

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Long S4564

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: April Term 1833

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Circuit Court for said County, now sitting, George Long a resident of said County & State, aged about 75 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 act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he resided in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia when he volunteered in the service of the United States under Captain Michael Rader about the first of September 1778 or 1779 as well as he can recollect – not having any document to refresh his recollection that the Captain's company to which this applicant belonged was marched to Woodstock the County town of Shenandoah County where they United with other companies from different parts of the County. That it has been so long ago & his memory being impaired by old age he cannot now name any of the Officers of his Regiment except his Captain, that this expedition was undertaken against the Shawnee Indians.

This Declarant further states that the Regiment to which he belonged was marched from Woodstock through Winchester to Fort Pitt to guard & defend that point from Indian casualties & to be ready to march to any other place that might stand in need of assistance that this Fort was at that time under the command of General Hann [Edward Hand], that at this Fort he remained as a soldier from about the first of September till in the latter part of November following, which made nearly three months. This Declarant further states that in the latter part of November above stated an express came from Fort Henry to Fort Pitt in the night that nearly all the people in the former Fort had been put to death by the Indians, that those who were not killed were beset [?]<sup>1</sup> in the Fort by the murderers of their friends & fighting for life. This Declarant further states that on receiving this express the forces stationed at Fort Pitt were commanded to make preparations to march to the relief of Fort Henry & the same night the force set out some embarking in keel botes [boats] down the River and others going by land to drive cattle for beef, that this applicant was among those that descended the river & in their descent were compelled to land often to fight the Indians who were shooting at them from the banks. This Declarant further states that on the third day after their departure from Fort Pitt, they arrived at Fort Henry that here they

ascertained how the Indians had allured [? lured?]<sup>2</sup> the whites from the Fort & before they could again reach it, they were all, except about 15, cut off so that when the reinforcement arrived at the Fort they found only about 15 persons defending it, all the rest having been killed. This Declarant further states that soon after his arrival at Fort Henry, his Term of service for three months expired and his Country, still needing his services at this Fort, he again volunteered for another three months the whole of which last Term he remained at Fort Henry, that Captain Mason and Captain Parsons commanded at the Fort, that he was stationed at Fort Henry during the whole time of his last three months, that when the time of those who volunteered expired, they together with this Declarant were marched by Captain Miller from Fort Henry up Wheilen [?]<sup>3</sup> [Wheeling?] River to the Settlements that when he arrived in the settlement, he was dismissed by his Captain & went home, This Declarant further states that during his service he never received a discharge in writing. This Declarant further states that he is unable to find any surviving witness by whom he could prove his services. He further states that he was born in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia in the year 1757 or 1758 that there was once a record of his age in the possession of his father but what has become of it he does not know, that he has lived since the Revolutionary War in the State of Virginia & the State of Tennessee. This Declarant further states that there is no Clergyman living in his neighborhood. He further states that the whole term of his service amounts to six months. This Declarant further states Nathan Vernon & Jesse Spears all persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State, or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Tennessee.

Sworn to, & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid

Sworn to in open court

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1833

S/ W. B. Mitchell, Clerk

S/ George Long, X his mark

[Nathan Vernon & Jesse Spears gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> *allured*

<sup>3</sup> *Wheilen*