

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Young VAS2062

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1782, in the name of John Young, as a Sergeant of Infantry for £25.5.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Ben Roberts<sup>1</sup> and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1837.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

To his Excellency Governor Campbell of Virginia

Your petitioner J L Young the representative of John Young deceased would most respectfully state on to your honor that his father was a Sergeant in the Company of State Troops commanded by Captain Ben Roberts of the Illinois Department – that he has heretofore made and presented his petition to the Governor of Virginia when he only filed parol evidence of his father's services – which was the affidavit of Captain Ben Roberts and probably that of another witness, that he omitted to state that the claim had been favorably reported owned by the Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims J H Smith, and also omitted to furnish such documentary evidence as existed or at least all that existed – he now furnishes & lays before your honor to Certificates of depreciated pay one received in September 1782 the other in August 1784 – which together with proof now on file he hopes will warrant a favorable decision – for which purpose he prays a rehearing of his Case decided in 1836 and a final allowance as he ever will pray.

S/ J. L. Young, By

S/ Wm H. Todd, Atty. in fact

The Memorial of James L Young

The child and heir at law of John Young Deceased who was a Sergeant in the Virginia State line during the Revolution the said James L Young is now a Citizen of Oldham County

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<sup>1</sup> [Benjamin Roberts S31343](#)

Kentucky

Your memorialist would represent unto his Excellency the Governor of Virginia that he is informed and believes that his deceased Father John Young enlisted as a Sergeant in Captain Benj. Roberts' Company in the fall of 1779 whilst living in Culpeper County Virginia, that said John Young marched to the Western country and served as a Sergeant in Captain Benj. Roberts' company at the Falls of Ohio until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis in October 1781, that he was then honorably discharged from further service having served the term of his enlistment or the time required for the aforesaid services your memorialist would pray an allowance to be made him in Bounty land and your petitioner would ever pray the same &c

S/ James L. Young



[acknowledged May 23, 1835 in Oldham County Kentucky]

The affidavit of Captain Benjamin Roberts taken at the town of Frankford Kentucky on the behalf of John Young's heirs on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1835

This affiant states that in the fall of 1779 he did in Culpeper County Virginia enlist John Young as a member of his Company, that after his enlistment he said Young was appointed by this affiant as one of the sergeants to said Company: – that said Young did entered the service as aforesaid and continued to serve in said Company at the Falls of Ohio where this affiant's company was stationed until the month of December 1781 when this affiant's Company was no longer required in actual Service, that said John Young served faithfully in the capacity of Sergeant as long as this affiant was in service and that said Young was then honorably discharged having served the time for which he was enlisted, this affiant's Company was of Crockett's Regiment and under the command of General G R Clarke [George Rogers Clark], commonly called the Illinois Regiment or department – this affiant knows James L Young of Oldham County Kentucky to be one of the sons and a heirs of the said John Young who lived and died near to this affiant in Shelby County Kentucky

S/ Ben. Roberts



[Acknowledged in Franklin County Kentucky May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1835]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1784, in the name of John Young, as a Sergeant of Infantry for £50.10.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Broadhead and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1837.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Report upon the claim of the heirs of John Young – a Sergeant in the Illinois Regiment – for bounty land for his services

To the Governor

Sir;

The petitioners have filed the affidavit of Captain Benjamin Roberts – which sets forth, that John Young enlisted in his Company, in Crockett's Regiment, in the fall of 1779, and served as Sergeant until December 1781, principally at the Falls of Ohio – Captain Roberts does not say, what was their term of enlistment; but proves a service of upwards of 2 years, and until his Company was discharged, the state having no further need of it services – (see the affidavit of Captain Roberts.)

Among the Illinois Muster-Roles & Payrolls, there is a Muster-Roll of Captain Roberts' Company from the date of their enlistment to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1781 – on this document John Young appears, as a Sergeant, enlisted November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1779, and in service November 30, 1781 (see Muster Roll &c)

John Young's name is on the Army Register of the State line, a certificate issued September 13, 1782 for £25.5.4 the balance of his full pay as Sergeant of Infantry &c which certificate was delivered to Ben Roberts: and on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1784, another Certificate issued in the name of John Young Sergeant, for £50.10.8, the balance of his full pay; which certificate was delivered to Mr. Broadhead – (See Army Register S. L.)

I believe the man of Crockett's Regiment enlisted for three years, or for the war; but I have no certain knowledge of that fact. Crockett's Regiment became a part of what was called the Illinois Regiment, after the year 1779, and so continued until it was discharged.

There is, in this case, no positive proof of an enlistment & service for 3 years – But, if John Young enlisted for 3 years or for the war, served upwards of 2 years, and was then discharged, (not at his own request, or according to the terms of his enlistment) because the State did not longer stand in need of the services of the said Corps to which he belonged, the question arises – Has he not an equitable title to his bounty land? The State, who had promised that bounty land, by the act of discharging the Company to which Young belonged, before he has served 3 years, rendered it in possible that he should fully & strictly comply with his enlistment. He was ready & willing to comply; but the state prevented him – all not the state to allow him the stipulated bounty in land? Many of Crockett's men have received bounty land.

It does not appear, that bounty land has been allowed, for the services of John Young a Sergeant &c. John Young a Soldier in the State line has received 200 acres of land, he was not the individual whose heirs now asked bounty land.

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c  
June 19, 1833