

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Longest R6433

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Original Claim

District of Virginia – SS.

On this 5th day of August 1822, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Henrico John Longest aged 67 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820, that he, the said John Longest enlisted for the term of two years on the ___day of September in the year 1775 in King & Queen County in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain John Sears, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry in the line of the State of Virginia on the US Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps until last of 1777 or the first of 1778 when he was discharged from the said service at Valley Forge in the State of ____ . That he was in the battles of White Plains [October 28, 1776], Trenton [December 26, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Red Bank [October 22, 1777], and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except what hereto annexed.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That he has no real estate and that his personal property is as follows, necessary bedding and clothing excepted. One Negro man 40 years old – 2 cows and calves & 2 calves one-year-old & 6 hogs – he is a farmer but has no ability to pursue it – he has four daughters living with him the youngest 16 years of age, one of them, entirely helpless, and that he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to and declared on the 5th day of August 1822 before me

(signed) William S Smith

(signed) John Longest

[The court valued the scheduled property at \$300]

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Thomas Collins Senior and made oath that John Longest of Henrico enlisted in the Continental service during the War of the Revolution, in the company commanded by Captain John Sears, afterwards commanded by Captain Lawson, which said company was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry and afterwards by Colonel Read, which Regiment belonged to the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], and that the said Longest served as a private during the term of 2 years & 6 months and was discharged by General Muhlenberg at Valley Forge. Given under my hand this 2nd day of July 1822.

(Signed) S. G. Fauntleroy, JP

[Note: all of the above documents are certified as being true copies of the records in his office by James L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions and dated March 27, 1834]