

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Long S8846

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Virginia, Caroline County to wit

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the justices of the Court of Caroline County, now sitting, Benjamin Long, a resident of the United States, in the County of Caroline and State of Virginia aged sixty-nine 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated – That he was drafted in the spring of 1780 when residing in Caroline County to serve a tour in the militia, that he marched accordingly under Captain Fitzhugh [John Fitzhugh], Lieutenant George Tyler and Ensign Richard Wyatt, and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip Johnson of Caroline County, in which Regiment Major Armistead acted as brigade inspector – was attached to the brigade of General Weedon [George Weedon], who belonged to the Continental Army – He states that he first marched to Maupin Hill [Malvern Hills] near Richmond Virginia, where he met with the Army of General Lafayette, & after remaining there about three weeks, was marched to Williamsburg where he remained upwards of two months, until our troops were driven away by the enemy – Our Army marched thence on the North side of James River to Maupin Hill below Richmond, where we were relieved having served three months on that tour – when the American Army left Williamsburg & marched up on the North side of J left the head if a ames River; the British troops crossed that River & marched up on the South side & burnt Manchester [the warehouses in Manchester were burnt April 30, 1781]. In the fall of the same year he was drafted again, and marched under Captain Blackburne & Lt. Thomas Parker, and was put under the command of Colonel Mathews, at Williamsburg – we crossed York River at West Point & went to Gloucester Town, where we remained upwards of two months, & marched thence to Whiting's old Fields – Here he states he was attached to a light infantry rifle company commanded by Major Weeks in which he continued about four weeks, when he was relieved again, having served about four months on this second tour – On this 2<sup>nd</sup> tour he states that he was in a smart skirmish near Gloucester Town in which several of our men were killed – the said Long further states that he was drafted a third time in the spring of 1781 and served under Captain Goodson Glanton – that he marched on to Williamsburg, but was not More than one month in service on this trip – He states that he was generally with the troops of General Lafayette & General Weedon whilst he was in service. He states that he knew many of the officers of the regular Army, particularly Colonel Campbell whom he was near killing once, whilst on guard – He states that he has no documentary evidence to support his declaration, but

knows of several persons who can testify to the fact, that he was in service, but he cannot expect any of those persons to save the precise length of time that he actually served – The said Long feels no hesitation in saying that he served at least 8 months in the revolutionary war, putting the 3 tours before named together –

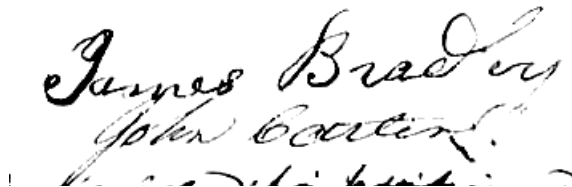
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state –

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Benjamin Long Senior

We James Bradley & John Carter revolutionary soldiers and near neighbors of Benjamin Long & residing in the County of Caroline, hereby certify that we were well acquainted with Benjamin Long who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be about 69 years of age, that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, & that we concur in that opinion. I James Bradley served with him in the revolution.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is 'James Bradley' and the bottom signature is 'John Carter'. Both are written in a fluid, historical style.

And the said Court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories according to the directions of the Secretary of War which were answered by the aforesaid Long as hereafter appears –

Question 1<sup>st</sup> By the Court – Where and in what year were you born? – Answer – I was born in Caroline County and State of Virginia in the year 1763.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any record of your age? I have none myself – my sister in Hanover has the family Bible, in which a record of my father's family was kept. –

3<sup>rd</sup> – Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, & where do you now live? – Ans. I was born in Caroline County & State of Virginia, within 1 mile of where I now live, resided there, when called into service & have continued to reside on the same spot to the present day.

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service? &c

I was drafted in the service, every tour, I served – & have before stated the general circumstances of my service & such of the regular officers, as I recollect at present – Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Long

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]