

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Fairies [Feris, Farris]<sup>1</sup> S3352

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### State of Tennessee Maury County

On this the 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable William B. Reese, one of the Chancellors of the said State in the Court of Chancery now sitting, Isaac Farris a resident of Maury County, State of Tennessee, aged about seventy-five 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 of the 7th of June 1832.

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

That sometime in the month of August in the year 1777, he volunteered for a tour of duty of forty days, under Col. Thomas Neal [Thomas Neel] in York District South Carolina -- that Thomas Neal [Thomas Neel] the son of the Col. was the Capt. of the company -- that the expedition was against the Swannanoa Indians on the head waters of Broad River in the State of North Carolina -- and that he did serve out the whole period above stated.

That the next duty this applicant performed was in the year 1779 -- when he was drafted for three months from the militia of York District South Carolina, and served that tour under Capt. Andrew Love -- that Thomas Neel was the Col. -- that in this tour he was marched to the head of Ogeechee River in Georgia to guard the frontiers.

That in the same year 1779 he was drafted & did serve another tour of three months under Capt. Andrew Love & Col. Samuel Watson that the Company to which he belonged was encamped ten miles from the city of Charleston where the whole term of service was spent.

That in the year 1780 he was in service the whole of this year until the 7th of February 1781 -- when he was discharged -- which was a short time before the battle of Cowan's Ford [February 1, 1781] on the Catawba River where General Davidson was killed. During this year 1780 he was under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] was in the battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], where Col. Moore [John Moore] who commanded the Tories, was defeated. He was also in the battle on the Wateree Creek where Col. Philips was defeated & taken Prisoner Col. James Hawthorn commanded the American forces in this last battle.

He was also in the battle at Biggin Church [July 17, 1781] about 34 miles from the City of Charleston -- Generals Sumter & Marion were both in this last Battle. In this battle the

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<sup>1</sup> I've chosen to index this veteran's file under the name Isaac Fairies because that is how he signed his name in 1785 when making a claim against the State of South Carolina for services rendered during the war.

immediate Capt. of this applicant was John Cunningham.

That he was in the battle near the mouth of Fishing Creek [August 18, 1780], when General Sumter was defeated by Tarleton.

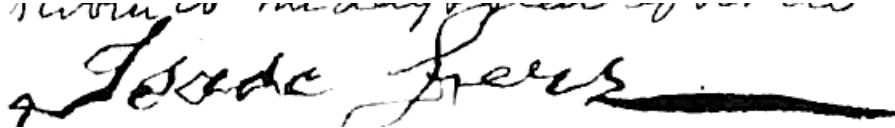
This applicant states that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania sometime in May (about the 22) 1757 -- his father removed to the State of South Carolina when he was about ten years old -- he has seen the registry of his birth & has a copy of the same taken by himself -- That he removed from South Carolina on the 19th of March 1806 & settled in Maury County Tennessee where he has resided ever since. This applicant states further, that he has no living witness in this State as he knows of, by whom to prove his services in the revolutionary war nor has he any papers or other documents by which to establish the above facts.

The said Isaac Faris [sic] hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. That he is known to the Rev. Hugh Shaw & Jacob Gillham by whom he can prove his character for veracity & their opinion to his revolutionary services.

Sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ W. E. Gillespie, Clerk

S/ Isaac Faris

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Isaac Faris", written in dark ink on a light background.

[Hugh Shaw, a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, and Jacob Gillham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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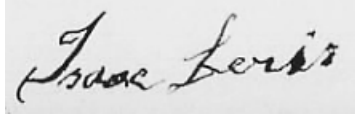
The Amended Declaration of Isaac Farris in Order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress June 7th, 1832

State of Tennessee Maury County

This applicant stated in his former declaration that he entered the service in the month of August 1777 & that he served forty days -- that in 1778 he was drafted he now states that on 22 December 1778 he was drafted for the term of three months from the militia of York District South Carolina under Capt. Andrew Love, that Thomas Neel was the Col. of the Regiment & that he did serve the full period of three months as stated in his declaration. That in the month of October 1779, he was again drafted for three months in the same District in South Carolina and in the Company commanded by Capt. Andrew Love & Col. Samuel Watson which term of three months he actually served as mentioned in his first application. On the 2nd day of January 1780 he volunteered in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hawthorn, Col. Brachen [William Bratton?] & Col. Howe alternately & in the company commanded by Capt. Cunningham & that he did continue in the service from the 2nd of January 1780 until the 7th of February 1781 when he was discharged as mentioned in his former declaration. This applicant refers to his former declaration for the particulars of his Service &c and states that in all the service above mentioned he served as a private except in the service of 1780 when he discharged the duties of quarter master for the term of three months.

Sworn to before me in open court 1st September 1833.

S/ Isaac Faris



S/ W. E. Gillespie, Clk

[p 9: On May 29, 1841, in Maury County, Samuel Whiteside, JP, gave testimony that it had been proved to his satisfaction that Rhoda J. Whiteside, Elizabeth Whiteside, Mary Feris, Isaac R. Feris and Alexander Feris were the only surviving children of Isaac Feris who died 20th day of February 1840 in Maury County, Tennessee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.88 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one-year 7 months and 5 days in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to Isaac Fairies pp9  
Audited Account No. 2286  
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[p 2]  
[Book] R [could be K] [No. 458 9 June 85 [1785]  
Mr. Isaac Faris [sic] his Account of Sundries for Militia use  
Amounting to £31.9.7 ½ Stg. [Sterling]  
N: B: £116 [old SC] Currency or £16.11.5 Stg. of which is not Certified  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

May ye 1<sup>st</sup> 1783  
I do certify that the within account of Smith work is Just and true  
S/ Wm Hill Col. [William Hill, Colonel]



Received the 9 June 1785 full Satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 458 Book R in  
Virtue of an Order

S/ John Henderson



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State of South Carolina Dr. to Isaac Fearis [sic]

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<sup>2</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.

To Service done in Georgia General Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Brigade Commanded by Colonel Neel [Thomas Neel] 50 days	25.0.0
To Service done in General Sumpters [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade Colo. Mofets [Lt. Col. John Moffet] Regiment 24 days	24.0.0
To Service Done General Henderson's [William Henderson's] Regiment under Captain Joseph Howe at Orangeburg forty two Days	42.0.0
To Smith work for General Sumpter's Brigade To 30 horses shod at 10S [10 Shillings old SC currency] per horse	15.0.0
To fifty Swords Hilted at 32S per Sword	81.5.0
To five Bleads [blades] maid [made] at 32S per Each	8.2.6
	195.7.6
Lost Saddle and Bridle valued £10	10.0.0
Lost Rifle Gun valued £15	15.0.0
	<u>£220.7.6</u>
	Stg. £31.9.7

We do Hereby Certify that the above Articles and their value is Just and true  
attested before me S/ Wm Hill, JP

S/ Alexr. Feris  
S/ Jams Cuningham

*Alexr Feris*  
*Jams Cuningham*

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These are to Certify that I do Impower John Henderson to Receive an Indent for The amount of  
£200.7.6 [sic] Against the State of South Carolina whose Receipt Shall be a Sufficient Discharge  
from me

Certified by S/ W. Bratton, JP

S/ Isaac Fairies

*Isaac Fairies*