

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Young S30811

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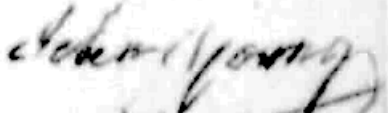
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State of Kentucky Greenup County Ct. Greenup County Court November Term 1842¹

On this 7th day of November 1842 personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Greenup John Young a resident of the County of Greenup and State of Kentucky aged seventy-eight years the 24th day of August last past – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service in the spring of 1778 as a substitute for his father Reuben Young in Captain James Croucher['s] Company and Colonel George Stubblefield's Regiment in the County of Spotsylvania State of Virginia. That they marched to Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] to where the Regiment rendezvoused and remained there three weeks from thence marched to Petersburg where the Regiment was discharged making a tour of thirty-five days. And then he was enlisted in the United States Army on the Virginia Continental line as a rider of expresses from North to South that he was enlisted by Richard Young who was Quarter Master at Fredericksburg in the month of August 1789. That he is wages was \$12.50 per month by the order of Brigadier General George Weeden [or Weedon] who was a General of the Continental Army and stationed at Fredericksburg. That he was enlisted for and during the War. When General Weeden wanted draft of militia or supplies from the following Counties he would take him from the regular route and send him to the colonels of the Counties viz. Spotsylvania, Louisa, Albemarle, Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Frederick, Hampshire, Berkeley, *Fauquier, Lowdon [Loudoun], Prince William, Fairfax [Fairfax], Culpepper [Culpepper],* Orange, Stafford, King George, Westmoreland, Richmond, Lancaster and Northumberland. That he was kept constantly riding from North to South except when taken off by General Weeden to carry an express to the colonels of the above named Counties. That a great part of his services was performed in the night and he was frequently in great danger of being taken by Colonel Tarltons [Banastre Tarleton's] Light Horse. That he was sent to Little York with an express directed to Colonel Timothy Pickering who was Quartermaster General and was detained there by Colonel Pickering until after the Siege to carry expresses from one part of

¹ There is another version of this same application in a different handwriting beginning at fn p. 24. There are very slight variations in the two versions. I have added italicized words taken from this second version. This version, however, appears to have been signed by the veteran as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Young". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

the Army to the other. That he saw Lord Cornwallis surrender to General Washington – and he was sent with the first intelligence of the Surrender of Cornwallis to the North – and then he was kept in service as a rider of expresses when it was necessary – and the balance of his time was engaged in taking care and collecting the public property until the last of April 1782 and then he was discharged by General George Weeden which discharge he has lost by reason of his coming to Kentucky in the fall after he received it. He states he served forty-five days a militia man and three years and eight months a rider of express in the Continental Service making in all three years and nine months that he was in the Service –

He further states that there was not any man rendered more service than he did that he was taken out of the ranks and put as rider of express which [was] much harder and more dangerous [that] he was frequently in great danger of being taken by the British and had to be exposed to all sorts of weather, was very near freezing to death several times. That there was no man whose services were of more importance than his. That all the important communications were entrusted to him. That he has frequently rode from Fredericksburg to Richmond and back to Fredericksburg in twenty-four hours making one hundred fifty miles varying expresses from General Washington to General Green and back to General Washington. He further states that in the month of September 1782 he came to Kentucky with Richard Young and then returned to Virginia in the same winter and married his present wife on the 12th of March 1785 whose name was Mary Moore and then moved to Kentucky the fall of 1787 and was in every expedition against the Indians that was after he got to Kentucky and with Gen. Wilkinson Scott and Wayne's Campaigns. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – and he declares that he is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State or Territory of the United States.

S/ John Young²

November 7 Amendment to the Declaration

He states that he said he was born August 24th 1764 and entered the service in his 14 year and was married the 12 March 85 in his 21st year and moved to Kentucky at the time stated above and has lived in the above named State ever since

S/ John Young

and the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named Applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

S/ Jesse Corum Clerk

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State of Kentucky County of Greenup: SS

On this 19th day of May A.D. 1851 Before me William Kouns an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared John Young a resident of Greenup County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares in addition to his former declaration that an order was issued by General George Weden [George Weeden or Weedon] of the United States Army, which order was delivered to Richard Young the Quarter Master at Fredericksburg Virginia; That a young man should be engaged at Fredericksburg to serve as an express rider for and during the term of the war – One who could be depended on for his honesty and fidelity and one who would continue until the close of the war – He further states that he was taken to General Weden by said Richard Young to know whether he would suit, and

² I do not think the signature on this application is that of the veteran as the handwriting to me appears to be identical to the handwriting of the entire document. See footnote 1 above.

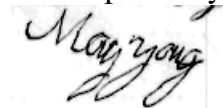
after an inspection and examination was had, said General Weden was pleased with him and gave orders to said Richard Young the Quarter Master to engage his nephew for and during the term of the war to serve as an express rider. That he was accordingly engaged as an Express Rider to serve for and during the term of the War, in the spring of the year 1778 and continued without intermission in the service until the month of October 1782. The agreement made and entered into was that he was to serve for and during the term of the War – Which he did with honor and fidelity, riding day and night carrying expresses from the North to the South and from the South to the North and wherever he was ordered – He also swears that in October 1782 he received a written discharge from the hands of & in the handwriting of General George Weden in which discharge it was stated that he had served his Country faithfully in the War of the Revolution as and Express Rider to the final close of the war, General Weden stated in giving him the discharge that the war was over & that there was no more work for him to do as an express rider, said Young further states that he lost said discharge in moving about in the State of Kentucky, that he was called out in frequent skirmishes after the Indians. That on his first removal to Kentucky with his family in 1787 he was allowed to remain at home only one day when he was drafted in Captain Delaney's Company and on the 3rd day started off with his rifle in a 5 weeks tour after the Indians.

S/ John Young, X his mark

[fn p. 3: certificate signed by Reuben Kelly, church clerk stating that John Young became a member of the Baptist Church in November 1806 and was ordained to preach on the 5th Sabbath in October 1807; and also served as moderator of the Ohio Association [of Baptist churches].]

[fn p. 5: On November 9, 1842, Mary C. Lee, 73, of Mason County Kentucky gave testimony that she is the daughter of Richard Young who was quarter master at Fredericksburg in the state of Virginia during the revolutionary war; that she was living with her father during the revolution and knows that John Young a resident of Greenup County Kentucky was a rider of expresses during that time.]

[fn p. 7: On April 16, 1857 in Greenup County Kentucky, Mary Young, 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of John Young, and express rider during the revolutionary war and a pensioner for his services in that war at the rate of \$480 per annum; that she married him March 11, 1784; that they were married by one Ambrose Dudley, a Minister of the Gospel; that they were married in Spotsylvania County Virginia; that her husband died in Greenup County Kentucky March 25, 1855 and that she remains his widow.



[fn p. 11: On April 16, 1857 in Greenup County Kentucky, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement. In this document she adds that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Moore. For some reason, she signed this document with her Mark as opposed to signing it as it appears she did her application for a widow's pension.]

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I John Jacobs³ a resident of the County of Scott and State of Kentucky aged eighty-one years

³ [John Jacobs W9071](#)

state that I was a soldier of the war of the revolution in Colonel William Washington upon he is Regiment of light horse from the County of Stafford Virginia the Army was stationed at Fredericksburg Virginia from the first of December 1779 until the spring of 1780 I there became acquainted with John Young who was engaged in the service of the revolution as an express rider who was in the service when we first went to Fredericksburg, we left Fredericksburg and went to Petersburg in the spring of 1780 and remained there, Petersburg Virginia, until August John Young brought the express from Fredericksburg to us at Petersburg we left Petersburg Virginia in the month of August 1780 and went to Halifax North Carolina and remained there until a few days of Christmas we then left Halifax and went to the South I did not see John Young after we left Halifax North Carolina I found John Young in the service as an express rider at Fredericksburg Virginia the first of December 1779 and I left him in the service as an express rider in the latter part of December 1780 when we left Halifax North Carolina I understand that he resides in the County of Greenup Kentucky. Given under my hand this 2nd day of December 1844

S/ John Jacobs, X his mark

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I John Jacobs a resident of the County of Scott and State of Kentucky aged eighty-one years state that I was a soldier of the war of the revolution in Colonel William Washington's Regiment of light horse from the County of Stafford Virginia. The Regiment was stationed at Fredericksburg Virginia from December 1779 until the spring of 1780. I there saw Reuben Young engaged as a regular soldier in the war of the revolution, he was stationed at Fredericksburg as one of the guard to guard the magazine, he was a married man at the time and had his wife and children with him at Fredericksburg. His oldest son John Young was old enough to be in the service as an express rider. Given under my hand this 3rd day of December 1844

S/ John Jacobs, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, his pension having been increased from \$240 per annum.]

[Note: John Young wrote a letter dated December 19, 1844 and transcribed in the file of [John Hawkins Craig W6759](#) in which Young gives some remarkable details of his service.]