

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Holloway Pass S7289

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State of North Carolina, County of Caswell

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1836 personally appeared in the open court before John P. Harrison, Abner Miler & Benjamin C. West, Esquires the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County and State aforesaid, now sitting Holloway Pass, a resident of the County of Caswell and the State of North Carolina, aged seventy four years on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March next, who being duly sworn according to the law, doeth on His oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832:

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officer and served as herein stated; that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1780, this declarant volunteered under Captain James Wilson in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina and was marched on the same day to Caswell old Court House (now Leasburg) and there joined themselves to the Regiment under the command of Col. William Moore, and was thence marched to Hillsborough, North Carolina and there continued some two or three days (perhaps a week); from there we march [sic] to Bell's Mill on Deep River and was there stationed some few weeks during which time of the stay of the troops at Bells Mill, James Rainey, Esq. (who is now the Chairman of our County Court &c) who was one of the volunteers of the same company was taken sick & this affiant was appointed to wait and attend upon him. From Bell's Mill on Deep River this declarant with the Regiment commanded by Col. William Moore as aforesaid was marched to the Yadkin River near Salisbury N. C. and there stationed some two or three weeks. At this place, Dempsey Moore was appointed Major of the Regiment. From this place this Declarant with the Regiment was marched through Salisbury and Charlotte N.C. to the neighborhood of the Waxhaw Settlement to a place called the Six Mile Creeks or the Three Mile Creeks and was there again stationed, watching the enemy and cutting off their supplies. At this place we met with Col. Washington [William Washington] who commanded a company of Horse and whilst we were here also Genl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] joined us with his infantry. Whilst at this place and in this neighborhood, this Declarant, with the company to which he belonged, went with Col. Washington to a place called Rugeley's Fort and there lay a Stratagem. Captured all the Tories and enemy of the place and took the fort [December 4, 1780]. This Declarant was thence ordered as one of the guards which brought the prisoners to Salisbury and confined them. At Salisbury this Declarant was discharged, his time having expired and he returned home, & arrived home a few days before Christmas 1780.

The discharge was given by the Colonel of the Regiment as well as this Declarant now recollects.

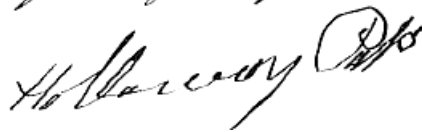
This Declarant remained at home until the fall of 1781 when the Tories came to Hillsboro and took our Whig Governor (Burke) [Thomas Burke captured at Hillsboro September 12, 1781] prisoner and carried him off to Wilmington. Upon the happening of this event there was great excitement in our Country and particularly in our County (Caswell) and all the men of the County was called upon to take up arms; accordingly this Declarant volunteered under Captain Adam Sanders of Caswell County and was marched & rendezvoused in the woods in Caswell County on County Line Creek where they were met by two other Volunteer Companies of the said County, all under the command of Col. William Moore (Our Col.) And Major Dudley Reynolds [spelled "Renolds"] (Our Major). From there we were marched through a night way, all on horseback, in great speed with a view to overtake the Tories before they got to Wilmington (& it should be borne in mind that our Officers promised us that if we would find our horses and start immediately (which we did) that we should be discharged at the end of two months and that the tour should be accounted to us as a tour of three months, which promise was not kept, and instead of two months we were kept out for three months and half starved at that). We were marched a straight course leaving Hillsboro to the left and went directly to Cross Creeks (now Fayetteville) and we got on the trail of the Tories at Lindley's Mills and we followed on down to in sight of Wilmington expecting every Hour to overtake them. But they escaped into Wilmington before we came up with them; before we reached Wilmington we joined Genl. Butler [John Butler] with his company. From near Wilmington we retreated back up the Cape Fear River Some 18 or 20 miles out of Danger and there Stopped for a little time until we heard of a collection of Tories at a place called the Brown Marsh to which place we immediately was marched at this place we met the Tories and some British and had a severe engagement and was defeated by the bad management of Genl. Butler and if it had not been for old Col. Mebane [Lt. Col. Robert Mebane] of the Orange Regiment we would have been all taken prisoner. From this place (Brown Marsh) we retreated to Fayetteville (which was then Cross Creeks). At this place our horses were taken away from us and sent home, and the Volunteer Company to which this Declarant belonged was put under the command of Capt. Spillsby Coleman.

From this place we were again marched back again toward Wilmington in the Tory regions from place to place with a view to keep them in check. Whilst maneuvering and scouring through the Country after the Tories, we joined Genl. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and his troops and was with him until our time of three months had expired and afterwards until we had reinforcements and then this Declarant was discharged by Capt. Coleman as well as this Declarant now recollects, and he returned home; which he did sometime about Christmas 1781 after having been out this tour some few weeks over three months. This Declarant states that thus he served two tours of duty in the Revolutionary War. The first tour of three months, and the second of something over three months as has been stated above - that he rec'd discharges both times; But that some eight or nine years ago, his discharges was burnt up. That he can prove his first tour of duty by James Rainey Esq. who is the chairman of our County Court & who was with him in the tour; and that he can prove his service in the second tour of duty of Francis Ray, his neighbor who was with him in his second tour of duty, and who will also prove for him, as he hopes and believes, a good moral character.

This declarant states that he was born in Halifax County in the State of Virginia and moved to Caswell County North Carolina in his fourteenth year. Was born on the 4th day of March 1762. That he has no record of his age in his possession; the old Family Record which contains his age is in the possession of his younger brother, Thomas Pass of Georgia as well as he now recollects That he was living in Caswell County, State of North Carolina when he was called into service - and that since the Revolutionary War he has lived part of his time in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and part of his time in Caswell County in North Carolina. The State line dividing the State of Virginia and North Carolina running through his plantation & dividing it about equally and that he now lives on the Carolina side in Caswell County. This Declarant states that he Volunteered both times when he was called into service. That he cannot recollect all the Regular officers who were with the troops where he served; but he remembers Col. Washington, General Morgan, Col Henry Dixon, General Butler, & General Rutherford. But he is inclined to think that Butler & Rutherford were Militia officers. That he remembers the Orange Regiment Commanded by Col. Mebane & a brave officer he was & the general circumstances of his service he has attempted to give above. That he received two discharges one from Col. Moore, & the other from Capt. Spillsby Coleman, as well as he can now recollect, both of which were burnt up some eight or nine years ago.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State that he knows of.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
S/Holloway Pass



We George Stevens a clergyman residing in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, and John P. Harrison residing in the same County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Holloway Pass who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy four years of age in March next, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1836  
S/George Stevens  
S/John P. Harrison

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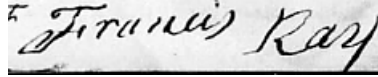
I, Francis Ray<sup>1</sup> of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina doth hereby Certify that I am well acquainted with Holloway Pass who has Subscribed and Sworn to the above Declaration; and that the facts set fourth in his said Declaration as to his Second tour of Service in the Revolution are true, that I served in the said Tour of Duty with him and was one of the Volunteers of the said Company with him, was his neighbor when he entered the service & have been his neighbor ever since & that he is a man of truth & credit.

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<sup>1</sup> [Francis Ray S7350](#)

Sworn & Subscribed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1836

S/ Francis Ray



Test: Paul A. Haralson, Clk

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State of North Carolina Caswell County

I James Rainey of the County of Caswell & State aforesaid do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Holloway Pass who has sworn to & subscribed the above declaration. That he was a soldier of the revolution, and served one tour of duty to my own knowledge I being with him in the same company & I have no doubt that every word set forth in his declaration is true. He is a man of truth and credit. Sworn to & subscribed this 11th day of January 1836

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clerk

S/ James Rainey



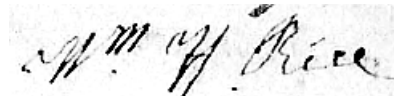
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State of North Carolina Rockingham County:

Be it remembered that on this 5 day of April 1844 personally appeared William H. Rice<sup>2</sup> a revolutionary pensioner; before me G W Garrett a Justice of the peace for the County & state aforesaid and made oath in due form of law The Army or force that went in pursuit of the Tories or British who had taken the Governor of North Carolina at Hillsboro as a prisoner was a legal authorized force & that he William H. Rice was of the company as a substitute for one of his neighbors for the sum of twenty-five pounds, we a tour of three months, but was not under the same Captain that Holloway Pass was. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written before me.

S/ G W Garrett, JP

S/ Wm H. Rice



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State of North Carolina

Caswell County

Be it hereby certified that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1844 personally appeared Holloway Pass before me Stephen Dodson one of the Justices of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid and make Oath in due form of law, there was a tour of six months of the

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<sup>2</sup> FPA W2437

Militia of the State of North Carolina for the County of Caswell and further declared that he the said Holloway Pass was drafted in said tour of six month, but he being very young his father substituted in his place.

S/ Holloway (X) Pass

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written

S/ Stephen Dodson, J P

I Stephen Dodson a justice of the peace as aforesaid do hereby certify that Holloway Pass is entitled to full four month's credit. Given under my hand this 2 day of January 1844.

S/Stephen Dodson, JP

[p 32: Nathaniel Pass of Caswell County gave an affidavit that he knew that Holloway Pass served two three months tours in the revolution, one in 1780 and the other in 1781, the 2nd being raised by Colonel William Moore. The relationship, if any of Nathaniel to Holloway is not stated. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

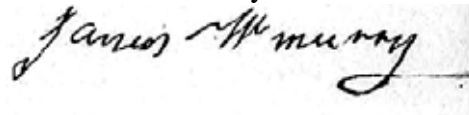
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State of North Carolina Person County: Be it remembered that on this the 28th day of October personally appeared James McMurray a resident of Person County before me Pleasant M. McMurray a Justice of the peace for the County and state aforesaid & made oath in due form of law that he served in the war of the revolution, & while in the Army he became acquainted with Holloway Pass the present applicant for a pension, & that he the said Holloway Pass was in the company I believe of Captain Sanders Company & under Colonel Moore that went in pursuit of the Governor who was taken by the Tories or British, for the term of 2 months, but at the conclusion of the 2 months, Some of the soldiers was discharged & went home & others remained and made out a tour of 3 months & was then discharged & he the said Holloway Pass was one of the members who remained and served a tour of 3 months as well as my memory now serves me.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ PM McMurray, JP

S/ James McMurray

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James McMurray". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]