

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Long R6429

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State of North Carolina County of Person } SS On this Twenty first day of March 1843
personally appeared in Open Court, before the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting
John Long a resident of said County aged Seventy nine years who being first duly sworn
according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of
the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the time of the Revolutionary War as a
Soldier under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated: he was drafted and
served a tour of three months under Captain Lawson [F. Lawson] that Major Murphy [Archibald
Murphy] commanded the Regiment, That he resided in this County at the time he entered the
service: That they marched on by Guilford Court House (after the celebrated battle had been
fought there)¹ to Salisbury where they remained about a week, from thence they were marched to
Catawba River where they had a battle or skirmish with the British and Genl. Davidson [William
Lee Davidson] was killed,² the American forces having to retreat to the widow Tarrences lane³,
being there organized as to some extent they continued their march to High Rock [Ford] where
they were discharged, this march and battle took place in the year 1781, but the particular days
and month he does not remember, though he is of opinion it was in the winter of that year. He
further states that shortly after his return home he was drafted a second time but that his father
hired Benjamin Long as his substitute. He further states upon his oath that if he ever had any
written discharge it is now lost and cannot be found and that he now knows of no living witness
by whom said service can be proven though he will be able to prove his in ring the service and
the condition in which he returned at the expiration of the three months. He hereby relinquishes
every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not
on the pension roll of any Agency of any State or if any only that of the Agency of North
Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed day and year aforesaid

¹ Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

² Davidson was killed at the Battle of Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River on February 1, 1781. Contrary to the veteran's statement, the battle of Guilford Court house to which he refers occurred after the Battle of Cowan's Ford, to wit: on March 15, 1781. https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

³ The site is variously referred to by the names: Torrent's Tavern, Torrence's Tavern, Tarrent's Tavern, the widow Torrent's Lane, etc. https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_tarrants_tavern.html

S/ John Long, X his mark

[Stephen Pleasants, a clergyman, and Hardy Waltis [sic ?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Person County} SS On this 23rd day of March 1843 virtually appeared before me Clement H. Jordan a justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County James Long aged 74 years a.m. Jesse Long aged 72 years residence of said County who being first duly sworn according to law do upon their oaths state that they all the brothers of and all well acquainted with John Long the above declarant that they believe him to be of the age he stated in the above declaration. That they have a distinct recollection of his being drafted and being absent in the time of the Revolutionary War and as they believe for the space of three months. They also recollect that he went off in Captain Lawson's Company. They recollect his general haggard appearance when he returned and particularly that the sand had so cut the soles of his feet to pieces that he could scarcely walk on them. They recollect his relating the incidents of Torrence's lane when he did return. They also remember his second draft and of their father hiring Benjamin Long in his place.

S/ James Long, X his mark

S/ Jesse Long, X his mark

[Note: This veteran would not have qualified for a pension under the 1832 act (or any other federal pension act) because he did not serve the required six months of active duty. Service by a substitute did not qualify as service by a claimant.]