

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Austin R318
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I, John Austin of the County of Oldham and State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I entered the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which Period I was a Private in Captain Porterfield's Company until the Rendezvous at Middlebrook in the Jerseys. I was transferred to Captain Gabriel Long's Company who was arranged [sic, attached?] to Col. Daniel Morgan's Regiment. I was sometimes under the command of Colonel Slaughter, Lieutenant Colonel Butler and Major Morris who was killed at the White Plains, Benjamin Ashby was part of the time our Paymaster. I was acquainted with Captain John Marshall now Chief Justice of the United [States] and sent my discharge to him in Richmond Virginia to effect a Settlement for me and it was lost by Mr. Picket. I also declare that after my discharge I received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 and I further declare that I was not on the 15th of March 1825 on the Pension list of the United States.

S/ John Austin, X his mark

[John Sage gave the standard supporting affidavit of reputation and belief.]

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Oldham County Kentucky September 20, 1828

The Honorable Richard Rush Secretary of the Treasury of the United States

Sir. I had been informed of the Law providing for the surviving revolutionary soldiers some time ago, but being now very ancient and bad health, has delayed my sending you my Declaration it is now forwarded enclosed.

I was with General Morgan at the Battle of the Cowpens and my Captain Gabriel Long was not with us at that battle the Lieutenant Ephraim Long commanded us this was the last Battle I was in to the South Captain Gabriel Long commanded the Company at the Siege of York. Please write me to LeGrange Oldham County Kentucky.

Your Obedient Servant,
S/ John Austin

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Received 31 of August 1829

State of Kentucky Woodford County

This day came John Allen before me Bernard Gaines a Justice of the Peace, in & for the County of aforesaid, and made Oath in due form of law: That he was a private Soldier in Morgan's Rifle Regiment during the War of the revolution in which he served four years; during which time he became

acquainted with John Austin, who was also serving as a private in the same Regiment, and Served together about two years, were both at the taking of Burgoyne, and continued together until General Sullivan was ordered to march against the Indians (Generally called Sullivan's expedition;) when all those who had enlisted for during the war were ordered to march with him General Sullivan and that John Austin went with them and he Allen staid behind having enlisted first for one and then three years only. That he always understood from his first becoming acquainted with Austin and that he was enlisted for and during the War, and verily believes he was. Further this Deponent saith not.

S/ John Allen,¹ X his mark, of Glens Creek

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned the 11 day of August 1829

S/ B. Gaines, JPWC

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Oldham County near LeGrange Post Office Kentucky 4 September 1829

Sir. I lately forwarded to you the evidence of John Allen in support of my claim under the Act of 15th May 1828 making Provision for the Surviving officers & Soldiers of the Army of the revolution. Since which I have been favored with a list of the survivors who have been found untituted [sic, entitled?] in which I discover the name of Reuben Long a Lieutenant of the Virginia line. I had been impressed with the opinion that my Lieutenant's name was Ephraim Long but believing it possible that in the given name I may have been mistaken. I now enclose to you a letter to the address of Reuben Long wish you will please forward if the evidence already furnished may not default sufficient.

Permit me served to observe to you that I was with Morgan at Québec which will discover to you that I am very anxious and am very infirm.

I have the honor Served to be your obedient Servant.

S/ John Austin

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State of Kentucky Oldham County 20th of March 1830

I hereby certify that somewhere about the year 1822 as well as I recollect Jesse Wilhoite a revolutionary Soldier came to my house with John Austin to prove the said Austin's service in the revolutionary war which he said Wilhoite made oath to before me and stated that he was well acquainted with said Austin in Morgan's Regiment that they were in the Company commanded by Captain Gabriel Long from Culpeper County Virginia. I being at that time and for some years before and since an acting Justice of the Peace for the County of Jefferson Kentucky – but kept no record of said Wilhoite's oath and cannot state with precision the exact time; the said Jesse Wilhoite is since dead. Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Richard Barbour

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State of Kentucky, Oldham County

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Oldham ~~Edward M. Taylor~~ a Justice of the peace in the County and State aforesaid, John Austin Sr., a resident of Oldham County and State of Kentucky aforesaid aged ninety-six 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 June 6th [sic, 7th] 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1785 [sic, 1775?] with Captain Daniel Morgan as a private and served in the 11th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers: __ Butler being the Colonel, Benjamin Morris Major he does not recollect the names of the other company and field Officers, he

¹ [John Allen S30818](#)

enlisted under Captain Daniel Morgan as aforesaid for the term of three years in the year 1775, he then resided in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia and continued in service until the expiration of his term of enlistment, when he enlisted with Charles Porterville [Charles Porterfield] as Captain for during the war in Col. Daniel Morgan's Regiment of Rifle men in the Virginia line and continued in the service until the end of the war – he was in the battle of Still Water [Stillwater, Bemis Heights or 2nd battle of Saratoga, October 7, 1777], Monmouth Courthouse [June 28, 1778], White Plains [October 28, 1776] and the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. He marched from Winchester Virginia to Québec, from thence to New Jersey, from thence to Connecticut, and from thence to Pennsylvania, from thence through Virginia & North Carolina to South Carolina, thence to Georgia and on his return was at the Siege of York and was discharged in 1782 receiving his certificate of discharge from General Morgan in Frederick County State of Virginia – he further states that Charles Porterville [Porterfield] was promoted to the Rank of Major when Gabriel Long became his Captain – and continued so until he was discharged. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ I R Gwaltney

S/ John Austin, X his mark


State of Kentucky, Henry County

On this 18th day of November 1846 came before (in the Town of New Castle and County aforesaid) me a justice of the peace for said County of Henry, Henry Browning a Citizen of said County and a person of undoubted character for truth and moral & Christian behavior and whom I have known to be such and said Browning made oath, that in the fall of the year 1784, John Austin late a pensioner of the United States, and Elizabeth Lindsey (said Elizabeth being his half sister) left the house of the Mother of said Henry Browning, with their marriage Company in order to be married at a neighboring church; that the said John Austin and Elizabeth Lindsey, returned with their Company to his mother's house the same evening, as man & wife – and that he is confident that they had a license to be married and were lawfully joined in lawful wedlock – the mother of Elizabeth Lindsey and this affiant were the same person – that they lived together as man & wife until the year 1845 when in October Mr. John Alston died – that his mother recognized Mr. John Alston as her son-in-law and he and all friends & connections did likewise – Indeed that they were man & wife legally married for many years and always so considered.

Sworn to & subscribed before me date above.

S/ Thos. B. Posey, JP HC

S/ Henry Browning



[p 45: On November 20, 1846 in Jefferson County Kentucky, Elizabeth Austin gave testimony that her maiden name was Lindsey, that on November 3rd 1784 she married John Austin late a pensioner of the United States in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia; that she lived with John Austin as his wife until sometime in October 1845 when said Austin died and that she remains a widow. She signed this affidavit with her mark.]

[p 10: On February 25, 1850 in Oldham County Kentucky, Daniel Alston, 52 years of age on May 24 next, gave testimony that he is a son of John and Elizabeth Austin; that he has 3 brothers and one sister older than himself viz. William, Lucy, James and John; that his brother John is better than 2 years older than himself, that his brother James is about 4 years and a half older than himself, that his sister Lucy is about 7 years older and his brother William, the oldest of his father's and mother's children was about 9 years older than himself; that judging from the ages of his siblings his parents must have been married

about 1787.

Daniel Augustin]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]