

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Longworth R6437

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State of North Carolina County of Stokes: SS

On this 9th day of March 1840 personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting for the County of Stokes aforesaid William Longworth a Resident of said County & State aforesaid aged Eighty-three years the 9th of May 1839, 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 under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. First he enlisted he thinks in the fall of the year 1775 or 76 (But from old age and loss of memory he cannot recollect which year) under a Colonel Robert Carter in Richmond County and State of Virginia for twelve months Tour, and was put under the command of Captain Vincen Jackson [Vincent Jackson] and marched from said Richmond County Courthouse, they said with eight hundred Regular Soldiers & Militia together to the forks of Potomac River near the Oaquocon Mills [?]¹, where we met the British Army said to be eight thousand and number, our Army gave them one fire & retreated in squads every direction almost. But we came together & met at a certain place he don't recollect the name but was aiming to join the main American Army at or near Washington City. But the Enemy prevented us from preceding that course, when this applicant was taken sick with a fever & went home to his parents in Richmond County aforesaid after having served seven months in this Service as part of the time of his enlistment. The next Service he turned out a volunteer under a Captain Peter Northon [Peter Northen] or Captain Harrison [George Harrison] he does not remember which in the County of Richmond aforesaid and served as a minute man and was marched to and fro up and down the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers to guard and prevent Depredations being committed by the Enemy, against the Citizens living on or near the Rivers. Sometimes under Captain Harrison & then under Captain Northon, sometimes one hundred in Company & sometimes less number our Rendezvous place was at Richmond Courthouse, aforesaid. Sometimes we would be out as such Scouts a month at a Siege & returned & in a few days be called out again and in the whole of such Services at the lowest estimate he served ten months during the War including the last Tour when he went under Captain Northon with about one hundred men intending to join General Washington's Army at the Siege of Little York but before we got there Cornwallis had just surrendered [October 19, 1781] to General Washington and our Company returned home all of which services was seventeen months for which he thinks

¹ *Oaquocon Mills*

he is entitled to draw a pension as well as other Soldiers he thinks his name will be found on the Rolls at the War Department – he has no Documentary evidence in his possession, and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure, who can Testify to his Service, and the Court having propounded the Several Questions prescribed by the Pension Department

1st he states he was born in Richmond County Virginia the 9th of May 1756, his parents informed him –

2nd he has no Record of his age –

3rd he lived in Richmond County Virginia when called into service and about 30 years past removed to North Carolina Wilkes County and from thence to Stokes County where he now resides –

4th he first enlisted under Colonel Robert Carter & next volunteered under Captain Northon & Captain Harrison –

5th the names of the principal officers that my weak memory serves me I have already named 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above mentioned in Open Court

S/ William Longworth, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

S/ R. D. Golding, C. C. C.

[Jacob Lanier, Moses Steward, Sowell Frazer & Thomas Wilson gave a standard supporting affidavit.]