

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to David Farmer VAS1978

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To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the house of delegates of Virginia

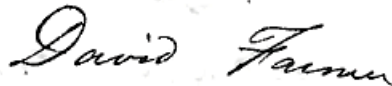
The petition of David Farmer

Humbly represents

That your petitioner during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain entered into the Military Service In the Seventh Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Gaskins [Thomas Gaskins]¹ in Captain Lovely's² company that your petitioner served during the period of Eighteen months, at the Termination of which he obtained his discharge from Major Finly [probably Major Samuel Finley] one of the field Officers of Said Regiment. That on his return from the Army (having no place to leave papers) his discharge was destroyed by having become wet.

Your petitioner residing at the distance of three hundred miles from the seat of Government & being hitherto ignorant of the mode by for which he could obtain Justice has delayed to bring forward his claim But conceiving that the Accident which deprived him of the evidence of his Claim all not to operate to the destruction of his right he prays this Honorable house to take his case into consideration & grant him such relief as may appear equitable & your petitioner shall etc.

S/ David Farmer



This Claim is barred by the Act of limitation of 1786

S/ S. Shepard

Aud's Office

17 December 1800

[Reverse]

Farmer's Petition

1800

¹ [Thomas Gaskins BLWt867-450](#)

² perhaps the same man as [William L. Lovely BLWt1302-300](#)

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