

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Matthew Farmer S16790

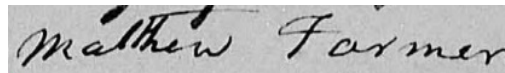
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Virginia Franklin County Sct On this 5 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Franklin now setting Matthew Farmer, resident of Franklin County & State of Virginia aged by his register, 71 years born in Chesterfield County Va who lived in Halifax Va during the Revolutionary war and has since removed to Franklin Va 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as is herein stated — That in 1780 he was drafted into a company in Halifax County Va where he then lived – commanded by Capt Joshua Powell – and marched to Portsmouth Va where he served three months, and was then discharged – his discharge he has long since lost, at Portsmouth he was attached to a regiment commanded by Colo [William] Fleming, Gen'l Mulingburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] commanded the troops at Portsmouth during this tour this applicant served as orderly Sergeant – In 1781 this applicant was called out and marched in a company commanded by Capt Fleming Bates from Halifax to Yorktown and was a soldier – in the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – he was attached to the regiment commanded by the brave Colo Holt Richardson – he also assisted in taking the British prisoners to Nowlin's [Noland's] Ferry - on the Maryland line – after which he was discharged having been in service upwards of six months his discharge he has lost – for proof of the mentioned tours he refers to the evidence of Ensign Jas Bates [James Bates, [pension application W5787] here exhibited – This applicant is well acquainted with Thomas Davenport Esq'r of Hallifax member of Congress and Nath'l H Claiborne member of Congress from this District – and refers to them for his general character.

He has no documentary evidence He says that the whole time he was in service was upwards of six months as he verily believes 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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid



Virginia, Halifax County to Wit. Ensign James Bates, who acted in that capacity in the Revolutionary war this day came before me one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid & made Oath, that in the Year 1781 Matthew Farmer, then of this County, served a Tour of duty for 3 months and was at the Seige of York & was in the same Company with himself, that after Wallace [sic: Cornwallis] surrendered the said Farmer assisted 16 days to carry the British prisoners to Nolan's Ferry on the Potomac & Major Wood Jones allow'd 18 days for us to come home with the sick soldiers waggions &c and Colo. Holt Richeson agreed that our marching the British to Maryland woud entitle us to a second tour of duty & this Affiant further sayeth on Oath that he conceives the said Farmer to be entitled to two tours or six months service in the revolutionary war – this Affiant further states that the said Farmer (as he was told by his brothers) served a tour of three months before the above service with them which he verily believes to be the truth. Given under my hand & seal the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1832

NOTE: On 3 June 1834 Matthew Farmer applied to have his pension transferred to St. Charles County MO, stating that he had moved to Missouri because he “hoped when he moved to better his situation in life in this particular at least, to get good Land & more of it, and as he was now very old, to be the better able to live easier and make more with less labour.”