

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Long W3433

Amy Long

f38VA

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State of Virginia County of Caroline – SS

On this the 7th day of August 1840 personally appeared before Benjamin Anderson a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Mrs. Amey Long a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged about seventy-eight years widow of John Long deceased who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838: That she is the widow of John Long who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution from this County and who she believes served nearly the whole war, that he was to the North and also the South, she recollects two places at which (she has heard him say) he was in service, Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and York Town. She recollects hearing him say he was in service at the close of the war, but she does not know anything about the officers under whom he served – as she never knew him until after his leaving service, and never took much notice of the names of officers if he ever told her. She further declares that she was married to the said John Long in the County of Caroline by Nathaniel Holloway (a Baptist Preacher who has moved to the West) about the year 1783 in the month of August Judging from the age of her second child which is on record bearing date September 12th 1785 that her husband the aforesaid John Long died about the year 1793 or 4 having lived with her about ten years. She was married to the said John prior to January 1794 viz. at the time above mentioned and that she has remained a widow ever since his death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Amey Long, X her mark

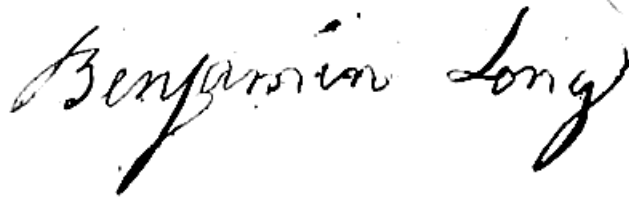
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I Benjamin Long¹ of the County of Caroline and State of Virginia a Revolutionary Pensioner do hereby Certify that my Brother John Long deceased (who was the husband of Amy Long of this County) was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. I don't know how long my Brother was in service, but know he was more in the war of the Revolution than I was myself, I have always heard that my Brother the said John, was at what was called Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], he was married to Amy Gatewood now Amy Long about the year '82, I have a memorandum Book containing the ages of his first & second children James & Reuben, and also an account against Amy Long in 1792 at which time I believe she was a widow,

¹ [Benjamin Long S8846](#)

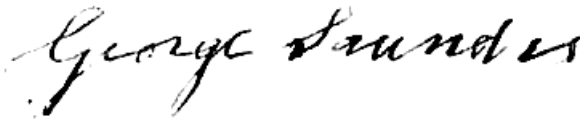
and that she has remained a widow ever since that Period. Given under my hand this 14th day of September 1840

S/ Benjamin Long



I George Saunders² of the County of Caroline & State of Virginia a Revolutionary Pensioner do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Mr. John Long who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, I do not know at what time Mr. Long enlisted, but know that he was in service before I was neither can I say how long said John served. I further more certify that I have heard and believes it to be true that Mrs. Amy Long of this County is the widow of said John, and that she is yet I believe a resident of this County. Given under my hand this 14th of September 1840

S/ George Saunders



[p 5: family record recorded by Benjamin Line:

Judy was born the 14 day of May in the year 1791

James Long Son of My Brother John Long Was Born the 27th Day of October in the Year of Our Lord 1783

His Son Reubin Long Was Born the 12th Day of September in the Year 1785

My Brother Departed This Life the 9 Day of June 1792]

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I Edmund Gatewood³ a Revolutionary Pensioner do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Long deceased who was a soldier of the Revolution, and also his widow Amey Long (formerly Amey Gatewood) who I believe is now living, I know John Long was in the service of his country, but how long I am unable to say. I cannot speak positively either of the officers under whom he served but am satisfied it was in 1779 that he went to the South under Captain Sterne, Johnson New or Jamison from the County of Caroline State of Virginia as to the engagements he was in, I have no knowledge, but know that he was discharged at Williamsburg Virginia after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and he walked home in such a short time that I have no doubt he shortened his life many years for I am satisfied he never got over it.

Given under my hand this 4th day of March 1841

S/ Edmond Gatewood, X his mark

[Note: Facts in file: Reuben Long, son of the veteran, was married to Patsey Landrum who was born October 5, 1791. Reuben and Patsey had children: Gabriel R. born September 2, 1807;

² [George Saunders W5986](#)

³ FPA S6870

Lavinia born March 11, 1810; Elizabeth born April 26, 1813, and C. Addison L. born 6, 1815.
The widow was still alive December 18, 1848 and living in Caroline County Virginia when she filed the papers necessary to continue her pension.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband service in the Virginia service.]