

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Long S4565

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Samuel Philips, John B Armstrong and John L Neill Esquires Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Bedford in the State of Tennessee aforesaid Richard Long a resident of said County aged seventy-four 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the latter part of the year 1775 or the first of the year 1776 in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia he entered the service as a volunteer for the term of six months and was attached to the Company commanded by Captain John Jimmison [probably John Jamison] which Company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Tolliver. That after serving the above tour of six months he again in the summer of 1776 entered the service as a Marine for the term of two years he was attached to a Company commanded by Captain Gabriel Jones immediately after enrolling himself in the above company he received the appointment of a Corporal that after having served in the Marine service as well as he can recollect about fifteen months he reenlisted for three years being about the last of the year 1777 that he enrolled himself in a Company commanded by Captain Jones his former officer that after having served as a private three or four months he was made a Sergeant in said Company which office he held to the end of the above enlistment said Company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gipson [George Gibson] & was known by the name of the first Virginia State Regiment. The Majors commanding in said Regiment were John Lee and Merryweather [Meriwether]. We were marched from Williamsburg to Alexandria in Virginia at which place we were all inoculated with the smallpox. We then marched on and joined General Washington's headquarters near Philadelphia & shortly afterwards we had an engagement with the British at Germantown [October 4, 1777] we then went into winter quarters at Valley Forge. The second campaign we served mostly in the Jerseys that he was engaged in the famous Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] from Monmouth he was marched to Brunswick & there celebrated the anniversary of American Independence from thence they marched into the state of New York to a place called the White Plains from thence they proceeded to West Point (where we assisted in building a Fort) we were there under the command of Major General Putnam. From thence we marched to Middle Brook [Middlebrook] in the Jerseys and there took up winter quarters the

third & last Campaign of said three years service I served in the Jerseys & in the State of New York. I was at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] from thence we marched to Philadelphia where I received my discharge from Brigadier General Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg] about the first of the year 1780 for the services of the above term of three years as a Sergeant Although I had only served about two years & 8 or 9 months as Sergeant as before stated said discharge is either lost or mislaid.

I then returned to Virginia Culpeper County my former residence and during that summer I was drafted & served a two months tour but I cannot now recollect my Company or Regimental officers I was under General Lafayette as Commander in Chief I was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at Little York about the commencement of the siege I substituted in the place of a Mr. During of Orange County in Colonel Dark's [William Darke's] Regiment. I then assisted in guarding the prisoners taken at Little York to the Barracks above Winchester in Virginia. I then returned home being the end of my services.

I served between the year 1775 and 1781 inclusive according to the best of my recollection about five years as a Revolutionary Soldier.

And I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. The within Declaration sworn to and subscribed before us the day & year above written.

S/ Richard Long



Questions by the Court

1st Where & what year were you born

Answer. I was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia on 22nd September 1758

2nd have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Answer. My age is recorded in a Book which I have at home and according to that record I was born on the 22nd of September A.D. 1758.

3rd where did you live when you entered the service of the United States where have you lived since the Revolution and where do you now live

Answer. Shortly after the close of the Revolution I removed from Virginia Culpeper County to the state of Kentucky Fayette County I lived in that County 5 years I then moved to Franklin County and lived there 7 years from thence I removed to Warren County & lived there 9 years in all I lived in the State of Kentucky 21 years I then (1818) removed to the state of Tennessee Bedford County where I have lived for the past 23 years & where I now live

4th Did you ever receive a discharge if so from whom & what has become of it

Answer. I do not recollect to have received any but the one mentioned in my Declaration which I received from General Muhlenberg at Philadelphia about the first of the year 1781 for the performance of the 3 years enlistment mentioned in my declaration as Sergeant but said discharge is either lost or mislaid so that at this remote period I cannot find it.

5th State the names of Persons of your neighborhood and County to whom you are known and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Revolutionary Soldier

Answer. I am well known to the Reverend Thomas J Hall of my neighborhood who is a regular

ordained preacher of the Presbyterian order. To Colonel John Warner late the high Sheriff of this County to Colonel John L Neill to Colonel John Orr to Colonel James McKissick, clerk of our court of pleas & quarter sessions and to William D Orr Esquire the present high Sheriff of our County I am known to many of the members of this Court & the most of the citizens of my neighborhood having resided amongst them upwards of 20 years.

S/ Richard Long

[John Warner, William D Orr and John L Neill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John J Hall, a clergyman and William Orr also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Bedford County: Personally appeared before the subscribing Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Bedford in the State aforesaid Richard Long who being first duly sworn makes the following statement and explanation to his Original declaration presented for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following Grades. For the term of nine months I served as a private for the term of twelve months I served as a Corporal for the term of two years and six months I served as a Sergeant and for such service I claim a pension. And the deponent further stated that he knows of no person at this time that he could procure who could testify to the above services.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th January 1833

S/ John Allison, JP

S/ Richard Long

[p 33 and pp 36-7: Handwritten letters signed by James K Polk addressed to J L Edwards, Commissioner of pensions.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$84 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Corporal and private in the Virginia service for 2 years.]