

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Long S32383

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State of Illinois Crawford County: SS: On this day personally appeared before the undersigned Acting Commissioners of said County in open Court at the term of June 1835 Benjamin Long a resident of said County and State aforesaid of the age of 73 or 74 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. I was born in the year 1761 in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia about four miles from Winchester and am now between 73 & 74 years old – I have a record of my age set down in a family Bible at home. I was drafted into the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution in the year 1778 under Captain Michael Chrisup and Colonel Shepherd [might be David Shepherd] I was then living in Hampshire County Virginia when I entered the Service I served six months in this first Tour and was employed during that time in guarding the Frontiers and was stationed sometimes at Shepherd's Fort and other times at Wheeling Fort. Whilst I was stationed at Wheeling Fort two of our men was killed by the Indians (viz.) Jacob Crow and Jacob Nove I was verbally discharged by Captain Chrisup at the termination of this first Tour but received no written discharge. Immediately after my discharge of the first Tour I volunteered to fill the place of my father Rosaman Long who had been drafted in Hampshire County Virginia and [who] had then served as well as I recollect about one week the term of. My discharge from the first Tower [tour] and entering the service of the United States on the second Tower was about three days. I was discharged at Wheeling Fort – and entered on the second tour in place of Rosamon Long at Cook's Tavern about sixty miles from Wheeling Fort. The Officers under which I served the 2nd and last Tour was Captain Johnson, Colonel Crawford [perhaps William Crawford], Major Vanmeter, Captain Swearingen and General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. We started from Cook's Tavern under Captain Johnson and Major Vanmeter – and crossed over the Ohio River and built Fort McIntosh – From Fort McIntosh we went to the Muskingum River and built Fort Laurens under the command of General McIntosh Robert Swearingen was then Captain Whilst we were building Fort Laurens General McIntosh made a Treaty with the Indians. From Fort Laurens we then removed to Fort McIntosh – where we were directed to be discharged the day that we were to be discharged was fixed but on the evening previous some of my own company and connections became so anxious to get home that they would not wait for a regular discharge but started without such regular discharge. Unwilling to leave them, I also left the Company without a regular discharge but not until the full expiration of the time had expired that I volunteered for in the place of Rosamon Long which was six months. I was living in the State of Virginia and County of Hampshire when I entered the service of the United States – from

Hampshire County I afterwards moved to Westmoreland County Pennsylvania and from thence to Mason County Kentucky, from Kentucky to the State of Ohio Brown County, from Brown County to the State of Illinois and am now a resident of Crawford County Illinois. I have never received any compensation for my services from the United States or any person. I never received any Commission in the service. I am known in my present neighborhood to Doctor Reubin Norton and Captain William Highsmith. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Roll of Any Agency in Any State.

S/ Benjamin Long



[Reuben Norton, a clergyman, and William Highsmith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court then propounded the following Interrogatories to Benjamin Long. The applicant in the foregoing case.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Frederick County Virginia about 4 miles from Winchester in the year 1761.

2. Have you any record of your age, & if so where is it?

Answer. I have, In my Bible about 12 miles from here.

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer. I was living in Hampshire County Virginia when called into service – Since the revolutionary war I have lived in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania – in Mason County Kentucky and in Brown County Ohio – I now live in Crawford County Illinois

4. How were you called into service –

Answer, I was drafted for 6 months and served 6 months in place of my Brother Rosaman State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served Answer, in the first Tour there was no regular officer – Captain Michael Crissup, Lieutenant Thomas Bowel – Colonel Shepherd

5. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer. I never received a written discharge but was verbally discharged by Captain Michael Crissup the first Tour of 6 months & the 2nd Tour by General McIntosh verbally

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The State of Indiana Rush County: This day personally appeared before me James Hinchman a Justice of the Peace for said County Benjamin Cruzern¹ of said County and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is acquainted with Benjamin Long of Crawford County in the State of Illinois who applies for a pension and that he has been acquainted with the said Long since their boyhood and that the said Long is a man of good moral character and that he the said Cruzern was with him the said Long who applies for a pension in the Revolutionary war 3 months under General McIntosh and also that he was knowing to the

¹ This MAY be the same man as [Benjamin Cruzan \(Cruudson\) S35869](#)

said Long's being in the service in the revolutionary war a 6 months tour under the command of Captain Chrisup and under Colonel Shepherd and employed in the said tour in guarding the frontiers and during the term of service the said Long was guarding the frontiers there was one of the soldiers killed by the name of Jacob Crow and another by the name of Jacob Knove and after the Expiration of the 6 months tour he was knowing to the said Long's volunteering under Captain Johnson Major Vanmeter and Colonel Crawford and that he the said Cruzren and Long was together when they was in service when they built Fort McIntosh on the South side of the Ohio River between the 2 beavers and from thence they went on and helped to build fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] under the command of General McIntosh Captain Swearingen was Captain during the time of building Fort Lawrence General McIntosh afterwards made a treaty with the Indians and went back to Fort McIntosh further this Deponent saith not. Given under my hand and seal this 26 day of November A.D. 1834

S/ Benjamine Cruzern, X his mark

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Additional Declaration of Benjamin Long of Crawford County State of Illinois – An applicant for a Pension for services rendered the United States taken before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court at the Term of December 1835 of said County

I Benjamin Long of Crawford County State of Illinois do declare and say in addition to my previous declaration for a Pension that I entered the service of the United States in the first tour mentioned in my previous declaration on the first day of March in the year 1778 under Captain Chrisup as therein stated and was discharged as stated therein on the last day of August thereafter about [one or more indecipherable words] that day – I entered the service of the United States as stated in my first declaration as well as I can recollect on the 5th day of September 1778 and was discharged on Sunday between Christmas and January following but the exact day I do not recollect and that I believe that Colonel Crawford acted in an under the State of Pennsylvania Colonel Crawford resided at that time in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania and that I was daily employed entirely in the service of the United States during the whole time stated in the 2 separate Tours – and not in any manner for my separate benefit or the service of any separate person

S/ Benjamin Long

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 20 days in the Virginia militia.]