

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Farmer SC2683
Audited Account No. 2301A

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The petition of Thomas Farmer praying to be Placed on the Pension list
1825

Pensions

not granted in Consequence of affidavit of the Petitioner

C. Bookter

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State of South Carolina Richland District}

To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina –

The petition of Thomas Farmer Sheweth

That your Petitioner is one of a few surviving Sons of 76 who led the long pull – the tough pull & the successful pull for Liberty. That your petitioner did his duty in Marion's [Francis Marion's] brigade and elsewhere as your petitioner will be able to satisfy your Honorable body – That your petitioner is now in 85th year of his age – poor & Infirm, That age infirmity & want now paralyzes that hand which toiled for Liberty & has subdued that Spirit which stumbled not before the British foeman – to stand a humble supplicant in the winter of his old age before your liberal body – Praying to be placed on the bounty of the State as a pensioner & your petitioner will pray

November 8th 1825

R. H. Waring

S/ Thos. Farmer, X his mark

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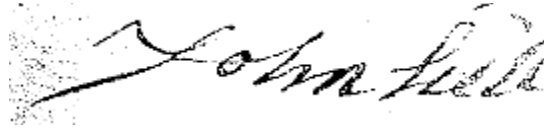
I John Hill² of the State of South Carolina Darlington District do hereby Certify that Thomas Farmer who is now a Citizen of Richland District in this State, did Serve as an American Soldier

¹ 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 "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. 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.

² [John Hill R5012](#)

under the Command of Colonel Baxter [John Baxter] in the Revolutionary war with myself, done
in the presence of
December 10th 1825
S/ Wm Farmer, X his mark
S/ William Hawthorn

S/ John hill



South Carolina Richland District } Personally appeared James Farmer and made oath that he
knew Thomas Farmer in the time of the American Revolution that he knows the said Thomas
Farmer was about three months in the Service under General Marion
Sworn to before me
this 8th December 1825
S/ Benj. Rawls, QU S/ James Farmer, X his mark

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Farmer praying to be
placed on the Pension List

Respectfully Report

That your Committee have had the same under consideration and for want of vouchers
tested upon oath Recommend to this house that the prayer be not granted
December 1825 S/ Wm Rouse C. Comtt.

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South Carolina

To the Honorable the Speaker Members of the House of Representatives of the said State

The Humble Petition of Thomas Farmer

Sheweth, that he served during the Revolutionary war four or five years under General
Marion, Colonel John Baxter's Regiment, under Captain Robert Baxter, and was under Captain
Coffee at Bluford's defeat.³ That he was honorably discharged at the end of the War, and now is
reduced to the most indigent circumstances, and is 86 years old next January, and entirely
incapable of walking, or doing anything for his livelihood, but is entirely dependent upon the
charity of the world for his pittance of daily bread

Wherefore he prays your Honorable body to put him on the Pension List
and in duty bound he will ever pray

Columbia 27 November 1826

State of South Carolina

Richland District } Personally appeared before me Thomas Farmer who being Sworn States that
the contents of the above petition are Just and true – that he rendered all the Services, therein
mentioned, for which he received no compensation

Sworn to before me
November 27th, 1826

S/ C. Bookter, QU

S/ Thos. Farmer, X his mark

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html ?

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South Carolina Kershaw District } SS Personally appeared Adam Griffis before me and made oath that Thomas Farmer now residing in Richland District did to his certain Knowledge do a tour of duty in the American Army Commanded by General Francis Marion – and this deponent further says that he has good reasons to believe that the said Thomas Farmer did serve as an American Soldier during the revolutionary War.

Sworn to this the 16th day of October 1826

before me S/ Jno. Goodwin, JQ

S/ Adam Griffis, X his mark

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South Carolina Richland District }

Personally appeared before me James Farmer, and made oath, that he performed Several tours of duty with his farther [father] Thomas Farmer under the command of General Marion. This deponent further says that said Thomas Farmer Served faithfully as an American Soldier during the revolutionary war

Sworn to before me November 27th, 1826

S/ C. Bookter, QU

S/ James Farmer, X his mark

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Farmer praying to be placed on the pension list,

Beg leave to Report.

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the said Thomas Farmer be placed on the pension list

December 1826

S/ John McComb, Chairman

[p 15 : Voucher dated November 8, 1827 showing the payment of \$60 as an annuity to Thomas Farmer [sic]. The vouchers continued annually through December 26, 1831.]

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The Petition of William Farmer for himself and the other heirs of Thomas Farmer deceased praying payment of arrears of pension

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To the Honorable the Speaker and other members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The humble petition of William Farmer of Harris County Georgia for himself and the heirs & legal Representatives of Thomas Farmer deceased (some of whom reside in South Carolina) respectfully Sheweth: That said Thomas Farmer deceased formerly of Richland District South Carolina, was one of the venerable Soldiers of the War of the Revolution and upon application to your Honorable Body, submitting the necessary proofs, he was placed on the Pension Roll of the State at the Session of December 1826. That he was paid on the 28th November 1827 his annuity up to March 1827 [sic] which was the last payment made to him: That said Thomas Farmer the aforesaid pensioner, & father of your petitioner, was then an aged and greatly afflicted man in his latter years and from having by an accident, had his Hip put out of place, he was unable to leave his house for the last 5 or 6 years of his life: That on Account of said affliction & infirmity he was prevented from attending at the office of the Treasury to

receive the annual pension: That he was taken once of [sic] by his family and that the arrears of pension has never been received by them. Wherefore respectfully referring your Honorable Body to the State Records in confirmation of the facts above stated & to the proof herewith submitted your petitioner prays for himself & the other heirs of said William Farmer that the said arrears of pension up to the day of his death on the 30th day of June 1832 be paid to them by the Treasurer of the State upon their producing to him the necessary proof of Identity usual in such matters – and your petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ William Farmer, X his mark
for himself & the other heirs of Thomas Farmer deceased

State of South Carolina Richland District } Personally appeared William Farmer who being duly sworn says that the facts as detailed in the Above petition are true as far as stated of his own knowledge & those based upon the information of said State Records he verily believes. Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of August 1851

S/ William Farmer, X his mark

[p 24: In a petition dated November 25, 1852, William Farmer renewed his attempt to obtain the arrears of pension due his father at the time of his father's death. In this petition William makes reference to his (William) having removed to Georgia in October 1832; that his sister (not named) also removed to Georgia shortly thereafter leaving a brother in Richland District; that the brother died in 1837.]

[p 26: On November 25, 1852 in Richland District South Carolina James Jones gave testimony that he was a neighbor of Thomas Farmer; that he was present at Farmer's funeral; that he knows that Farmer died within 2 or 3 weeks of the birth of John Kelly the son of James and Mary Kelly who were also neighbors and whose family record shows that John Kelly was born on May 31, 1832; that Thomas Farmer died in June 1832, a fact he, the deponent, distinctly remembers. Jones signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 27: On November 25, 1852 in Richland District South Carolina Mary Kelly gave testimony restating the facts as testified by James Jones above. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 28: On November 29th, 1852 in Richland District South Carolina, James Kelley gave testimony that he was a neighbor of the late Thomas Farmer, a South Carolina pensioner; that he, Kelley, married a granddaughter of Thomas Farmer; that he was present at Farmer's funeral which took place about 3 weeks after the birth of deponent's son John Kelly on May 31, 1832; that the only children of Thomas Farmer still living are the Reverend William Farmer and Mrs. Sarah Honeycut, deponent's wife's father having died a few years after Thomas Farmer died.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Kelley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial "J". The signature ends with a small flourish or mark.