

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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[p4] State of Virginia

Mecklenburg County to wit:

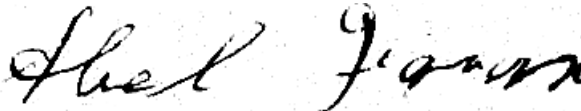
On this day ~~December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1833~~ ↑January 21<sup>st</sup> 1834↓ personally appeared in open court before John Pelles, William Taylor, George Tarry & Alex: S Jones,

Abel Farer [sic] a resident of the said county aged 71 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 provision made y the act of congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

That about 16 or 18 months, the exact time from age and lapse of memory he cannot recollect, before the battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780] he enlisted as a private soldier in the Regular army of the United States for the balance of the war under a Captain Anderson in the town of Camden North Carolina [sic, more likely Camden, South Carolina] in the regiment (he believes the 9<sup>th</sup>) commanded by Col Stevens [Edward Stevens] and from that period until the close of the war. That he was attached to the division of the army commanded by General Gates [Horatio Gates] and afterwards by General Green [Nathanael Greene]. That he was with the baggage wagons in the neighborhoods of the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] when it was fought. That he has a confined recollection of many officers but being exempt from drill duty, and chiefly employed in driving the baggage wagons he found no acquaintances with them and cannot not [sic] now name any of them with certainty on oath except those under whom he immediately served. That before he enlisted as above he had for 8 months been acting as a substitute for his brother William Farer who had enlisted in Virginia and that when that term of service expired he was in Camden when he himself enlisted. That the whole term of his service from the date of his enlisting the same as a substitute to his discharge was 2 years and 7 months. That he was discharged at Guilford. That his discharge he gave to his brother many years ago who afterwards informed him it had been sent to the war office. That during the time of his service he was engaged in the field and was not Employed in any civil pursuit. That he was born and raised in the County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia and lived there until he joined the army as the substitute

[p5] of his brother. That after the close of the war he returned to the said county in which he resided for a short time when he removed to the state of North Carolina where he resided for about 20 years when he returned to the said county of Mecklenburg where he has resided ever since. That he has no authentic register of his age but from the information received from his parent & family he believes he was born in 1761. That Bartlet Cox and William Coleman are the only surviving witnesses he know of who can testify to his actual service as a revolutionary soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

s/ Abel Farar



[Routine county supporting statements and certification

Bartlet Cox

Will C Wall JP  
William Coleman  
D.F.Hicks JP  
John G Baptist, clerk

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### Supplemented by Will Graves

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

### Mecklenburg County to wit

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Bartlet Cox<sup>1</sup> and made oath that the above named Abel Farer and himself were raised in the same neighborhood & that he knew him from childhood – that the said Abel was a soldier in the revolutionary Army and served in the Southern Army commanded at different times by General Gates, Green and Stevens – he knows from his own personal knowledge that the said Abel was in the Army at the battle of Guilford and high rock (or Camden) – he knows that the said Abel served twelve months, and believes much longer, but having left the Army in consequence of the loss of a leg before the close of the war he cannot speak positively after that time – And I do hereby certify that Bartlet Cox is I believe a man of good character & his statements are entitled to full credit.

S/ [Illegible signature of the JP]

### Mecklenburg County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid William Coleman<sup>2</sup> a revolutionary soldier and resident of said County who made oath that he is well acquainted with Abel Farer who hath signed the preceding declaration for a pension – that he knows from his own knowledge that the said Abel was a soldier in the Revolutionary war – that he recollects distinctly having seen him about 8 months before the battle of Guilford, marching through the County of Prince Edward Virginia to join the Army in the South, & he believes the Colonel under whose command he was at that time was Colonel Munford, he cannot from the lapse of memory recollect the number of the Regiment to which he belonged – he also states that he again saw the said Abel at Guilford Ct H in the month of November several times before the battle at that place, though he cannot recollect from the loss of memory the Regiment to which he belonged though he knows that he was a Regular & I do also certify that the said William Coleman is a man of credibility. Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834

S/ D. L. Hicks, JP

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<sup>1</sup> [Bartlet Cox \(Coxe\) S24964](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Coleman S39337](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]