

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Long W953

Margaret Long

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State of Tennessee Knox County: SS

On this __ day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before me Edward Scott one of the Judges of Law and Equity in and for the State of Tennessee now sitting Nicholas Long a resident of the said County and State in the said County of Knox and State of Tennessee aged 69 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born on the 12th day of April 1764 and Culpeper County Virginia as he was informed by his parents he has no record of his age. He was living in said Culpeper County when called into the service of the United States at which place in the first of April 1781 he substituted in the room and stead of Samuel Rouce for a three months tour against the British under Captain Henry Toles in Colonel Alcocks Regiment of Militia he joined the Company in the neighborhood of Williamsburg Marched to Williamsburg thence to the drinking Springs thence to the Raccoon Ford on the Rappahannock [River] lay there some time thence to Richmond and lay there till his time was out and was there Honorably but verbally discharged he served at this time three months for which he claims a pension. This verbal discharge was given in the first of July 1781. Again while living at the same place in the latter part of July 1781 he was drafted for a three months tour against the British under Captain Edward Knash we had no Colonel when we started we rendezvoused at Culpepper Court house at the time last aforesaid March [sic marched] to York town to attack the British he continued in the neighborhood of York and there till after Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] was taken [October 19, 1781] he was in the siege of York and helped to take said Wallace. After the siege was over and Wallace taken he took sick and when the prisoners was marched out of York he was sent home he got no regular discharge he was sent home in the latter part of October 1781 he served at this time three months for which he claims a pension. He served in the whole six months for which he claims a pension. He continues to live in said Culpeper County about five years after the war he then moved to Botetourt County lived there about twenty years he then moved to Henry County that there about five years then moved to Greene County Tennessee lived there about five years he then moved to Anderson County lived there about five years he then moved to Jefferson County lived there about one year he then moved to Rhey [Rhea] County lived there about one year he then moved to said Knox County and has lived there ever since. There was no regular officers with the troops where he served nor no Continental nor militia regiments to the best of his recollection till he went to the siege of

York and he had no acquaintance with any of them and cannot tell from his own recollection anything about them or the circumstances of his service further than above stated. He never did receive a written discharge from the service nor a Commission during the Revolution. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Mardred Yarnal Esquire, Robert Tindle Esquire and Lindsey Childress Esquire all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the Revolution.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. 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 knows of no clergyman whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the report of his services. There may be some errors in the above statement as he lost his speech by a fever about 7 years ago and has not been able to speak above his breath since in consequence of which he has great difficulty in making himself understood he is certain there is no error in the time he served for he served the full 6 months above stated. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Wm Swan, Clerk

S/ Nicholas Long, X his mark

[Bernard Slaughter & Southy Nelson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On January 25, 1844 in Grainger County Tennessee, Margaret Long, aged 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Nicholas Long who drew a pension for his services in the revolution; that she married him November 5, 1778 and that her husband died July 27, 1839; that she has no record of her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[pp 14-15: affidavit given by Mrs. Rachel Solomon, 53, and Mrs. Sarah Ray, 55, that they have known the widow and her husband since their earliest recollection and that they (the widow and her husband) always lived together as man and wife. I suspect but it is not stated that these women are the children of the widow.]

[p 4: On November 25, 1845 in Greene County Tennessee, Margaret Long, aged about 83 or 4 years, filed an affidavit identifying herself as the identical person previously granted a pension as the widow of Nicholas Long; that she was married to him in Culpeper County Virginia the year after Cornwallis surrendered which she believes took place in October 1782 and that her marriage took place in November 1783; that she was married by publication of bans in the Church of England; that she has no record of her marriage or of her children's ages; that her oldest child is now about 61 years of age; that she had 11 children by her husband namely: Betsey, William, Joel, Nancy, Sally, Rachel, Hannah, Peggy, Nicholas, Dicy, and James.]

[Note: Mrs. Nancy Babb, whose first husband is identified as John Long, a brother of Nicholas, also gave testimony supporting the claim of the widow to having been married to Nicholas Long, a revolutionary war veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]