Dr. Eugene Farmer was born in September, 1842 in Tennessee in Robertson County, Tennessee. Camp records of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth refer to him as a doctor.

Dr. Farmer was a private in Co. C, 2nd (Robison’s) Tennessee Infantry. His files in the National Archives are comparatively extensive for a private in the Confederate Army. He enlisted at Edgefield Tennessee on May 1, 1861 for a term of twelve months. He said he was eighteen years old. He was mustered in at Lynchburg, Virginia on May 17, 1861. At some point in November of December, 1861 he re-enlisted for a term of two years. At some point between January 1 and May 1, 1862, he was absent inside enemy lines, but for what purpose is not recorded.

He is present on all the existing rolls from March 1, 1862 through April, 1863. On a muster roll dated July 25, 1863 near Tynerio Station, Tennessee, it says it was nineteen years old and that he had enlisted on May 6, 1861 at Nashville, Tennessee. He was wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia on September 20, 1863 and was sent to a hospital in Atlanta. He is present on all rolls for the period November 1, 1863 through April 1864.

He was captured at Franklin, Tennessee on December 17, 1864. He was placed in a Union hospital at Nashville on December 23, 1864 for treatment of a simple wound of the right leg, lower three inches, caused by being hit by a cannon ball. He was treated and turned over to the U. S. Provost Marshall on January 31, 1865, and was sent from Nashville to Louisville, Kentucky on January 3, 1865 by Union officials.

He left the military prison at Louisville on February 1, 1865 and was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he arrived on February 3, 1865. He was paroled February 25, 1865 and sent to City Point, Virginia for exchange. After being exchanged he was admitted to the Confederate Chimborazo Hospital No. 2 for treatment of cystitis; he was admitted on March 10, 1865 and was furloughed for thirty days on March 29, 1865.
Both the 1880 and the 1900 census takers found him a widower living in Birdville with his sister, Virginia Caroline Farmer, in the town of Birdville. He was still a practicing physician; she apparently was never married. They both said they were born in Tennessee to two Virginian parents. She was born in March, 1847. Mr. Farmer apparently did not apply for a Confederate pension.

His headstone in Birdville Cemetery says he lived from 1842 until 1902. R. E. Lee Camp records show that he died December 17, 1903.