

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lawson Mallard S5051

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State of North Carolina, Jones County: SS

On this 13th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in Superior Court for the County of Jones, before the Honorable John R. Donnell, Judge thereof, now sitting, Lawson Mallard a resident of Jones County North Carolina, in his seventy second year, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832; That he entered the Service of the United States, in his 18th year, being drafted by Colonel Avery [Waightstill Avery] in Jones County; and under him & Captain Ridsen McDaniel, rendezvoused at Trent Ridge in said County, thence they marched through Onslow County &c into Bladen County, and encamped on the North East branch of Cape Fear [River] near Bluford's Bridge, where they encamped nearly three months; during their encampment had they were attacked by the British under Colonel Craig [James Craig]; the Americans immediately broke down and destroyed Bluford's bridge, and thus prevented the British forces from crossing the River and after firing at each other for some time across the River, we took up our line of March for Duplin County, where we were discharged under Colonel Avery & Col. Samuel Hill, after having served three months. -- Written discharges were given to none of us, as they were never demanded. In the month of August following our discharged as aforesaid, the militia of Jones County having been divided into three classes, the class to which this affiant belonged was ordered to rendezvous at Trent River 10 or 12 miles from Trenton, in order to intercept Colonel Craig and the Tories, whom it was understood were on their march from Wilmington to New Bern; we accordingly repaired to our port [could be fort] under Colonel Avery and as we lay encamped just below Jumping Run [Jumping Run, August 17, 1781]¹ in Jones, the British & Tories came upon us unawares and after some resistance on the part of the Americans this affiant was taken prisoner by the British & carried as a prisoner to Wilmington where he remained confined for three months, and was thence sent around to the City of Charleston S. C. where he was confined in an old prison ship, in the harbor, under the charge of one Sergeant McKinney, after remaining a prisoner in this situation for about eleven months, and [sic, an] exchange of prisoners was effected by General Greene [Nathanael Greene], and this affiant was discharged and returned home, by land, having been absent fourteen months; Colonel Samuel Hill, was with us in the engagement with Colonel Craig & the Tories. This affiant has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person save W. F. Foscue² (whose testimony is hereto appended) whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_jumping_run.html

² [Frederick Foscue S2562](#)

except the present, & declares that his name, is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Lawson Mallard



S/ John Houston, C. S. C.

Where and in what year were you born?

Ans in Jones County the 10 January 1762.

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans: I have at home in my family Bible

Where were you living when called into Service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War?

Ans: In Jones County – I have never changed my residence.

How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute? And if a Substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted once; and my class of militia was called out at another time.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the General circumstances of your Service.

Ans: Colonel Avery, Col. Hill, Captain Risdan McDaniel. I do not recollect the name of my Regiment, I was in an engagement with the British at Bluford's bridge in Bladen County; and near Jumping Run in Jones County, a prisoner for three months in Wilmington & for 11 months in Charleston.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service; and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Ans: I never did.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a Soldier of the war Revolution?

Ans: Francis Andrews, Frederick Foscue, Risdan McDaniel, and Hardy Bryan.

Sworn to in open court.

S/ Lawson Mallard

S/ John Houston, S. C. C.

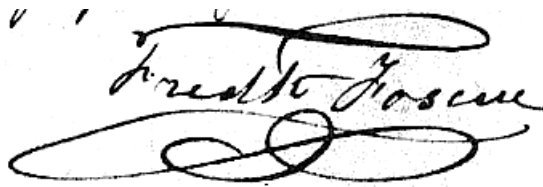
[Hardy Bryan & William Huggins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Frederick Foscue maketh oath that he has known Lawson Mallard for the last fifty years & ever since his acquaintance with him he has heard and believes, that he was in the militia, who were ordered out under Colonel Weitstill Avery [sic, Waightstill Avery] to oppose Craig in his journey to Newbern [sic, New Bern], & that he was taken prisoner & carried to Wilmington & thence to Charleston; this affiant is sixty-seven years old, and hereby certifies that the said Mallard, has always been reputed to be a soldier of the revolution, and sustains an unexceptionable character through life, for honesty and sterling truth; this affiant further states that he was in a different class of the Jones County militia from Mr. Mallard & was himself very young at the time.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open court.

S/ Fredk. Foscue

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fred W. Gosnell". The signature is written in black ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

S/ John Houston, C. S. C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the North Carolina militia.]