

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Farr W21094

Elizabeth Taleavo¹

f39SC²

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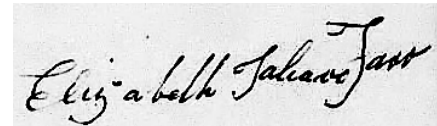
State of South Carolina Union District: SS

On this twelfth day of stone January in the year of our Lord 1839 personally appeared before me John J. Pratt Judge of the court of ordinary for the District & State aforesaid Elizabeth T. Farr a resident of the District in State aforesaid aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Lieutenant Colonel William Farr who was a Captain in the militia of the State of South Carolina, in the service previous to the 4th day of October 1779. That sometime after that period, the precise date not recollected by the affiant he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, which commission he held upwards of two years and until the close of the revolutionary war. That her husband the said William Farr served as Lieutenant Colonel under Colonel Thomas Brandon of the same State and District. She further deposes that the said William Farr was in the service as before stated previous to the 4th day of October 1779, but the precise date when he entered the service she is unable to state, and that he continued in the service until the end of the war. She does not know under what field officer he served about he was a Captain. That he resided in the District & State aforesaid when she first became acquainted with him which was some time previous to the said 4th day of October 1779 and that he was then in the service as a Captain, that he was a volunteer, that he was engaged in the following battles, to wit: the battle of Stono, Hanging Rock and the Cowpens, besides others as she is informed, and that she has no documentary evidence in her possession in support of her claim. She further declares that she was married to the said William Farr on the said 4th day of October 1779, that her husband the said William Farr died on the 2nd day of March 1794 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and date as first above written.

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge

S/ Elizabeth Taleavo Farr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Taleavo Farr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

¹ Although this appears to be how the widow signed her name, her middle name was probably "Taliaferro."

² Fold3.com has erroneously included this veteran's file in the file for another William Farr S34837, a veteran of the Massachusetts line. The file applicable to the William Farr who served in South Carolina consists of pages 17 through 56 of the Massachusetts William Farr file.

South Carolina Union District

I J J Pratt Judge of the court of Ordinary for Union District & State aforesaid do declare it as the opinion of the Court that the above declaration as set forth is substantially true and correct and further that Major Joseph McJunkin, Major Thomas Young and Christopher Brandon, whose affidavits accompany this declaration all reside in this district and our men of known truth and veracity.

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge[etc.]

State of South Carolina Union District: SS

On this 14th day of January in the year of our Lord 1839 personally appeared Major Joseph McJunkin³ of the District & State aforesaid before me John J Pratt Judge of the Court of ordinary of the same District in the State aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposes That he was acquainted with the late Lieutenant Colonel William Farr also of the said State & District before the revolutionary war, that sometime in the year 1776 he was commissioned a Captain of militia in the Regiment then called & known by the name of the Spartan Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thomas in the service of the said State. The other field officers were Lieutenant Colonel William Wofford & Major William Henderson. The company then commanded by Captain William Farr was known as Captain William Farr's company. That he continued to act as a Captain until the year 1778 – when some time in that year he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Regiment then called the second Spartan Regiment under Colonel Thomas Brandon the old Spartan Regiment having been divided, the other field officer of this second Spartan Regiment was Major __ Bullock. That said Lieutenant Colonel William Farr continued in the service until the conclusion of the Revolutionary War in the said office of Lieutenant Colonel. This deponent further deposes that the said Lieutenant Colonel William Farr resided in the District & State aforesaid at the time that he entered the service of the State in the capacity of Captain as aforesaid & continued to reside there until the end of the war & until his death, that he was a volunteer, that he was engaged in the following battles, to wit: the battle of Blackstocks on Tiger River [sic, Tyger River] in the District aforesaid and the Cowpens in the District of Spartanburg, that he marched through various parts of South Carolina, from Union District to the Cowpens, Blackstocks & Hammond Store on Little River in the District now called Newberry to Ramsour's Mills in the State of North Carolina, to the Middle settlements & Valley Towns in the Indian country (the Cherokees) on the Hiwassee now a part of the territory of the State of Tennessee. This deponent further swears that he is acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth T Farr the widow of the said Lieutenant Colonel William Farr who for whose benefit this deposition is made with a view to obtain the benefit of the act of 1836 "granting half pay to widows or orphans when their husbands or fathers had died of wounds received in the military service of the United States in certain cases & for other purposes." That the said Lieutenant Colonel William Farr as he was informed and believes was married to the said Elizabeth T Farr sometime in the fall of the year 1779. That from that time until his death, they were reputed and received as husband & wife, and raised a considerable family of children as such and he has no doubt that they were legally married. He further deposes that the said Lieutenant Colonel William Farr died previous to the year 1800, the precise time he does not recollect; and that the said Elizabeth T Farr has remained a widow ever since that period. This deponent further states that he was in the service of the State in the militia, as a private, in the year 1776, that in the year 1777 he was promoted to the rank of a Captain, and in the year 1780 he was promoted to the

³ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

rank of a Major and held that commission until the close of the revolutionary war.

S/ Joseph McJunkin

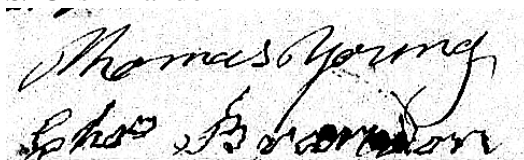


State of South Carolina Union District: SS

On this thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord 1839 Personally appeared Major Thomas Young⁴ and Christopher Brandon,⁵ both of the District & State aforesaid, before me John J Pratt Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn depose that they were acquainted with the late Lieutenant Colonel William Farr also of the said State & District before the revolutionary war, that in the year 1780 they entered the military service of the State as volunteer privates, that the said Lieutenant Colonel William Farr was in command some time in that year the precise time not recollected, as a Lieutenant Colonel, that he held the rank & command until the close of the revolutionary war and continued in the service of the State, as such until that period, that he served in the rank aforesaid in Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment & that Major Joseph McJunkin was the other field officer of said Regiment, that the said Lieutenant Colonel Farr resided in the now District of Union & State aforesaid – then called Ninety Six district. That he was a volunteer and that he was engaged in the battle of the Cowpens in the District of Spartanburg and as they are informed & believed in several other battles, that he marched from Union District into the State of North Carolina, Rowan County and through various parts of South Carolina. They further depose that they are acquainted with Elizabeth T Farr the widow of the said Lieutenant Colonel Farr, that they were reputed and received as husband & wife, and raised a considerable family of children as such, and these deponents have no doubt that they were legally married, and that previous to the year 1780, they lived together and were accepted and considered as husband & wife. They further depose that the said Lieutenant Colonel Farr died previous to the year 1800, and that the said Elizabeth T Farr has remained a widow ever since that period.

S/ Thomas Young

S/ Chs^r Brandon



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for the service of her husband as a Colonel in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to William Farr
Audited Account No. 2308

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⁴ [Thomas Young S10309](#)

⁵ [Christopher Brandon S9288](#)

⁶ 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.

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No. 102

[No.] 1788

[No.] X

Will. Farr for 18 days Duty as Captain of Foot at 60/ [60 shillings old SC Currency] per day, and 53 Days as Do. On horse at £3:10 [3 pounds 10 Shillings old SC currency] per day from the 15th September to 18 December 1779 – for 133 days Do on horse from 9th February to 19 July 1779 at 70/per day & for 69 days Do from 8th February to 16 April 1780 both days inclusive at 70/per day the whole in Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment]

Charged Currency	£946
add more on 2 nd Charge	<u>.10</u>
Currency	<u>£946.10</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£135.4.3 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina

To William Farr

Dr. [Debtor]

To 18 Days Duty as Captain of foot from the 5th of September to the 18 December 1778 per Pay Bill of my own

£54.0.0

Certified per Colonel Thomas Brandon at 60/

To 53 Days Duty as Captain of Horse from the 5th September to the 18th December 1778

185.0.0

Add more 10/per my own Ditto & Certified per Do at 70/

For 13 Days Duty as Captain of Horse from the 9th February to the 19th July 1779

45.10.0

per my own pay Bill & Certified per ditto 70/

To 120 Days Duty as Captain of Horse from the 9th February to the 19th of July 1779

420.0.0

per my own pay Bill & Certified per ditto 70/

To 69 Days Duty as Captain of Horse from the 8th of February to the 16th of April 1780

241.10.0

per my own pay Bill & certified per ditto 70/

£946.0.0

Stg. £135.2.10 ¼

£946.10

Stg. £135.5.8 ½ Colonel Brandon's Regiment

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Received 4th of March 1786 full satisfaction for the within in an Indent 1788 Book X

S/ Charles Sims



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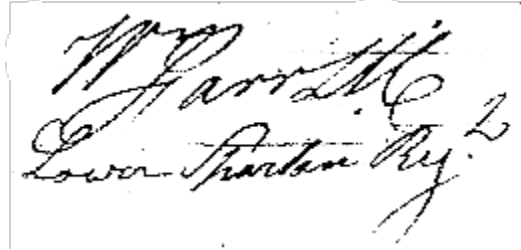
Gentlemen the 29 [?] January 1784

Please to Deliver my Indent to Colonel Thomas Brandon he having Paid me the full Valuation
For the same.

From your humble Servant

S/ Wm Farr Lt. C.

Lower Spartan Regiment



To the Treasurers of the Treasury

Test S/ Charles Sims, JP

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[No.] 1967 [Book] X 22 March 86

Mr. William Farr his account of Militia Duty as Adjutant, Major and Colonel in 1780 & 1780 one charged

[old South Carolina] Currency	£3546
Stg.	£506.11.5

S/ R. Lushington

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The State of South Carolina

to William Farr

Dr.

To 92 Days duty as Adjutant from the 3rd of
June to the 2nd of September 1780 both Days

Included at 60/per Day

£276

To 120 Days Duty as Major from the 4 of September
1780 to the 1st January 1780 one both Days included
at 90/per Day

450

To 499 Days Duty as Lieutenant Colonel
under the Command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]
from the 2nd January 1781 to the 14 May 1782

2495

To 47 Days Duty under General Pickens
from the 15th May to the 30 June 1782
both Days included at £5 per day

235

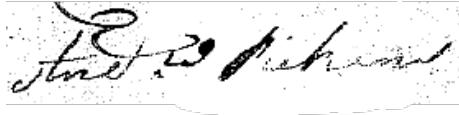
£3546

Stg. £506.11.5

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I do Certify that the within specified Duty was performed under my command

S/ Andrew Pickens



Charleston
21 March 1786

Received 22 March 1786 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the within Account

S/ Saml. Otterson [Samuel Otterson]



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A Pay Bill from Adjutant William Farr in Colonel Brandon's Regiment Under the Command General T. Sumter [Thomas Sumter] from the 3rd day of June until the 2nd Day of September 1780 Inclusive

	Days	£	S	D
William Farr Adjutant at [illegible] £16.10 per Day	90	292	10	
William Farr Major at 90/	120	540		
William Farr Lieutenant Colonel under the Command of Brigadiers Sumter & Pickens To Duty Done at £5 per day	499	2495		
To Duty Done under General Pickens on an Expedition against the Cherokees at Do	47	235		
State South Carolina to Lieutenant Colonel William Farr Dr		2730		
		£3562	10	

Ninety Six District} SS Personally appeared Colonel William Farr before a Justice of said District and Made Oath that the above Account against the State of South Carolina is Just & True, as it stands Stated, Sworn to Before me this 2nd day of June 1783

S/ Saml. Otterson, JP

S/ Wm Farr

Certified 18th of August 1783

S/ Andrew Pickens

Brigadier General

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Gentlemen Please to deliver all my Indents I have in the Treasurer's Office to the Bearer Major Samuel Otterson which will Gentlemen very much oblige Your Humble Servant

S/ Wm Farr

To the Treasurers of South Carolina

Signed before me this 14th day of September 1786

S/ Thos. Brandon, JP