

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gasper Long S7161

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 11th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Superior Court of law for the County & State aforesaid, now sitting, Gasper Long a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged sixty-nine years in August 1832, 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. –

In the year 1780, in the summer of that year as well as he remembers, the declarant entered the service of the Militia of North Carolina, as a substitute for William Gilbreath (commonly called Long Billy) who had been drafted for three months. Declarant's Company, to which he was attached, was organized at Hillsboro NC under Captain George Hodge, Moses Crawford Lieutenant, James Baldrige, Ensign; -- Colonel Thomas Taylor & Major McCauley were the Field Officers. It was proposed to the Company that if they would furnish their own horses, bridles & saddles -- that there should be a reduction of their term of service by one month as well as he remembers. This the declarant did, as did the Company. From Hillsboro, he was marched to Pedee [River] & thence to the neighborhood of the Battleground of Gates defeat, not long after that defeat; -- from thence down Lynches Creek to Cheraw & thence to head quarters on Pedee -- & thence to the South side of the River some distance, where declarant's company were fired on from a swamp by the Tories, & nine of our men wounded. His company removed the wounded to Headquarters -- & thence he was marched to George Town, SC & took some Tories & conveyed them to Headquarters: & thence he was marched him & discharged having been in service a few days more than two months. His discharge is lost. The whole of this tour, his Company was engaged in pursuit of Tories -- a good many of whom were taken by his Troop at different places & carried to Headquarters on Pedee. In the same year [one or more indecipherable words] before Christmas, the declarant volunteered for a term of three months service in the militia of North Carolina in the County of Orange, where he resided. His Company was organized on Colonel O'Neal's plantation on the Western side of Haw River in Orange County. At this place some Troops from Granville County NC assembled & some from Orange -- constituting a number of something like two hundred men. Colonel Farmer was the Field Officer. From Orange the Regiment was marched to Salisbury NC. The declarant being commanded by a Captain of one of the Companies from Granville County -- whose name he does not recollect.

After a stay of a fortnight at Salisbury, was marched to Beatties Ford on the Catawba [River] where his Captain, Elliott, came & took command for a time, of declarant's Company. The Regiment to which declarant belonged, was stationed at Ladies Ford to prevent the British from crossing the River, under Lord Cornwallis. He was about a week at this place, when the enemy having crossed the River below, his Regiment retreated; and the declarant made his way from the Island at Beatties (his own Regiment on the North bank having squandered [?]) & joined the Army, lately commanded by General Davidson who had just fallen, at Black water or the vicinity. At this time, General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was retreating towards Danville & Cornwallis in pursuit -- and the declarant was in the rear of Cornwallis, under the command of Captain Grimes (Captain Graham). Declarant followed in the rear of Cornwallis as far as Guilford -- when Cornwallis advanced to Hillsboro & Captain Graham advanced to the neighborhood of the High Rock where he fell in with General Greene & delivered to him some British prisoners, whom Captain Graham had taken in the march. From the High Rock, declarant under Captain Grimes, who was then subject to the command of Colonel Washington, marched on foot by night from place to place so as to be in the neighborhood of Colonel Washington's Troop of Horse. The Enemy came on them at Whitesell's Mill [sic, Weitzell's Mill]¹ on the Reedy Fork -- where a skirmish took place, in which six of our men were killed. From the place of this skirmish, declarant marched to the High Rock, & thence went home & was discharged by Captain Hodge -- having served three months. He hath lost his discharge. In May of the same year, viz. 1781, the declarant volunteered for 3 months in the militia of NC & joined the Horse Service at General Butler's on Haw River and Orange aforesaid under Captain Hodge & Colonel O'Neal. The declarant furnished his own horse, bridle & saddle. He marched to Guilford County -- thence to Randolph -- thence down Deep River towards Fayetteville, in pursuit of Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] & the Tories under his command -- but could not overtake the Main body of the Tories. Declarant's Troop took some straggling Tories. He continued in this service for three months, & his Troop of Horse returned home & declarant was discharged by Captain Hodge. His discharge is lost. -- Declarant performed other service for a few days at a time for which he makes no account. -- The declarant hath no documentary evidence of his service -- no [sic, nor] does he know any person whom he can procure to testify to his services.

He was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1763 in the month of August. He hath no record of his age.

He was removed to Orange County in the State of North Carolina, when a small boy, & hath resided in Orange ever since. He is known to Samuel L. Holt Esquire Doctor James A. Craig & Doctor James S. Smith who reside in Orange aforesaid.

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. He declares that there is not any clergyman to whom he is known who can attend to testify to his character. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Casper Law, X his mark

[Samuel L. Holt & James A. Craig gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service in the revolution.]

¹ March 6, 1781, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/weitzell.htm>