

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Long S7157

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District

On this 17th day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Richard Gant one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions of the peace of the State of South Carolina now sitting Robert Long a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged 68 or 9 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.

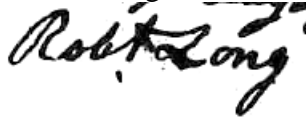
That he has no record of his age but was told by his Mother that he was born in the County of Antrim in Ireland about the year 1763 or 4—when 4 or 5 months old his father emigrated to Pennsylvania, and in two years after to this State to the place where he now lives & has ever since that his father died when he was four years old; that he had only one brother who died in 1776—that his father's people lived in Scotland originally & in Charles the fifth's time opposed his tariff or ship money and being of that kind of Presbyterian called Covenanters in Charles the Second's time, fled to Ireland to escape his persecution. Being left at his father's death in a neighborhood of Whigs in the Revolutionary War between them and his father's policy & above all the all-wise Providence of God; he was a Whig, that He made his way perfect.

That the first duty he did was in the year 1778 he volunteered in the militia Little River Regiment of South Carolina on horseback; has no record of his service through the whole war—he entered for three months but believes he was four months after before he got home. Commenced about the middle of April & ended in August. The object of the campaign was to take St. Augustine; he served under Capt. Josiah Greer, Lieut. Col. Robert McCrery, and Brigadier General Andrew Williamson. In 1779 in January a certain Boyd dignified with the title of Col. collected about 500 Tories to join the British at Savannah; against these he volunteered on horseback under the same Captain & Col. viz Josiah Greer & Robert McCrery was out about a month or six weeks. The third tour he did was on foot against the British to Stono, Summer of 1779 viz June & July under Capt. Joseph Greer, he succeeded his brother Josiah in command of the aforesaid company, and Major Robert Gillam of same Regiment. The fourth tour of two months against the Creek Indians on horseback under the same captain and Maj. Gillam & Brigadier Gen. Andrew Williamson same year. The fifth tour was about three months under same captain Joseph Greer & Lieut. Col. Robert McCrery beyond Augusta, Georgia in March, April & May 1780 time of the siege of Charleston; then they marched to the siege under Col. Andrew Pickens but before they got there it had surrendered, they then marched to Camden to

see Governor John Rutledge who sent them home, this on foot. The sixth he escaped a refugee from the British and Tories first of November in the year 1780 and served on horseback under Col. Joseph Hayes of the Little River Regiment of South Carolina Militia & Capt. Samuel Ewing was in two or three flurries with Tories, and under Genl. Andrew Pickens & Genl. Daniel Morgan at Tarleton's defeat 17th Jany. 1781 two or three days after he was detached to go with Genl. Morgan to drive cattle under Capt. Neel of Georgia. After crossing the Catawba the battle being disposed of, he joined Capt. Samuel Ewing again and with him continued with General Morgan till about the time he crossed the Dan after which he took the small pox & then the ague; after which he returned to South Carolina & served under Capt. James Dillard¹ of same Regiment & Col. Levi Casey whenever needed till the end of the war. Not expecting any advantage, but liberty; for the above service has kept no memorandum of it save his memory, he has only to boast he never was drafted through the whole war. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to 17th Oct. 1832

S/ Robt Long



S/ John Garlington, Clerk

[Samuel Neill, a clergyman, and James Dillard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina

Laurens District

On the eleventh day of July anno Domini 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Henry W. DeSaussure one of the chancellors of said State in open court being a court of Chancery & Record now sitting for the District and State aforesaid Robert Long a resident of Laurens District in the State of South Carolina aged seventy years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Capt. Josiah Greer in Col. James Williams' Regiment of South Carolina militia about the middle of April 1778 and served during the expedition to Florida in that year under the command of Genl. Andrew Williamson. Lieut. Col. Robert McCrary commanded the Regiment during this expedition in the absence of Col. Williams. This expedition proceeded beyond St. Mary's River and thence returned to S. Carolina after a tour of more than four months and on their return he was dismissed. In this expedition after crossing St. Mary's we joined Genl. Howe [Robert Howe] of the Continental army and Governor Houston of Georgia with their commands. He afterwards about the 7th January 1779 volunteered his services under Capt. Josiah Greer of the same regiment under the immediate command of Lieut. Col. McCrary in conjunction with Majr. Brandon [Thomas Brandon] of Col. Thomas [John Thomas, Jr.'s] Regiment and marched in pursuit of Col. Boyd who commanded a detachment of Tories and crossed Saluda River, Rocky River to Savannah River and then returned; this tour lasted 36 or 37 days. This applicant volunteered for a tour of two months on the first of June 1779 under

¹ [James Dillard S6797](#)

Capt. Joseph Greer, in Col. Williams' Regiment under the immediate command of Majr. Robert Gillam of that Regt. and were marched to Stono and returned from that place the last of July. He then volunteered in the same company under the same Capt. & in the same Regiment and was marched to the Indian Nation under the command of Gen. Williamson and returned about the 8th of October. This tour commenced about the 8th of August 1779 and lasted two months. This applicant then volunteered in the first of March 1780 in Capt. Joseph Greer's Company in Col. Williams' Regt. under the immediate command of Lt. Col. McCrary for three months; we were marched to Cupboard Creek about two miles beyond Augusta in the State of Georgia where we were stationed 6 or 7 weeks, and were from that place marched to the siege of Charleston. A little below Augusta we joined Col. Pickens near a place called the Ridge who took the command. Before we reached Charleston we were informed it had surrendered to the British. We then turned and were marched to Camden where Governor Rutledge was who sent us home. About the 7th June we had to surrender to the Tories. This applicant made his escape about the 3rd of November 1780 and joined the American Army under the command of Gen. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] in Capt. Ewing's Company of Col. Williams' former Regt. then commanded by Col. Joseph Hayes. This applicant was sent out by Gen. Sumter in a scout of fourteen men to scour the country in search of the Tories, and during their absence Gen. Sumpter heard of the approach of Tarleton and retreated to Blackstock's on Tiger River where Tarleton came up with him & was defeated by him. This accounts for this applicant's not being in that engagement. We joined Sumter at Buffenton's Iron Works [Buffington's Iron Works] on Pacolet River, and remained with Sumpter until Gen. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] arrived and took the command. On the 27th December we were sent off by Gen. Morgan under the command of Col. Washington [William Washington] of Continental cavalry in pursuit of Col. Moore, of the Tories, who we came up with, and defeated on the 28th of December; and on the next day took Williams' Fort. We joined Genl. Morgan and continued with him until after the battle of the Cowpens on the 17th Jany. 1781 after which this applicant accompanied Morgan as far as Dan River where he took the small pox. After he recovered he returned in March or April and joined Capt. James Dillard's company in the same Regt. then commanded by Col. Levi Casey and served the balance of the war. This applicant never received a regular discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

He refers to John B. Kennedy and Captain James Dillard, Golding Tinsley, James Tinsley and Thomas Entriken to testify to the character of his Services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. R. Farley, Commr & Equity

S/ Robt Long

[J. B. Kennedy, a clergyman, and James Dillard gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

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Laurens District

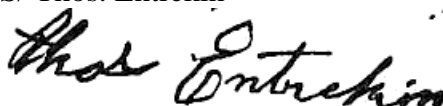
Personally appeared Thomas Entrekin² a resident of the District aforesaid and a credible person before me Jesse Johnston Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace of said District who being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with Robert Long in the Revolutionary War; that he served in the Little River Regiment of Militia of South Carolina in

² [Thomas Entrekin W7112](#)

expedition to East Florida a tour of about four months under Brigadier Genl. Andrew Williamson; under Lieut. Col. McCrary and a tour of two months with the Creek Nation; and a tour of three months at the time of the siege of Charleston under Col. Andrew Pickens & Lieut. Col. Robert McCrery. That he (Robert Long) served as a refugee from the British in the American Line under Col. Joseph Hayes in Genl. Pickens' Brigade till the end of the war that the was with Col. Hayes in a fight at Col. Dugan's' and with Cols. Washington & Hayes at the defeat of Col. Moore on Bush River and also at the battle at the Cowpens viz Tarleton defeat; that from the length of time he cannot be more particular now; this is to the best of his knowledge & recollection.

Sworn to 10th July 1833.

S/ Thos. Entrekin



S/ Jesse Johnson, JP

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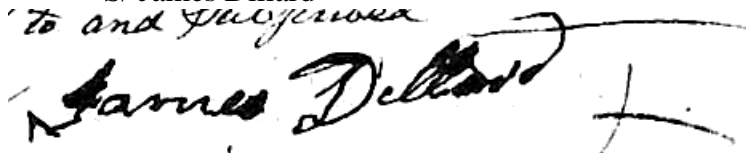
State of South Carolina

Laurens District

Personally appeared James Dillard a resident of the District of Laurens aforesaid, a credible person before me Jesse Johnston Esquire one of the Justices of Peace for the District aforesaid who being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with Robert Long in the Revolutionary War; that he served a four months tour in the same regiment with him then a boy in the year 1778—and in the months of April, May, June, July & August of said year. And also a month in the beginning of the year 1779 after Col. Boyd of the Tories. And that after the reduction of Charleston he escaped a refugee from the British and Tories and joined the American army under the command of Gen. Thomas Sumter about the first of November in the year 1780 & served in Col. Joseph Hayes' Regiment and in the company commanded then by this deponent to the end of the war; that the was with him at Col. Moor's defeat of the Tories under Col. Hayes and Washington and also in the battle at the Cowpens 17th Jany. 1781 and that he continued to serve in some company under him till the end of the war; that he has no doubt but that he served fully two years at least, but from the length of time since cannot be particular as his memory is much failed and the uncertain service they were engaged in until the beginning of 1783.

Sworn to 11th July 1833

S/ James Dillard



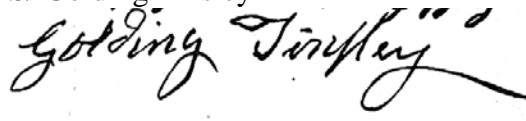
S/ Thos. B. Lockhart, JP

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Before me Joel Dean Esquire one of the Justices of the peace of the district aforesaid Personally appeared Golding Tinsley,³ a resident of the district aforesaid and who being duly Sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with Robert Long in the Revolutionary War that he served as a private in the Little River Regiment of Militia of South Carolina, under Colonel Joseph Hayes of said Regiment; that he came a refugee about the first of November in the year 1780 and joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], in Captain Samuel Ewing's company that Colonel Hayes Regiment joined General Morgan that he was along with Colonels Washington & Hayes at Colonel More's [sic, Moore's] defeat on Bush River about 28th of November 1780 & in the Battle at the Cowpens viz. Tarleton's defeat on the 17th January 1780 [sic, 1781] that he saw him after crossing the Yadkin River in North Carolina in Captain Ewing's Company near Guilford Court House -- that he has good reason to believe and does believe that he continued to serve in the American Service until late in the war. Sworn to & subscribed the 8th day of July in the year 1833 before me.
S/ Joel Dean, JP

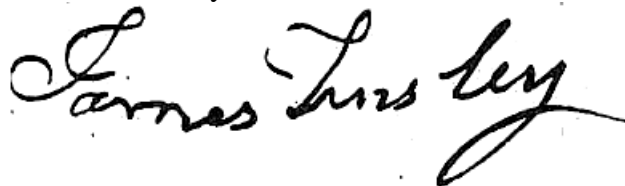
S/ Golding Tinsley



State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Personally appeared James Tinsley⁴ a resident of the district aforesaid before me Joel Dean Esquire one of the justices of the peace of the said district who being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with Robert Long in Revolutionary War that he joined the American Army under General Sumter some time before the Battle at Blackstocks in Colonel Hayes Regiment Captain Ewing's company of Militia -- that the statement in the above affidavit as respects his knowledge is true & as respects the others he believes to be true. Sworn to & Subscribed the 8th day of July in the year 1833 before me.
S/ Joel Dean, JP

S/ James Tinsley



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State of South Carolina
Laurens District

Personally appeared Robert Long before me Henry S. Neal one of the Justices of the Peace of the said District and being duly sworn on his oath saith that in addition to the service already stated in his two former statements in the Revolutionary War; that Capt. J. Greer's Company to which he belonged did about one month's duty in March & April in the year 1778 before they set out for the East Florida tour to wit: two weeks on the Cherokee Line to keep the Tories in that part in order & the Indians in awe; and also in conjunction with Capt. Thomas Dugan's Company over the Saluda after some Tories in that part who had set off to join the

³ [Golding Tinsley S18246](#)

⁴ [James Tinsley S21426](#)

British at St. Augustine; after pursuing them till near the Piney House & finding they were too far in advance for us then to overtake them, we returned to Col. James Williams when Lieut. Col. Robert McCrery took the command and with these two companies to wit: Greer's & Dugan's and the baggage, set out for Florida to join Genl. A. Williamson about the time stated in his other declarations. Capt. B. Kilgore joined with his company before they crossed the Savannah & Capt. R. Ritchy [sic, Robert Richey] soon after. When returning home from the above tour near the middle of August this deponent some 30 or 40 miles from home was taken very ill with dysentery & fever on which account it was with great pain & difficulty he got home his Mother & another friend met him some 20 miles from home & Col. J. Williams ordered Dr. George Ross to attend to his case which he did; though it was near the last of September before he was quite well. After he escaped from the British & Tories till he took the small pox was five months constant service & in the worst of time; from this to the end of the war he can give no particular account of his service as he then set out, not for wages but for liberty & from the time he set out a Refugee might virtually been called a Continental soldier; was then as out-served [?] as old Robin Hood. His only chance for home was by hard fighting; had no draft among them nor any particular tour, but whenever needed their Col. or Capt. called them; often dividing the day between arms & work & contra, and at night lay with their guns in their arms all night till nearly the end of the year 1782. This was owing to a great number of Tories who even after the British left them became desperate, waylaying & murdering every active Whig they could fall upon by day or night and hiding themselves in the woods, thickets & among their friends &c. He has no doubt in saying that could his service be correctly counted altogether would amount to more than two years, but from the lapse of time since & the nature of the service he cannot now point it out, and also had he been born 20 or 3 years sooner would have had much more service to state being under age, was not admitted into the service till in 1778, says that since the first of April last he is in his 72nd year. As respects the contents of his letter of the seventh of May now last past as regards the facts of service therein said to be done by him to the best of his knowledge and recollection they are true to wit, his letter directed to the Hon. Lewis Cass, Sec. of War.

Sworn to and Subscribed the 30th day of May 1834

Before me S/ Henry S. Neel, JP

S/ Robert Long

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South Carolina Laurens District 30th of June 1834

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 22nd May last for which I to render you my sincere thanks for your kindness and attention to my case and through you to the Honorable Lewis Cass Secretary of War for his prompt and ready notice of my case: but I fear am like to be too troublesome -- Sir you were good enough to state that should I make such a statement of the facts in my case under oath as is contained in my letter of the 7th Made last, &c, this I have been just trying to do, but I find my memory fails, as regards all the particulars in my letter and kept no copy -- the principal facts if I remember right are a month's service in the company before we set out in the East Florida Tour my sickness at returning home the uncertainty of the Items of my service from I lay in the small pox till the end of the war; this is owing in a great degree to the lapse of time since and also the uncertain nature of our warfare and this State only with the British and Tories these as the British cause began to fail became desperate and when they could no longer keep the field in public lay out in woods &c or hid

among their friends; and killing active Whigs by day or night till about the end of the year 1782; we were obliged to live with our guns in our arms at night and to be ready at any hour for defense: we expected no wages or pension and of course kept no account of our time &c. I have made out the best I can from memory. Sir you had the goodness to State that should I send only a copy of my former (declaration which appeared to be lost) that that would do; this I drew off from the copy kept for the family and ready to send; but fortunately have got the original, yet I see some defect in it particularly James Dillard's Certificate appears as a thing of common fame as if I had no one who knew of my Services -- were it only a matter of common fame there are 100 or 1000 who never doubted: you will see in his Affidavit before Chancellor Dissaure [sic, DeSaussure?] that it was not a hearsay to him James Dillard pleas to pardon so much trouble; And

Willing you Grace Mercy and Pease, I have the
Honor to be with great Regar
Sir, your most oblige'd and
Very humble Servant
S/ Robert Long

Honorable
J. L. Edwards
Secretary of Pensions
or Commissioner

N. B. I qualified before Henry S. Neal Esquire being nearest to me; and before him I was born in the Cases of Colonel Samuel Hammond⁵ and Lieutenant James McNeese⁶ as you will see by reference had to those cases that he is an acting justice of the peace without the clerk's certificate now.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to Robert Long pp 4
Audited Account No. 4659

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No. 54

[No. 117 [Book] T]

Mr. Robert Long his account of Militia Duty as private since & previous to the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£206.0.0</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£29.8.6 ³ / ₄

⁵ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

⁶ [James McNeese R6802](#)

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd 22 June 1785, full Satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 117 Book T By
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S/ Robert Hanna



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State of South Carolina To Robert Long

Dr.

Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency

£206.0.0

Stg. £29.8.6 ³/₄

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State of South Carolina Laurens County} Mr. Blake & Bocot Treasurers

Gentlemen Be so Kind as to give my indent & Special indents to Robert hanna and his
Receipt Shall Be your Discharge for the Same as witness my hand this 24th Day of September
1785

S/ Robert Long



I do Certify that the above Named Robert Long Did Sign the above order to the above Named
Robert hanna before me this 24th day of September 1785

S/ James Montgomery, JP