

Pension Application for Jonathan Farris or Ferris

S.12897

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this sixth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court----

The Court of Common Pleas and general sessions now sitting Jonathan Ferris a resident of Province in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged seventy eight 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 passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in a place (then called) Greenwich in the State of Connecticut in the year 1754 that he has no record of his age that when he entered the service and during the revolutionary war he resided in Bedford County of Westchester and state of New York.

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

That he enlisted for four months in a company (called rangers) commanded by Michael Townsend that he served out the same in this service he was within [cannon?] that of the both of White Plains was generally employed in apprehending and confining disaffected persons—

That in the summer of 1777 he again enlisted for two and a half months in their in [sic] company commanded by _____ Sackett in Col. Ludington's regiment and that he served the same in the said County of Westchester that he was in sort terms of service and alarms in 1778-1779 & 1780 two months under Captain Moses St. John of the militia—these services were performed in and near the said County of Westchester.

That since the revolution he has resided in Providence County of Saratoga where he now resides.

That he never recd any discharge from that service.

That he is known in the neighborhood where he resides by Jonathan Shipman a deacon in the Baptist church and Jesse Briggs a justice of the peace, Elliott Finch a clergyman and Colvin Wheeler that he has no documentary evidence.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and that he knows of no person living that has a personal knowledge of his services. (Signed with his mark) Jonathan Ferris

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Thomas Palmer Clerk.

Letter in folder dated January 8, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of your grandfathers, David Peck and Jonathan Ferris, both of Westchester County, New York.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims made to the United States for pension and bounty land based upon military service of soldiers of that war.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no record found of such claims having been made on account of the services of a David Peck, who served from New York. The history of Jonathan Farris (the name also appears as Ferris) is furnished you herein as obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12697, based upon his military service in that war.

Jonathan Farris was born in 1754, in Greenwich, Connecticut.

While residing in Bedford, Westchester County, New York, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops as follows: from June or July, 1776, four months in Captain Michael Townsend's Company of Rangers: from sometime in the summer of 1777, three months in Captain Richard Sackett's Company, Colonel Ludenton's Regiment: and during 1778, 1779, and 1780; served at various times on short tours under Captain Moses Saint John: length of this service at least two months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 6, 1832, while a resident of Providence Township, Saratoga County, New York.

There are no data as to soldier's family.