

Dempsey Odum JPCC

Jeremiah Neal JPCC

S.M. Hubbard, clerk

[p8] Inquiry from Franklin Tenn, July 25, 1936 re/ Robert Farris of Spotsylvania County.

[p11] Notice of cause for rejection was insufficient proof of service.