

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekiel Farmer S16112

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State of Ohio, Miami County

On this 10th day of August in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable George B. Holt President & his Associates Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County & State of Ohio now in session, Ezekiel Farmer, a resident of the Township of Union of the County & State aforesaid, aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make & subscribed the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

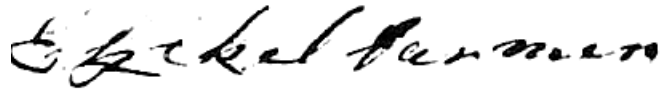
That he is a native of South Carolina & resided in that State till the year 1800 – that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in April of the year 1778 & served under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] & Captain Blassinger [Thomas Blassingame] for a term of seven months, all of which time he was with the 4th Regiment of Continentals – that he started with the Company from Farmins Creek which reinforced General Gates [Horatio Gates] on the high hills of the Santee after the battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780], thence, after a skirmish, at Camden, he passed with the Army, into North Carolina for safety, Charleston & Camden being then both in possession of the Enemy – that he received his discharge there from General Greene & returned home to South Carolina; -- that he was drafted, he thinks in January or February of the year 1779 for three months & again served under Captain Blasingame & General Greene – that he proceeded from Union County to Georgetown in South Carolina, thence to North Carolina, where his time expired & he received his discharge from General Pekin [Andrew Pickens]. That in April of the year 1780 he was again drafted for the term of three months & served under General Greene, Captain Blassingame & Major Jolly [Benjamin Jolly]; during which time he was engaged in no Battle, but laid most of the time near St. John's Island watching the Enemy who were on the Island – that his time having there expired he received his discharge from, he thinks, General Brannin [probably a mistaken attempt to identify Colonel Thomas Brandon] – that he again volunteered in the summer of 1780 & served as a Ranger under Captains Avery [probably George Aubrey], Young [probably William Young], & Watson [probably William Watson] in South Carolina for a term of eight months; that in the fall of 1781 he was engaged with a scouting party under Captains John Putnam, & Daniel Cromer, & Benjamin Watson for six or eight months; -- That he served in all more than two years – that in the year 1800 he removed from South Carolina to the State of Tennessee where he resided about six years, thence he went to Kentucky & after a short residence there back to Tennessee – that in the year 1822 he removed from Tennessee to this State, Ohio, since which time he has been, alternately a resident of Darke County & Miami County, in the latter of which he now resides – That he has lost his certificate of discharge – That he has no Documentary evidence of his

services –That he knows of no person other than Henry Penney, Senior, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – That he has no record of his age; & that he 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court on the 10th day of August in the year 1833.

S/ John G. Telford, Clerk

S/ Ezekiel Farmer



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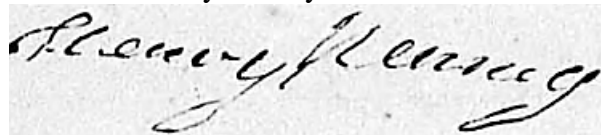
State of Ohio, Miami County: Court of Common Pleas

Personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable George B. Holt Present & his Associates Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County & State aforesaid now in session, Henry Penney¹ a resident of the County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he has been acquainted with Ezekiel Farmer who has subscribed the above Declaration from the time he was 12 years of age; that he knows of his having served for some time as a volunteer during the Revolutionary War, but that he does not know how long he can also recollect of his having been drafted two or three times, but that his memory does not serve him so as to enable him to recollect the times; that this deponent served with the said Ezekiel Farmer at the time the British vacated Charleston [December 1782], at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] & subsequently as a Rangers; that from his personal knowledge of the said Ezekiel Farmer he believes the foregoing Declaration subscribed by him to be substantially correct.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 10th day of August in the year 1833.

S/ John G. Telford, Clerk

S/ Henry Penney



[Amos Alexander, a clergyman, and Henry Penney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Ohio, Miami County

On this 11th day of September A.D. 1835 before me John T. Tullis a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Ezekiel Farmer who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Blassengen [Thomas Blassingame] in the Regiment commanded (he thinks) by Colonel Thomas Brandon & afterwards by Colonel William Fair (in which Regiment Benjamin Jolly was Major) in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Ohio; that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature & seal of the Secretary of War, by which he was enabled to draw his pension (\$80 a year during his natural life), which certificate on or about the first day of March A.D. 1835 at or near the house of Thomas Penney in Twinn Township, in Darke County & State aforesaid (where he had been boarding a few months) he lost how he does not know, unless (as he believes must have been the case) it was stolen from

¹ [Henry Penney W26501](#)

his trunk where he had placed it; that, consequently, he has been dis-enabled [sic] to draw his said pension which has since become you, and semi-annual payments, on the fourth of March & fourth of September A.D. 1835 – that having made diligent search for, he has despaired of finding his said certificate: that his object in making this Affidavit is to procure a new certificate in place of the original one which he has lost as aforesaid, & further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed this 11th day of September A.D. 1835 before me

S/ John T. Tullis, JP

S/ Ezekiel Farmer

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line or militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Ezekiel Farmer pp 6
Audited Account No. 2299
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[No.] 2816

No. 112

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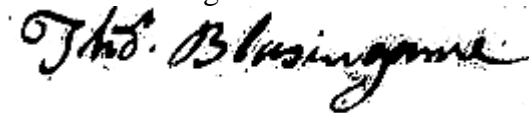
24 May 86 [1786]

Ezekiel Farmer for Militia Duty, since the fall of Charleston in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment per Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –

[Old South Carolina] Currency £44.10

Stg. [Sterling] £6.7.1 ½

Received 24 May 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 28th 16, X per Order
S/ Thos. Blasingame

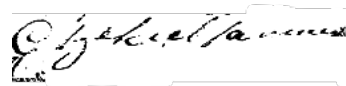


May the 9th 1785

Please to deliver my Indent to the amount of 55 Pounds former Currency to Thomas Blasingame he having paid me the full Valuation for the same

Test. S/ John Birchsong, JP To the commissioners

S/ Ezekiel Farmer



[p 3: Repeat of the above information]

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 28th 16, Book X]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent]

² 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.