

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Mathias Long R6430

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United States of America

State of Virginia Rockingham County

Know all men By these presence that I Mathies Long A soldier in the light horse During the Revolutionary war Under the Command of Colon'l. [William] Washington and in Capt. Morrises Company and as Such Intitiled to a certain bounty of land from the United States and State of Virginia And all pay and Depreciation of pay –

Have ordained constituted and appointed James Erwin of Cumberland County Commonwealth of Pennsylvania my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and for my use to ask demand have recover and receive of and from the United States of America and from the State of Pennsylvania [sic] any Bodies politick or corporate person or parsons whom so ever all land due to me for my sarvice and all my pay and Depreciation of pay...

As Witness my hand and Seal this thirtyeth day of June 1814 [signed] Mathias Long

Rockingham County State of Virginia [30 June 1814]

Personally appeard before me John Hiestand A Justice of the Pace for said County Mathies Long of a good and morral Carrector and of A good sound memory upon his solm'n. oath sayeth that he inlisted the First of may in Capt. morrey's Company the third Reg't. of horse Comm'd. By Colon'l. Washington and was at the Battle at Uetaws Spring [sic: Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] And Continnued with them Untill He was taken prisoner in the Fall of the said year and was taken by the British to new york whare he was Detained untill about the first of June Eighty two And then made his Escape from the British he then applied to Lewis Morris B. G. [Brigadier General of the New York Militia] in West Chester [Westchester] State of new york who told him he might as well continew with him as to Return to Virginia and Continued Under his command Untill Octob'r 1783 which will appear by his Certificate to lancaster Pennsylvania and thare got a pass from Colon'l. Hubly [sic: Adam Hubley] to proceed to virginia The thirtyeth of October 1783 – He also sayeth upon his oath that he Received no pay Except his Bounty during the time of his Sarvice and whilst he was a prisonar and he further sayeth he never sold transferd nor convayed his Right of the land due to him for the Above Sarvice Nor his pay nor Depreciation of pay and further this Depon Sayeth not

State of Virginia }

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On this 28 day of July 1840 personally appeared before me, the subscriber a Justice of the peace, in and for the county aforesaid, Henry Aleshite [Henry Aleshidt, pension application S29576] and made oath in due form of law, that he is now eighty five years of age, and that he was well acquainted with Mathias Long, and he does well recollect that the said Mathias Long was a soldier in the revolutionary war, that the said Mathias Long belonged to and served in the same Rgement with deponent; that when deponent joined the army under the command of General Washington, at the Valley Forge, in the year of 1778; in the month of February, the said Long was then a soldier and belonged to the same Rgement, and he often saw him whilst in the service as aforesaid, and he has a perfect and distinct recollection of leaving the said Mathias Long still in the service; when he deponent was discharged; deponant was discharged in the Summer of 1779, having served out his tour of enlistment, which tour was for eighteen months: deponant further testifies that the said Mathias Long was attached to the 4th Virginia Rgement [sic: 8th Virginia Regiment] on Continental Service, said Regement was commanded by Col Abraham Bowen [sic:

Abraham Bowman] when deponant first joined the Army, and afterwards by Colonel John Level [sic: John Neville], deponant was well acquainted with the said Mathias Long both before and after his enlistment in the army, and continued acquainted with him until his death; he further sayeth not

Henry hisXmark Aleshite

The State of Ohio Montgomery County SS. [8 Feb 1843]

Before me John Burnett one of the Justices of the peace in and for the county afore said

Personally appeared Lewis Long of the county afore said who being sworn in due form of law deposeth & saith that he were well acquainted with Matthias Long his eldest Brother, and that said Matthias Long enlisted in the Revelutionary war: enlisted during the war. were enlisted in Captain Michael Coker's [sic: Michael Coger's militia] company then called Rockingham County State of Verginia: were in Service or at least absence about two years and nine months: said Matthias Long informed me that he were in the Battle called the Juda or Juish [sic: Eutaw] Spring Battle in S. or N Carolina State: said Matthias Long enlisted in said Revolutionary war in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one (1781). was then a single man; my present age is as near as my memory teaches me Eighty years.

Lewis hisXmark Long

State of Virginia }

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Be it known that before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Henry Ailshite aged to the best of his recollection and belief eighty eight years, and made oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with Mathias Long, the late husband of Mary Long, whose maiden was Heistant, that he does well know that the said Long was a Soldier in the revolutionary War, and belonged to General Woodfords [William Woodford's] Brigade, regular army, that he affiant marched to the north in the year 1778, and joined the army under the command of General Washington, at the Valley Forge, he then found the said Long in the service, as a soldier, and was often on guard with him, that he affiant was discharged in the Summer of 1779 having served eighteen months the term for which he enlisted, that he still left the said Long in the Service as a soldier, affiant further states that he does believe that the said Long served for the period of three years, as he found him in the army and left him in the service, affiant knew the said Long before he enlisted and continued to be acquainted with him so long as he lived and after the war, he had frequent conversation with him about his services in the war, and affiant would further state that in a former affidavit he stated that said Long belonged to the same Rigiment with him affiant under the command of Colonel Abraham Bowman first and afterwards under Col John Levele, but upon reflection he finds he was mistaken as to the Regiment he belonged to likewise as to the name of Col. Levele, it being Col. John Nivele, who commanded his Rigement after Col Bowman and not Col. Level affiant further sayeth not

Henry hisXmark Ailshite

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists Mathias Long/ age 21/ height 5' 10"/ black hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ "Dutchman" (i.e. German)/ blacksmith/ born and residing in Rockingham County where he enlisted as a substitute on 15 May 1781 for the duration of the war. Sized on 25 June.

On 10 April 1840 Mary Long, 72, applied for a pension stating that as Mary Heistant she married Mathias Long in 1790 or 1791, and he died 29 Apr 1816. A Paul Long made a supporting deposition. The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Rockingham County on 26 Jan 1792 by Mathias Long and John Hestand for the marriage of Long to Mary Hestand.