

### **Pension Application for Gilbert Ferris or Faris**

R.3515

Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1843.

State of New York

Green [Greene] County SS.

On the tenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally before m Mennon Bull one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Green and State of New York Gilbert Ferris a resident of the Town of Windham in the County of Green and State of New York aged eighty eight years old on the twenty eighth day of September next 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 of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1838.

That he entered the service the service [sic] of the United States in the revolutionary war that he volunteered his services at the Town of Bedford in the County of West Chester in the State of New York for the term of four weeks commenced on the first day of June in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Peter Clemmons, Hawley was Lieutenant, Jonas Howd was Ensign, marched from Bedford to Warwick in the same county in the Levies and there continued to serve until the first day of July in the same year and was then and there discharged by his captain.

That he again volunteered at Bedford aforesaid in the same company under the same officers aforesaid for the term of six weeks. Entered the service on the fifteenth day of July in the aforesaid 1776 and went from Bedford back again to the said Town of Warwick in the Lines and there continued to do duty in the said company until the seventeenth day of August in the same year 1776 and was then and there discharged at Warwick aforesaid.

That he again entered the service at Bedford on the first of September 1776 for the term of six months , that he volunteered in the same company commanded by Captain Peter Clemmons, Hawley was Lieutenant, Jonas Howd was Ensign, Thomas Thomas was the Colonel of the regiment, marched from Bedford, the White Plains and from place to place in the Levies until the first or second day of March in the year 1777 when he was discharged at the White Plains West Chester County aforesaid. That he says that he faithfully served his country in there three years eight months and two weeks besides being out on many Alarms for some weeks at a time in the same company, that it would amount to more than three months more, serving near the lines and this deponent further says that he never received any written discharge and further says that he never received any written discharge and further says that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except the one whose affidavit accompanies these proceedings and that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and does further swear that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state and the reason why he did not sooner make

application for a pension was because he was in hopes of procuring other testimony which he [cannot?] find.

And this deponent further swears that he is a poor worn out man that he will [be] eighty-eight years old should he live until the twenty eight day of September next 1834 that his memory may have failed him in stating the every particular day of entering the service and leaving it, yet he says that he has stated them correctly as to the day as he veryly [verily] believes according to his best recollection and remembrance has no doubt of its correctness and he further says that he faithfull[y] served in the whole one year and more in the said companies.

(Signed) Gillburt faris [sic]

Sworn and subscribed this tenth day of February 1834 before me Munson Buel one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Green State of New York. William V.B. Hermance Clerk

Letter written August 24, 1932 written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Gilbert Ferris, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.3515, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Gillburt Faris (according to his personal signature). He name is also borne as Gilbert Ferris.

He was born September 28, 1746, at Horseneck, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

He applied for pension February 10, 1834, while a resident of Windham, Greene County, New York, and alleged that while living at Bedford, Westchester County, New York, he volunteered June 1, 1776, and served until July 1, 1776, as a private in Captain Peter Clemmons' New York company; that he volunteered July 15, 1776, and served until August 17, 1776, as a private in Captain Peter Clemmons' York company; that he enlisted September 1, 1665, and served as a private in Captain Peter Clemmons' company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' New York regiment, and was discharged March 1 or 2, 1777; also that he served on many alarms for some weeks at a time, in the same company, amounting to more than three months additional service.

His claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension law.

After the Revolutionary War, the soldier moved to Horseneck, Fairfield County, Connecticut; from thence to Greenville, Greene County, New York where he lived many years, and from there he moved to Windham, Greene County, New York.

No reference was made in the claim to a wife.

In 1852, Allden Ferris, legal heir of the soldier, was a resident of Ashland, Greene County, New York, relationship not stated.

In 1834, one Lemuel Ferris was living in Windham, Greene County, New York, relationship also not stated.

The above noted is the history of the only soldier named Gilbert Ferris or Faris, found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

A careful search of the War of 1812 records files to show any claim for pension on file on account of the service of Nathaniel Ferris.