

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Delong¹ S34741

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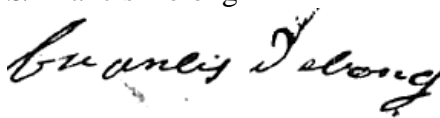
State of New York Clinton County SS

Francis Delong of Chazy in the County of Clinton & State of New York aged fifty seven years last June being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he this deponent in the County of Pasquotank and State of North Carolina on the 13th day of September in the year of our Lord 1777 enlisted in the Continental Army a Fifer or musician under Capt. Joseph Walker of the Seventh Regiment of Infantry North Carolina line of troops for the term of three years --

In the month of May following this deponent joined the [indecipherable word, could be "anchor"] Army under General Washington at Valley Forge, and was transferred into Capt. John Summer's [sic, John Sumner's] Company -- first North Carolina Regiment and commanded by Col. Clark [Thomas Clark], continued through the summer with said Army in their different movements and in the fall was billeted for winter quarters in the town of Paramus in the State of New Jersey. In the spring of 1779 this deponent marched to West Point in the State of New York and continued there until the fall of the same year, and then marched to Charleston in the State of South Carolina, continued at the last mentioned place in said Army commanded by General Linion [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] until the month of May when this deponent was taken Prisoner [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] with said Lincoln's Army by General Cornwallis [sic, the British forces at Charleston were commanded by Sir Henry Clinton]² -- this deponent saith that he continued a prisoner about nine months four or five months of which time was kept on board a prison ship and was a prisoner at the time his said term of enlistment expired, and in consequence never got any discharge -- and this deponent saith that he does not know of any person living who knew him while in the above mentioned Service and cannot procure any other or further proof of the facts by him set forth and that he is in such reduced circumstances in life as to need of assistance from his Country for support and further saith not.

Sworn to 20th day of April 1818

S/ Francis Delong



¹ BLWt33761-160-55

² Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

Before me
S/ Nathan Carver, Judge

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 21st May 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary War, that Francis Dellong a musician in Capt. Dixon's [Henry "Hal" Dixon's] company of the first Regiment mustered on the 13th September 1777 for three years or the war.

The muster roll does not state the length of time he served or when he was discharged.
Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill [William Hill, NC Secretary of State]

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County of Clinton: On this third day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record proceeding according to the course of the common law, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, and keeping record of their proceedings in and for the County of Clinton, Francis Delong aged 61 years resident in the town of Chazy in the said County of Clinton, who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that he the said Francis Delong enlisted for the term of three years on or about the 13th day of September in the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Joseph Walker in the Regiment commanded by Col. Clark in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the Continental establishment, that he joined the Army at Valley Forge in the spring after and was attached to the company commanded by Capt. John Summers that he continued to serve in the said corps until he was taken prisoner by the British Army in the year 1780 in Charleston South Carolina. That he was a prisoner about 10 months five of which was spent on board a prison ship. That his original declaration to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 was made the 20th day of April 1818. That he received a pension certificate Numbered 14752 -- and dated the sixth day of September 1819. And 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

Real estate None. Personal estate except the necessary bedding and clothing

one tin box worth \$1.25

I have due me on book about 25.

Since I drew my last pension I have

lent out of it forty dollars & twelve

cents for which I hold two Notes

40.12

\$66.57

I owe to Charles D. Bakus about seven dollars

I am by occupation a Farmer I have a wife and five children under the age of twenty-one who are

in a measure dependent upon me for support we all live with a son who helps to support the family. I have been out of health for five or six years -- the names and ages of my family are as follows -- Allen Delong aged 19 years is healthy Alva Delong aged 17 years --Armina Delong aged 15 years --Asher Delong aged 13 years -- Hardy Delong aged eight years all pretty healthy -
- My wife Mary Delong is almost worn out & is feeble

S/ Francis Delong

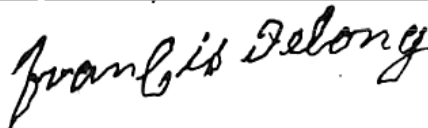
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State of New York Clinton County} On this twenty first day of April 1835 before me William Hedding a Judge of Clinton County Court, Personally appeared Francis Delong, who on his oath declares that he is the same person to whom the enclosed Certificate No. 14752 bearing date at the war office of the United States, the sixth day of September 1819 was issued and that this deponent has drawn his said pension from the date thereon up to September fourth 1834 by signing his name Francis Delong, and that upon his last application for the payment due on the fourth of March 1835, the pension agent in the City of New York rejected said Application for the reason that deponent's name was spelled in the Certificate, Francis Delany and informed this deponent that before he could receive payment, he must send the Certificate to the war Office and had the name corrected, And this deponent further says that he has always spelled his name Delong, instead of Delany, as is in the Certificate and went by the name of Francis Delong in the revolutionary Army, that he joined in Capt. John Summers company in the Regiment commanded by Col. Clark, in the service of the United States, that he is the person meant to be named in the enclosed Certificate, And further this deponent says not.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Hedding, Judge

S/ Francis Delong

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Delong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below a horizontal line that serves as a separator from the typed name above it.

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State of New York County of Clinton

On this 25th day of July A.D. 1855 before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace duly authorized by law to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Francis Delong aged 96 years, a resident of Beekmantown in the County of Clinton and State of New York: who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Francis Delong who was a musician in the company commanded by Capt. John Summers in the Regiment first Regiment of North Carolina troops commanded by Col. Clark in the War of the Revolution

That he enlisted or entered the service at Valley Forge about the 13th day of September A.D. 1777 for the term of three years and continued in actual service in said, for the term of two years & and was honorably taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina on the month of June A.D. 1780: that he was with the Army under the command of General Lincoln and was taken Prisoner with him at Charleston and the State of South Carolina in the month of June A.D.'s 1780.

That he cannot file herewith his Certificate of discharge for the reason that: as above stated he was taken prisoner and remained as such prisoner for a long time and was

[indecipherable word or words] exchanged nor did he returned to the country until after the close of the war --

That he was Pensioner for his said service in the Army of the Revolution under the Laws of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 and May 1st 1820 at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence on the 20th day of April 1818 which pension he has continued to draw up to this date & the same has been regularly paid by the Pension Agent at New York.

In addition to the above described actual service he claims for __ miles from __ at which he was, enlisted, to __ where he was mustered into service, and for __ miles, from __ at which he was discharged, to __ this said place of his enrollment.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled on account of said service, and mileage under the Act passed third of Marched 1855.

He also declares that he has not received a Warrant for Bounty Land, under this or any other act of Congress, nor made any application therefore.

He hereby appoints Ira P. Chamberlain of West Chazy Clinton County New York his true and lawful Attorney with power of substitution, to prosecute this his claim for land, to receive the Certificate or Warrant when issued, and to do all other acts necessary and proper in the premises.

S/ Francis Delong, X his mark

[this application was witnessed by Allen Delong, 54, and Clara Roberts, 43. Their relation, if any to the veteran is not stated.

Allen Delong
Clara Roberts]

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 7 1862, aged 102 years, at the home of his son Allen Delong in Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 20th, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line as a musician.]