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HAVIS, JESSE (d. 1827?) (Hovis, Harris).

Farmer of Fairfield District and Revolutionary War veteran, Jesse Havis represented Fairfield District for a single term in the South Carolina House of Representatives. During the American Revolution Havis served as a dragoon and infantryman in General THOMAS SUMTER’S (1734–1832) militia brigade and as an infantryman in WILLIAM HENDERSON’S (1748–1788) brigade. With SUMTER he participated in an expedition to Biggan Bridge, at Monck’s Corner (1781). Between 1798 and 1809 Havis acquired state grants of land amounting to 1,902 acres in Fairfield and Kershaw Districts. According to the 1800 census he owned no slaves, despite his large real estate holdings. Jesse Havis represented Fairfield District in the Twenty-sixth (1824–1825) General Assembly. During that term he was a member of the committees on privileges and elections (1824–1825) and public buildings (1824–1825). He was also road commissioner (1822) and a longtime coroner (1805–1822) of Fairfield District. Havis died 7 September 1827 at his residence at Winnsboro. His will was proved on 2 October 1828. In it he left bequests to his wife, Mary Havis, daughters, Clarissa Havis, Martha Havis Graham, Elizabeth Havis Evans, and five sons, Jesse D. Havis, James Havis, Jonathan Havis, Minor Havis, and Obed Havis. Among the bequests were four town lots in Winnsboro.

Twenty-sixth General Assembly

Fairfield

1824–1825

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HAWES, OLIVER (1766–1821). Father-in-law of JAMES GILLESPIE, JR. (1794–1877).

Physician and planter in the Society Hill region of Darlington District, Oliver Hawes was a well-known South Carolina doctor. Unlike many planters who received medical education, Hawes practiced his profession for nearly thirty years in Darlington and

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