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Pension Application of Reuben Long S46457

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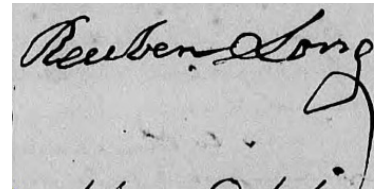
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The following statement of facts, are given in corroboration of what is set forth in my declaration hereunto annexed:

I was born in St. Maries [sic: St. Marys] County State of Maryland, and at the commencement of the American revolution I lived in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County State of Virginia. I entered into service in support of the rights of my country, when I was in my nineteenth year and continued from this period in the discharge of my duty as a soldier in several of the states until the close of the War, as will be shown. In March 1775 I entered as a private in a volunteer company, commanded by Capt'n. Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens VAS1922]. In this company I continued until the fall following. I then enlisted as a private in a regiment of Minute Men, which was raised by the counties of Orange, Fauquier and Culpepper. The period of enlistment was for a year, the company to which I belonged was commanded by Capt'n Jno. Jimison [sic: John Jameson R15404] & the Reg't. by Col. Wm. Talafero [sic: William Taliaferro]. We were in the action at the great Bridge [9 Dec 1775], & I done duty through the winter at Norfolk. In April 1776 I returned home and in July following enlisted as a private under Capt'n. John Jimison of Culpepper County, in a Regiment of Cavalry Commanded by Col. Bland [Theodorick Bland VAS1859] on the continental establishment Shortly after I had joined this regiment, I was permitted to withdraw for the purpose of enlisting in a Riffle [sic: Rifle] company commanded by Capt'n. G. Long [Gabriel Long VAS970]. Which company was attached to a Reg't. command by Col. Stinson, Rollins Lieut. Col. and Otho Williams Major [sic: Col. Hugh Stephenson, Lt. Col. Moses Rawlings VAS683, Maj. Otho Holland Williams]. In November following we were ordered to join the northern army commanded by Gen'l. Washington. We joined the army whilst on its retreat through the state of Jersey near Elizabeth Town. By the fall of Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776] our Reg't. was greatly reduced by the loss of men, & in consequence of which Cap. G. Long's company was transfered to the 11th Virginia Reg't. commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan. In june 1777 I was promoted from the ranks to the rank of a Lieutenant in the line. soon after I was commissioned a Riffle Reg't. was formed by companies taken from the army & the command given to Col. Morgan. Capt'n. Longs Company (being an old Riffle corps) was enlisted & made a part of this Reg't. I was with Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates army when Gen'l. Burgoyne surrendered [at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777]. After this affair we joined the main army under Gen'l. Washington encamped at White Marsh [Whitemarsh PA]. I was with Morgan at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] About this time the Reg't was reduced in consequence of the short enlistments to one company of Riffle men. The command was given to Capt'n. Thos. Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1730-450] in it I retained my commission. The company was ordered to join the 4th Pensylvania [sic: Pennsylvania] Reg't. commanded by Col [Richard] Butler. We were ordered to the State of New York to guard its frontiers & was stationed at Schoharry [sic: Schoharie] Valley. from this station we were ordered to march to a rendezvous on the Mohawk river. We ascended this river in Batteaus with the Baggage to a certain point then crossed by land to the Otsago [sic: Otsego] Lake, down its waters to the mouth of Tusager [sic: Susquehanna] river to join Gen'l. [John] Sullivan who was on his Western expedition against the Indians. Late in the fall of 1779 we joined the army under Gen'l. Washington & here I was informed that I belonged to the 7th Virginia Reg't.

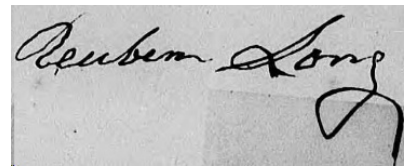
Dec'r. 1779 I got a furlough and returned home on foot in company with five others among whom was our present Chief Justice, Judge Marshall [John Marshall S5731]. Continued at home until Oct'r. 16th 1780 was then ordered with some recruits to join the southern army. I arrived at Hillsborough [NC], about the time Gen'l. Green took the command of the Southern troops [sic: Nathanael Greene, 3 Dec 1780] & took command in a company commanded by Capt. Wallace, which company was a part of what was then called the 1st Virginia Reg't. of Beaufort [sic: Abraham Buford S46372]. I was at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. the Reg't. was commanded by Maj'r. Ridley [Thomas Ridley

BLWt1850-400]. Soon after this action I was ordered with a detachment to join Col Washingtons [William Washington's] Reg't. of Horse & to act w't. them as infantry. I was in the action at Hopkirk Hill near Camden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781], in this action I fought under the command of Capt [Robert] Kirkwood of the Delaware Line, under whom I continued until after the Siege of 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. I was then ordered to join the Reg't. from which I had been detached, which is now called the 2^d Virginia Reg't. I was in the action at the Eutaw Spring [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]. The Reg't. in that action was commanded by Maj'r. Sneed [sic: Smith Sneed BLWt2056-400]. In 1782 the Virginia Reg'ts. were much reduced, in consequence of the time for which the men having enlisted being expired, they were permitted to return home, and I was after permitted to return w'h. them & not long after peace was proclaimed. During the War I received three commissions. I was while in service particularly careful of them, but what has come of them since I cant say. [25 July 1828]



Declaration

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Rubin Long of Sumter District in the state of South Carolina, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the War, at which period I was a Lieutenant in the 2^d Virginia Regiment, and I do also declare, that I afterwards received a certificate (commonly called a commutation certificate) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; Which sum was offered by the resolves of Congress, of the 22^d March 1783 instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780. I do further declare, that I have never received any money at any time of the United States as a pensioner. [Certified by Gen. Thomas Sumter, Jr.]



[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

This may Certifie that the bearer Reuben Long, a soldier belonging to Capt Gabriel Long's Company in the Rifle detachment did produce a Certificate to me signed by the said Capt Long wherein it appears that the said Reuben Longs time of service did expire the 21st day of this Instant, and being desirous of returning to Virginia he is therefore hereby discharged from the service Given under my hand at fort Sullivan [in PA near confluence of Chemung and Susquehanna rivers] August 25th 1779.

Will Butler

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| All Commissaries are desired to supply | } | Lt Colo Command't |
| the bearer with provisions 'till he | } | 4 th Pens'a Reg't Rifle Corps |
| arrives at home in Virginia | } | |
| a Copy. Philip Southall | | |

I do certify that Lieutenant Reuben long was appointed an Officer in the 11th Va Regt prior to the 1st May 1777 was Second Lieuten on the 1st of July 1777 and stands now arrang'd as a first Lieutenant in

the s'd Regiment from the 10th of May 1779 & still continues in actual service.

Given at Cumberland old Court house this 2nd of September 1782

Christian Febiger [VAS675]

Col Comd't [undeciphered]

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Christian Febiger" with a flourish underneath. The signature is somewhat obscured by a dark, irregular smudge or ink bleed-through.

I do hereby Certify that Reuben Long and Thomas Barbee [BLWt258-300] entered into the service between the seventeenth and Twentyfifth of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy six and served in the Continental Army. Given under my hand this 20th day of march one thousand eight Hundred and nine.

John Jameson [R15404] late a Lt Col
of Cavalry in the Continental line

7 yr & 5 mos allowed to Long }
Barbee's claim rejected }

Reuben Long as a Lt. stands on the list of the officers & soldiers forwarded from the War office to this Department which shows that he was in service until the end of the War. Samuel Coleman AG