

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Jesse Farmer VAS3544
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains an illegible document evidently by William McCormack of Franklin County VA.]

State of Virginia, Bedford County sct [10 Jan 1829]

Nathaniel Chapman aged sixty seven years being first duly sworn says; That he was a neighbour to Jesse Farmer in the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia at the time he received the commission of Ensign, and that he the said Ensign Farmer entered the army in the year 1777 at Cumberland Courthouse in the State aforesaid and served in a Company commanded by Capt Taliaferro [sic: Taliaferro], in a regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker [BLWt525-500] called Parkers detachment of the Virginia Continental line. After the said Ensign Farmer received his commission, he was stationed for sometime at Cumberland Courthouse recruiting where this deponent enlisted and served in the same company with the said Ensign Farmer. Sometime in the year 1779 the said detachment was ordered to the South and at the surrender of Charleston in South Carolina in the Spring of 1780 [12 May 1780], this deponent and the said Farmer were both taken prisoners by the enemy, and put on board a prison ship and continued prisoners until the fall of 1781 when we were exchanged or released from our imprisonment a short time before the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. After the said Farmer was exchanged or released from his captivity he again joined the army and was attached to a regiment under the Command of Col William Davis [sic: William Davies BLWt597-500] which this deponent believes was the 14th Virginia Regiment [sic: 1st Regiment] in which regiment the said Jesse Farmer continued to serve as Ensign or Lieutenant until the general disbanding of the army when the said Farmer was regularly discharged from the said service.

The said Farmer was at the Seige of York [Yorktown 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], where this deponent saw him frequently. This deponent lived a neighbour to the said Farmer many years after the close of the war, and well recollects to have seen the said Farmers commission and discharge. The deponent lived within ten miles of the said Farmer at the time of his death, and now lives within a few miles of his son who is an applicant for bounty. The deponent received his bounty of land [see Nathan Chapman W6654] and knows that the said Farmer was justly entitled to his

Nathaniel Chapman

State of Virginia
Bedford County

John Farmer being duly sworn says that he has never received from the State of Virginia or from the United States any land bounty on account of services rendered by his ancestor Jesse Farmer an officer of the revolution neither has any other person [undeciphered word] as the heir of the said Jesse Farmer neither did the said Jesse Farmer ever [undeciphered word] it nor transfer his claim to it during his life time, so far as this deponent knows or believes. This deponent distinctly recollects to have seen the said Farmers Commission frequently during his life time and has heard him say, that he served to the close of the revolutionary war, and was entitled to a bounty of land, and further says not

[signed] John Farmer