

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Malpass S9399

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this 14 [?] day of February 1833 Personally appeared before me John Bunting one of the Justices of the peace for the above County within the State James Malpass Senior, a resident of said County and State aged about 72 or 73 years of age First being 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 June 7th 1832 that he entered into the United States Army one of the drafted militia of New Hanover County he believes about the year 1777 and served three months at the North East Bridge in said County under the command of Capt. (Tract) William Jones -- other officers not recollected at this period, got my discharge but do not recollect who it was signed by and now it is lost.

2. Was drafted again in the militia of the above County for three months and served my time of servitude out in Wilmington North Carolina under the command of Capt. David James, James Poitevent Lieut. and a Mr. Quince was Ensign, got a discharge but have lost it neither do I recollect who it was signed by

3rd I became Substitute for Richard Mason for three months and served three months. McCullo [sic, George McCulloch] was Capt. and Anthony Gilbert was Sgt. we all got a furlough in Wilmington North Carolina and to join our Capt. in Fayetteville North Carolina we joined according to furlough and General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] took command and sent our Capt. and his company to General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army at the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina. We were sent to Greene's Army for the purpose of Boating meal from a mill after we arrived General Greene had received an express from General Washington and marched, left Capt. McCullo and Company there and Col. Wade settled us about one mile below the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina where we remained until an express arrived from North Carolina that the English were in the Cape Fear River North Carolina and ordering us back through Fayetteville -- as we came back we were marched over a bridge called Coals Bridge [Coles' Bridge] I believe on Drowning Creek we were marched to Fayetteville from thence to the said Bridge in New Hanover County where we were under the command of Col. Brown [Thomas Brown] and General Lillington over on the other side of the River next to the sound up the River near the bridge we had a Battle (with the British under the command of one Major Craig [James Craig]) [Heron's Bridge, January 30, 1781].¹ Our troops were defeated we being under Col. Brown who that day was Col. Commander who was wounded in the arm Col. Young [Henry

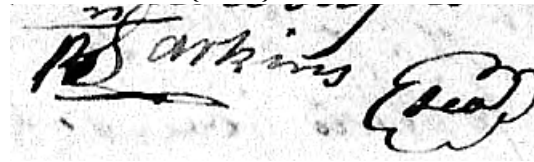
¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html

Young] was Commander of the horse company General Lillington did not get over the River to join Army he being on the opposite side from where the Battle was fought. In a day or two after the battle I was discharged it was gave me by Capt. McCullo. I can't say who it was signed by. My name is not on any pension list nor have I received any pension and I do hereby relinquish all claim to any but the present. I was born in the County of New Hanover and above named State in the year 1760 near Moore's Creek Bridge and always has lived in the County and now lives on Bee Branch I was drafted the two times above mentioned and became Substitute in said County. Benjamin Larkins can certify to some of my servitude and any other old subtler. Signed subscribed and sworn to the date above before me
S/ Jno Bunting, JP

S/ James Malpass, X his mark

I Benjamin Larkins² a resident of the County of New Hanover State of North Carolina hereby certify that I am well acquainted with James Malpass was who have subscribed the above certificate and sworn to it that I am knowing to part of the above named servitude, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood he resides in to have been a revolutionary soldier and I am knowing to it.
Sworn to before me
S/ Jno Bunting, JP

S/ B. Larkins {Seal}



[William Armstrong, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² [Benjamin Larkins S8821](#)