

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ware Long R6425

Elizabeth Long

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Virginia Greene County to wit:

On this 9th day of May 1848 personally appeared before me in my said County Elizabeth Long widow and relic of Ware Long deceased, a resident of my said County, aged ninety-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the Widow of Ware Long who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, having served as she believes altogether in the militia from the County of Orange – that she was raised in the same neighborhood with the said Long and understood before her marriage with him that he had served three tours in the War, but she had no knowledge of the same beyond what was spoken of by the neighbors, and by Mr. Long himself after their marriage: but that after her marriage and not long after, her said husband was drafted for a tour of three months in the militia under Captain George Waugh whom she knew by sight and her said husband marched from Orange Court House in July 1781 and did not return home until after the surrender at Yorktown [October 19, 1781]. That upon his return home she remembers that her husband spoke of having been at Williamsburg, Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] and old James Town and of many hardships he underwent: She thinks that the Lieutenant's name was one Henry Thomas, she remembers that said company numbered about sixty privates, among them was John Lacy and William Watts familiar acquaintances. After the close of the war she and her husband continued to reside a short distance from Orange Court House until about 1790 a moved to the upper part of Orange County now called Greene, a distance of about forty miles where she has ever since lived. That in respect to the services performed by her husband before her marriage she refers to the evidence to be obtained I her agent. She further declares that she was married to the said Where Long in the month of March 1781 and that he departed this life on the __ day of September 1808 and that she has remained his widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid in my said County before me.

S/ Elizabeth Long, X her mark

S/ Oliver Finks, JP

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Virginia Greene County to wit

I Richard White aged ninety-three years the 27th day of April last past do certify under

oath to the truth of the following facts: I was raised in my present neighborhood formerly Orange County, but has since been divided and Greene taken off; I was acquainted with Ware Long from my boyhood up to his death for we were about the same age and his Father did not live far from my Father's, that about the first of September 1777 Captain John Scott raised a company of men from Orange County and Ware Long and myself served a full Tour under him of three months: Mr. George Waugh of Orange County who I also knew was the Orderly Sergeant of said Company the whole Tour of three months the said Waugh was the father of Captain Alexander Waugh of Orange County. Mr. Ware Long and myself were both single men and messed together with Richard Goodall and one or 2 others. I remember that we met at Orange Court House about the first September 1777 and marched from thence by Hanover court house down by Williamsburg to Yorktown then fell back upon Williamsburg and remained there until our discharge. In the whole of that tour I was Corporal of the company, and being from the same neighborhood, Mr. Long and myself went home together from the lower country. After that, sometime in January of the year 1778, I served another tour of three months with Mr. Long in a Company of drafted militia raised by Captain Benjamin Johnson of Orange County. I was Ensign of that Company, but Mr. Long was a private and I think a substitute for one James Toler the company started off from Orange Courthouse in the Holidays, I left them for a few days to take care of a sick friend but returned and overtook my company in Fauquier County and camp at a church at that County at which place we met Burgoyne's troops as prisoners. We remained there 3 or 4 days, we then marched to Fauquier Courthouse at which place we remained all night, next morning there was snow on the ground, thence near Culpeper Court House & camped, thence on to Barrett's [?] Ford¹ in Madison & Culpeper & there we remained several days until the prisoners came up, thence to Barracks [?] in Albemarle. We then marched on to Charlottesville, we then marched on to Charlottesville and thence to the Albemarle Barracks at which place were many prisoners: we remained there for some considerable time and after our 3 months had expired we went home. Mr. Long served all that tour to my knowledge & was a valiant soldier: these two tours he served with me and I am therefore not mistaken about it. Afterwards I saw him in the lower country about Williamsburg in Captain George Waugh's Company I think and was with him for 3 or 4 weeks at Mobin Hills [Malvern Hills], he continued to reside in Orange after the War till about 1790 he moved to the [indecipherable word] Western part of Orange now called Greene where he died some 30 years ago, leaving his widow Elizabeth Long whom I also knew, her maiden name was Jennings: he was married to her before we met at Mobin Hills for I was at his wedding and think it was in the spring of 1781, I cannot be positive as to the day of the month but think it was just before harvest of that year, and I am positive it was after that time that we met at Mobin Hills, for I recollect being called out soon after. I have never seen his widow since his death but have occasionally heard from her and understand she is still living.

S/ Richard White²



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² [Richard White S6371](#)

[acknowledged in Greene County Virginia May 12, 1848]

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Virginia Louisa County to wit:

I John Morrison³ aged eighty-four years next birthday do hereby certify under oath to the truth of the following facts: I was well acquainted with Ware Long him & myself joined George Waugh's Company of Volunteers raised on the County of Orange about the last of March 1781 and I served with him from that time (the last of March) until after the capitulation at York Town; after the Capitulation our company marched with the prisoners until we came near Fredericksburg, and Captain Waugh then discharged us and we came home. Our company met at Orange Court House, and there was a dispute between Waugh and a man by the name of Hawkins; there were not man enough to form two companies, and Major Barbour [probably James Barbour] ordered all in favor of going with Waugh to do so and all in favor of going with Hawkins to do so, the men did as and both Companies marched to Richmond, when we got there upon an examination of the Commissions it was ascertained that Waugh's was the oldest and he took the command. We then marched to Williamsburg, Lafayette General was commanding I think about this time: We were attached to the 3rd Virginia Regiment, Colonel Thomas Mathews was Colonel of the Regiment. The British at that time came up to Louisa Courthouse and our Regiment was forced to retreat into Culpeper County, and we waited there until General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] came up which was a day or 2, we marched then and pursued the British to Yorktown and remained there until the capitulation we were on the Gloucester side. John Wayt [sic?] first marched with us as Lieutenant and a man by the name of Stephens was an officer I cannot recollect all. My messmates were John Morrison, Henry Bonco [?], Ben: Welch and some others near neighbors. I am under the impression that Ware Long was, but I can say positively. I am positive as to the service of this individual because I served with him during the whole time the company was out and cannot be mistaken. We went from the same section of country and the same County (Orange). We were near neighbor to the South West Mountains in Orange and so did I, I have not seen him for many years, I saw him frequently after the War. I understand he died many years ago in the County of Green. I do not know that it was a volunteer Company, there was a call for Virginia for 100 rank & file & officers & many young men volunteered under age to keep the old ones from going. I am confident we were out to militia tours of 3 months if not more. And if I remember correctly we marched into service under Waugh as Captain of a militia company.

S/ John Morrison

[Attested in Louisa County June 5, 1848]

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Virginia Orange County to wit:

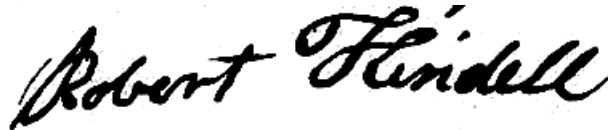
I Robert Kendall aged 79 years in September do certify under oath to the truth of the following facts:

That I am acquainted with Elizabeth Long wife of Ware Long whom I knew at the time of the revolution & believed that he served as a soldier in the Revolution four tours in the militia from Orange. The said Elizabeth and her husband Ware Long left this neighborhood about 1792 to the upper part of Orange County now the County of Greene where she still resides unmarried. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Jennings. I am positive in what I say as to Mr. and Mrs. Long

³ [John Morrison R7424](#)

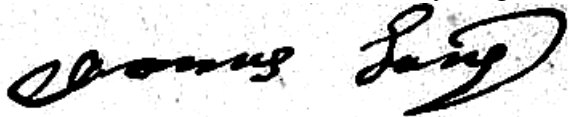
he calls he built the chimneys to the house in which I now live not long after the Revolutionary War, & from a familiar acquaintance I cannot say positively as to the time when they married: They lived in about half a mile of way upon my father's plantation until they left this neighborhood: and I am positive they were married sometime in the spring of 1781, for I was a neighbor in sight, and was at the wedding. Afterward he served a tour under Captain Waugh and did not reach home until after the surrender of Yorktown, the last of October I think.

S/ Robert Kindall

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Kindall". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

[Attested in Orange County April 13, 1848]

[p 9: On July 28, 1848, James Long, 53, gave testimony that he is the son of Ware and Elizabeth Long; that his mother is 92 years old; that his parents live in what is now Green County Virginia; that his father died in Green County Virginia in the fall of 1812.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Long". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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[p 7: On July 22, 1853 in Greene County Virginia, Armistead Long, son of Ware Long deceased made oath that he is the son of the veteran and his widow; that his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Jennings; that he was born in the County of Orange; that he is the oldest child of his parents and was born August 20, 1779; that his parents had 4 living children himself, Frances Long who married Jeremiah Bryant, James Long and Richard Long. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]