

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Long R6431

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: On this 19th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of our court of pleas and quarter Sessions for Grainger County in the State of Tennessee now sitting Reuben Long Senior a resident of the County of Grainger in the State of Tennessee aged seventy-two 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 7th of June 1832 that he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for John Long in the month of June as he believes in the year 1776 and served two months. He states he entered the service under Colonel Ebenezer Folsom who commanded the Regiment and Captain George Herndon to whose company I belonged. He states he left the service sometime in the latter part of July or first of August as he believes. He states that for this service he received no discharge. He further states that he entered the service a second time as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Ebenezer Folsom and belonged to the company commanded by Captain George Herndon Ensign Spencer Stewart who went out of my neighborhood and served a three months tour. He states that he entered the service the 2nd time on the first of ~~October~~ [illegible interlineations] 1776 and was discharged the service by Captain Herndon on the first day of December of the same year. He states that he entered the service in the County of Chatham State of North Carolina. He states that he has now his regular discharge for that term which accompanies his declaration.

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 in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Pleasant S. Cocke, D. C.

S/ Reuben Long X

[Charles McAnally, a clergyman, and John Cocke gave the standard supporting affidavit

State of Tennessee Grainger County: This day came Mary Long before me Thomas Gill an acting justice of the peace for said County and made oath as follows to wit that she is a sister of Reuben Long Senior that the record of her age was kept in a Bible by her Father and was lost in the time of the Revolutionary War but from the best of Information she can get she is 67 or 8 years of age. Question did you know of the said Reuben Long being called into service in said War and state

what you know of said service

Answer I recollect that he was called into service and that he would come home on furlough and was out in said service at different times that she recollects of hearing that her said brother was at the Battle at Blackstock's and at the battle he fought under Captain Brown sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th of August 1832.

S/ Thomas Gill, JP

S/ Mary X Long

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State of Tennessee County of Grainger: On this 28th day of March 1840 Personally appeared before me Nelson A. Sentor an acting justice of the peace in & for the County and State aforesaid Reuben Long a resident of the County of Grainger and State of Tennessee aged eighty-one 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 June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st He entered service as a private in the year 1776 as a substitute for his Brother (John Long) that he might go against the Indians his officers were Colonel Folston Captain George Hearne Lieutenant John Dixon & Ensign Spencer Stewart at this time he resided in Chatham County NC. He was in service two months and was the most of his time in Chatham & Moore Counties to keep down the Tories in that section and when his time was out he went home and John Long got the discharge for this tour. In a few days after this there was a call for volunteers and he turned out & went a private under the same officers as before and went into Cumberland County NC against the Scotch Tories who was rising in that Country almost en masse he was marched to Cross Creek in Cumberland County dispersed the Tories and was stationed there about three months when his time expired and he was discharged by his Colonel (Folston) which discharge he gave to General John Cocke about 7 years ago to get his pension for him and he never got it nor gave back [his] discharge. He then moved with his father to Broad River in South Carolina and in the month of March 1780 he volunteered again a private under Captain Gabriel Brown, Colonel Brannon [sic, probably Thomas Brandon] & Major Fair commanded the Regiment he belonged to and were under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] he was marched about on Broad River, Pacolet River, Fair Forest & Tyger Rivers against Tory parties etc. and after Gates defeat¹ we were pursued by Tarlton's [sic, Banastre Tarleton's] dragoons and at a place on Broad River called fish dam Ford² Colonel Tarleton made an attack General Sumter and the night he Long was not in the battle but was out with a scouting party under General Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke of Georgia?] one of his brothers Henry Long was killed in this engagement also the Lieutenant of his company with several more on both sides Sumter had the better of Tarleton and beat him all and took 22 prisoners but knowing the Main British Army was in his rear he continued his retreat and General Clarke with 300 men joined him shortly afterwards on the 13th day after this skirmish at fish dam Ford there was another engagement with Colonel Tarleton at a place on Tyger River called Black Stocks [sic, Blackstock's]³ where we again got the better of Tarleton and kept the field. The battle began about the middle of the afternoon & continued until dark when Tarleton retreated he does not now recollect how many

¹ The Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780.

² The engagement at Fishdam Ford occurred on November 8, 1780, between forces commanded by Thomas Sumter and Maj. James Wemyss [not Tarleton, as stated by this veteran]. <http://gaz.irshelby.com/fishdamford.htm>

³ The Battle of Blackstock's Plantation occurred on November 20, 1780. <http://gaz.irshelby.com/blackstocks.htm>

was killed or wounded Gabriel Brown his Captain was killed and General Sumter severely wounded in his hip forth by so we had to carry him on a horse litter and Sumter finding his ammunition was exhausted retreated in the night and continued his retreat for several days when we halted and he (long) was sent with a detachment to remove some property into Lincoln County NC and again joined the Army and in a short time he was again detached to guard the property and they took some of it over Catawba River at a place called Loves Ford and carried it to Chatham County NC where he was pressed to go on Fatigue with Captain David Mattox & General Butler to drive stock for the Army. He drove the stock to a place called Cowpens to General Morgan and after they had penned the Cattle and hogs his Captain (Mattox) dismissed him without any written discharge on the day before the Battle at Cowpens and he thinks in January 1781. He was this time in service ten months (eight with his Company and on Fatigue with Captain Mattox two months)

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove all of his service but can prove the part in South Carolina by the widow Mary Long.

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 the agency of any State.

Interrogatories propounded by the Justice of the Peace

Q Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Halifax County Virginia in the year 1759

Q Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: I once had but it was in a book that is lost now

Q Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: First in Chatham County NC then in SC on Broad River since the War I lived in Lincoln County NC and for 25 years past in Grainger County Tennessee

Q How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. I first substituted to finish out my Brother's John Long's tour for 2 months I next volunteered and was in service 3 months I next volunteered again and was then 8 months in service and 2 months on Fatigue

Q State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. I do not now recollect anything about regulars nor any Militia officers of North and South Carolina but Sumter Clark etc. and I also in North & South Carolina on Rivers of Cape Fear Catawba in North Carolina and on Broad River Fair forest, Tyger, Pacolet etc. and went up Tar River when I was driving stock to Green or Morgan

Q Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I got one from Colonel Folston for 3 months I was at Cross Creek which discharge I gave to General Cocke 7 years ago & never got it back & for the time I was a substitute my Brother got the discharge and for the balance of the time I served I got no discharge

Q State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A. Colonel Warham Easley, Col. James Lafferty, Joseph Rich Esqr D. C. Charnicheal

Esqur, James Mayes, John Lafferty, & Joseph Coffey
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me
S/ Nelson A. Senter, JP

S/ Reuben Long, X his mark

State of Tennessee Grainger County: On this 2nd day of April 1840 personally appeared before me Nelson A. Senter an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Mary Long aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith. That she is well acquainted with Reuben Long who has sworn & subscribed the above declaration and that she believes him to be 81 years old and that he was in the Army of the Revolution & he was in South Carolina as he states and with General Sumter at Black Stocks on Tyger River and that his Captain Brown that he went under was killed there and that he was gone from home that time something near 12 months and she thinks it was in the year 1780.

S/ Mary Long, X her mark

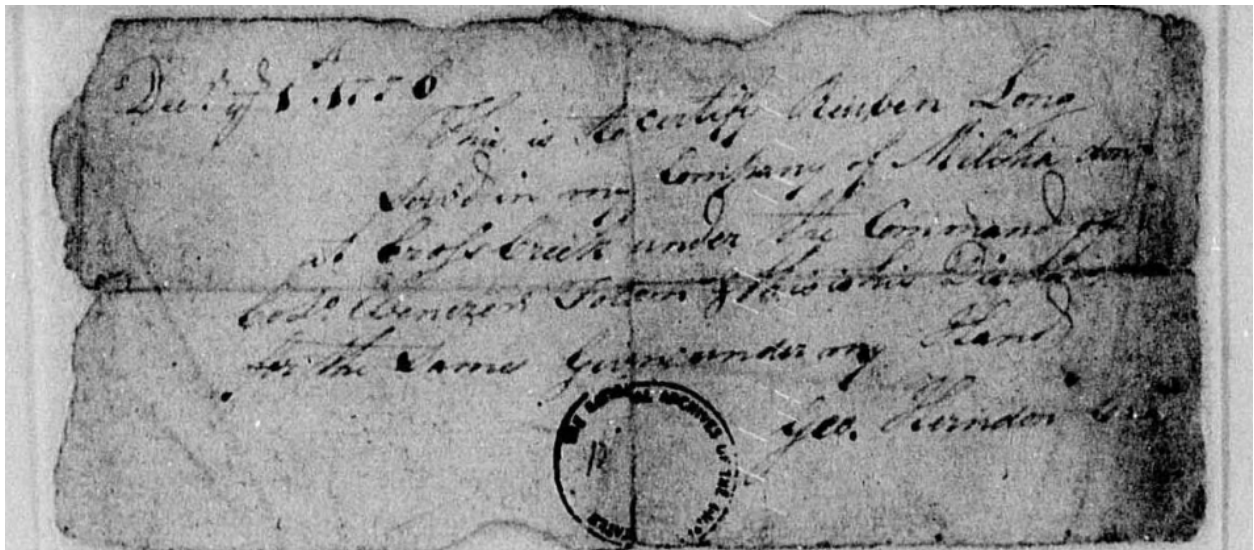
[Col. Pleasant M. Senter and Col. Thomas Whiteside gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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"Dec^r ye 1st 1776

This is to certify Reuben Long
Serv'd in my Company of Militia
at Cross Creek under the Command of
Col. Ebenezer Folsom & this is his Discharge
for the same

Given under my Hand
S/ Geo Herndon, Capt."



[fn file #1, p. 3]

May 5th 1857 Knoxville Tennessee

Coms. of Pensions

Sir

I employed William Rogers several years ago to attend to my claim for a pension since that time I engaged with Calvin Hansered [?] Both of whom have failed to get what I considered

due me from the government, up to this time not knowing what was wrong I now write for information. I am the widow of Reuben Long at Captain Morshels Ledbetters &c Long's Co. Rifle Infantry Butler Col. Com. George Washington Gen. a Reg. private took the Bounty in Westmoreland County Virginia in 1775 or in the commencement of Revolution served with William Courtney a part of the service, that is, the first part of his service Courtney was also a Pensioner, drew his Pension at Knoxville & in the State of Indiana.

Please state what is wrong in my Claim.

S/ Nancy Long