

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Farmer W7242 Ermine Farmer VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 29 Jan 2014.

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Ermine Farmer a resident of said County and State, aged 75 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows."

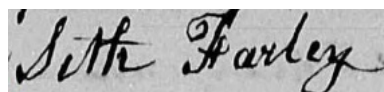
That she is the Widow of Benjamin Farmer late of the County of Lunenburg, State of Virginia, who was a Private in the Virginia Militia, in the war of the Revolution. She declares, that she has no personal knowledge whatever of the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary war, with the exception of what he related himself, and what she ascertained from others whom she believed to have been in service with him. She has repeatedly heard him speak of his services, and give an account of the battles in which he was engaged, and the many hardships he underwent whilst in the service of his Country. She recollect also, of his stating, that at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] he was severely wounded, by a Musket ball, which passed through his breast, the effects of which he felt to the close of his life. But of late, from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory she cannot call to recollection the particulars of his service, officers under whom he served, and the Regiment to which he belonged, and therefore refer to the accompanying certificates of old soldiers who served with him for more particular information on the subject. She farther declares, that for the same reason, she cannot state precisely, how long he was in actual service altogether, for he served several tours of duty, but would suppose that he was in service altogether Twelve Months, for which length of time she claims a Pension. She begs leave farther to state, that her husband departed this life long before the passage of the Act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, and, therefore, never enjoyed the benefit of its provisions, or that of any pension law. In support of her claim, so far as it regards service of her husband, and length of service, she refers to the Army Records of the period, and the accompanying certificates of old soldiers; all of which, she prays may be considered as part of her declaration.

She farther declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Farmer on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1782; that her husband, the aforesaid Benjamin Farmer, died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1829; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four: to wit, at the time above stated.

Ermine herXmark Farmer

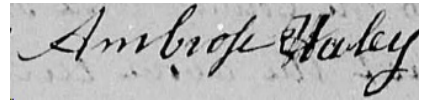
State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [4 Feb 1839]

I Seth Farley of Charlotte, do hereby certify, that I was intimately acquainted with Benjamin Farmer, late of Lunenburg County in the War of the Revolution; and know the fact, being with him at the time, that said Benjamin Farmer was drafted in the Militia for the term of three months under Capt Walker from Lunenburg, and marched to North Carolina and was at the battle of Guilford, where he was severely wounded by a musket ball passing through his body. He served the said term faithfully. I farther certify, that he served under Capt Will another tour of six months in the South, and was at the battle of Stonoe [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779]. I am in 81<sup>st</sup> year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution.



Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [5 Feb 1839]

I Ambrose Haley [pension application S8689] of Charlotte do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Benjamin Farmer late of Lunenburg County in the War of the Revolution, being with him in the service, and recollect, that in 1780, he was drafted for the term of three months in the Militia from Lunenburg under Capt Walker, and marched to North Carolina, and was engaged in the battle near Camden when Gates was defeated [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. He served the said term faithfully, and was honorably discharged. I farther certify that said Benjamin Farmer was drafted in the year 1781, the second time, for the term of three months, in the militia from the same county under Capt Walker, and marched to North Carolina, and was engaged in the battle at Guilford. At the battle of Guilford, he was severely wounded by a musket ball in the breast which like to have occasioned his death. He served the said term faithfully, and was honorably discharged from service. I am in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of my age, and was a soldier in the revolution.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ambrose Haley". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit: [13 Feb 1839]

I do hereby certify, that I [Peter Hudson, W7242] was acquainted with Benjamin Farmer late of Lunenburg County in the War of the Revolution, and recollect distinctly that in 1779, he was a soldier in the Virginia Troops, and engaged in the battle of Stono in the South, where he was severely wounded. I do not recollect the officer under whom he served but thinks it was Capt Winn nor the length of time he was drafted, but know the fact, that I was drafted on that occasion for six months, and firmly believe that said Benjamin Farmer was drafted for the same period, and served it faithfully. The distance the troops had to march, occasioned the term of service to be longer. I am in the 77<sup>th</sup> year of my age, and was a soldier in the Revolution, and now a pensioner of the United States. Peter hisXmark Hudson

NOTE: Unity Crenshaw stated that shortly before the marriage of Benjamin Farmer and Ermine Herring, her father moved to Pittsylvania County, where they were married, and shortly afterward they settled in Lunenburg County.