

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Longest S38149

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Virginia to wit

At a Superior Court for the County of King & Queen held at King and Queen Courthouse on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1818 Richard Longest appeared in court and made oath to the truth of the facts stated in his written affidavit and John Collins and John Mann being also sworn in court deposed to the truth of the facts contained in their written affidavits, Whereupon it is ordered that it be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War that the Judge of this court is satisfied that the said Richard Longest served in the Revolutionary war against the common enemy and is satisfied that the statement made by the said Richard Longest as contained in his said affidavit is true, And it is further ordered that the said Affidavit and the testimony of John Mann and John Collins in corroboration thereof be transmitted by the clerk of this court to the said Secretary of War.

The foregoing Affidavits for in these words to wit –

The affidavit of Richard Longest of King and Queen County State of Virginia aged sixty years taken this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 before the Superior Court of King in Queen County. This Affiant being first sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted as a private in Captain John Sears company in the first Virginia Regiment in the year 1776 on Continental establishment and served two years and four months in the same Regiment in Captain G. Crump's [Goodrich Crump's] company the whole time for which he enlisted and was then honorably discharged which discharge he has lost – that he is poor and by reason of his reduced circumstances and stands in need of Assistance from his country for support.

Sworn to in open court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818

S/ Wm Todd, Clk.

Affidavit of John Collins<sup>1</sup> taken as the within states that he knows that the within Richard Longest did enlist as within stated and served his time out and was discharged honorably as stated in his own affidavit.

Sworn to in court this 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1818

S/ Wm Todd, Clk.

John Mann being sworn in court states that he knows the within named Richard Longest to be in needy circumstances.

Sworn to in court this 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1818

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<sup>1</sup> Probably the same man as [John Collins S39356](#)

S/ Wm Todd, Clk.

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Additional Evidence & Certificate in the Case of Richard Longest

Memo: On this 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1819, the said Longest produced as witnesses to support his application for a pension under the Act of Congress of March 1818, Thomas Collins & John Mann. –

The said Thomas Collins being by me duly sworn deposeseth and saith, that he well knows that Richard Longest, the present Applicant, enlisted in the year 1775 with Captain Sears, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment, which was then commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry, that he served one year under that enlistment, and again enlisted immediately on the expiration thereof in the fall of the year 1776 with Captain Guttridge Crump in the same Regiment which was then commanded (he thinks) by Colonel Read – and that the said Longest served in the said Regiment till the spring of 1778 and was then discharged – and that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] – That the said 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment was placed on Continental establishment – & further he saith not

the said John Mann being also by me duly sworn, deposeseth and saith that he is well acquainted with the Circumstances of the said Richard Longest, and that he is very poor, and in reduced circumstances; and that he owns neither land, slaves, nor horses.

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At a Court held for King in Queen County at the Courthouse on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1820

Richard Longest appeared in Court and made oath to a written affidavit and Schedule annexed and of his Occupation which is Ordered to be recorded and is in the following words and figures to wit

King & Queen County to wit

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being Court of record for the County aforesaid, being expressly made so by the laws of Virginia, Richard Longest aged sixty-five years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as a private in a company commanded by Captain Gutridge Crump [Goodrich Crump] of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment on the Continental line, that his original declaration is dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 that he has received a pension and that the number of his pension certificate is 12043 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Richard Longest's schedule necessary clothing and bedding excepted

1 Loom, 1 Spinning Wheel, 1 plough [plow], 2 axes, 2 hilling hoes, 2 weeding hoes, 1 soap jar, 5 Barrels, 1 case, 4 Bottles, 4 small jugs, 1 Saddle & Bridle, 1 Desk, 1 frying pan, 2 skillets, 1 spider, 3 pitchers, one Taylor's [tailor's] Iron, half dozen knives and forks, 2 Hatchets, to augers,

2 chizzles [chisels], 1 drawing knife, 2 chests

S/ Rich'd Longest<sup>2</sup>

The declarant further states that by Occupation he is a farmer that he is able to labor but little, that his family consist of 2 persons namely his wife named Elizabeth aged about 55 years and his stepdaughter Elizabeth aged about 15 years old, that his wife is not healthy and is afflicted that his stepdaughter is healthy & capable of contributing to her support.

Sworn to and declared on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 before the Court of King & Queen County.

S/ Robert Pollard, CC

And the Court doth valued the property of the said Richard Longest and mentioned in the foregoing Schedule – \$20

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S/ Robert Pollard, CC

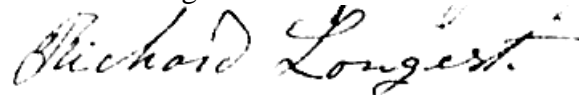
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King & Queen County July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1849

The Commissioner of Pensions will please to furnish my Agent Mr. Reuben Saunders with Copies of the evidence upon which my late father, Richard Longest was allowed a Pension, and also a copy of his declaration & oblige.

Respectfully

S/ Richard Longest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Longest". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Richard Longest".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years and 4 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> Not an original signature