

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Bass R599

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State of North Carolina, Ashe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1834

On this 10th day of November personally appeared Edward Bass a resident of said County before the Court aforesaid aged seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of his Country as a drafted man when he lived in Dobbs County and State of North Carolina – which County has been since called Lenoir under Captain Benjamin Harrison and – marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] and was stationed there for two months and was then marched to the North & went on through Tarborough and got near to Halifax and we met the French Army that was going to the South and we then were turned back with that Army and I was put under Captain __ Quinn a Continental officer & marched to Kinston and staid there two months more we were then marched to Fayetteville and laid there two months and then marched for the South against the British Army that was stationed at Savannah and we marched on for that place until we heard of General Gates [Horatio Gates] being defeated¹ by the British & Tories & I was then discharged and came back and lived in Chatham County, after being in the Army for eight months & three weeks, sometime after this I was again drafted for ~~six~~ three months under Captain Litterell [Luttrell] of Chatham County – and went on to the Barracks and was stationed there for two weeks. I then became unwell & hired one Jacob Jones as a substitute, and gave him a horse saddle & bridle worth \$70 (& two half [indecipherable word, looks like “Joes”])² and I got a discharge for the six months, and I then went home. After this I was again drafted for three months and myself and six other men hired one William Maler for twelve months and I was never called into service any more. I was taken by a party of Tories at home and they destroyed my discharges, and that he has no documentary nor any other mode of proving his services, he don't know of none of his associates in the revolution that is now living. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or agency.

Sworn to in open Court day & year above written.

S/ Edward Bass, X his mark

[Calvin Jones, a clergyman, and James Maxwell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And the following interrogatories was put to the applicant and these are his answers --When and in what year were you born? Answer I was born in Dobbs County now called Lenoir in the year of our Lord 1760 from the best of information and the record of the family of ages was burnt in the house of my Father – that he has now no record of it --

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War

1 Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780

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and where do you now live? Answer I lived in Dobbs & Chatham Counties when called into service, and that he lived in Chatham twenty years after the war then moved to Surry County in this State and lived there about twenty-two years, & then moved to Ashe County where I have lived here seven years How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Answer I was drafted every tower [tour]

State the names of some of the principal officers who in the army with you. Answer Of the name of the Adjutant of the French Army was Shike [?]³ and I believe there was a General in Army by the name of Malbery [?] [probably an attempt to name Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmèdy, Malmèdy)]

State of North Carolina, Ashe County

This day came Edward Bass personally before me the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County, and makes oath in due form --

That he believes that in making out his Declaration for the purpose of getting a pension that he made a mistake by stating that he served as a militia man, and that he should have stated himself as a State's troop, that he well recollects that he was Balloted for as it was then called to serve for nine months and that he served as stated in the Declaration which is now on file in the Pension office of the United States and that he got a full discharge from Governor Caswell [Richard Caswell] of North Carolina and that the Tories took it from him shortly after he came home from the service and that the reason that he did not sent [sic, send] on this as he is amended statement to his former Declaration sooner is that he has been trying to find some person that he could prove his services by, but his old age and want of money has as yet prevented him from being able to find any person that he can prove his services by, that he now lives at least 300 miles from the parts of Country where he lived when called into service and having no friends that will go that distance to see if the testimony can be procured, to all the other statements made in the Declaration that is now in the Pension Office at Washington City he believes to be true – and from his age and consequent loss of memory he knows of no other facts that is believed to be material, and hopes that this may be received as an amendment to his former Declaration.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of September 1837.

Test: S/ Alex B. McMillan, JP

S/ Edward Bass, X his mark

State of North Carolina Comptroller's Department

I George W Brooks Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made to sundry persons for military service in the Revolutionary War as follows

Edward Bass

Book A. M. 16 page 15 £ 400 currency New Bern District

Book No. 10 page 16 £ 75.13.16 Army Certificate returned from Wayne County

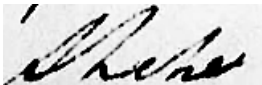
Book 23 Page 33 £ 54.0.0

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Office at Raleigh this 9th day of October 1855

S/ Geo. W. Brooks Comptroller

State of North Carolina Comptroller's Department

I, C H Brogden, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it


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appears of Record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Militia service in the Revolutionary War as follows:

Edward Bass, of Wayne County North Carolina

Indent No. 184 £180 Curren__ equal to £1.8.0 – specie, in April 1781

Book No. 23, Page 33, £180 Currency = equal to £1.8.10, April 16th, 1781

Indent No. 1445 £4000 Currency = equal to £5 specie February 16th, 1782.

Indent No. 2408 £20. 10 – specie. March 5th, 1784

All the above payments were made in the New Bern District, North Carolina.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office in the City of Raleigh, this 25th day of July A.D. 1857.

S/ C H Brogden
Comptroller NC