

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Long W9509

Margery Long f70SC

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State of South Carolina District of Anderson} SS

On this nineteenth day of February 1846 personally appeared before William Magee Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District aforesaid, Mrs. Margery Long a resident of the same District & State, aged Eighty Eight years, who being first 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 4th 1836:

That she is the widow of James Long who was (as she thinks a private) in the War of the Revolution, but she cannot recollect under what officers he served, or the name of any of them except Genl. Marion [Francis Marion], she recollects, that he served with Benjamin Lawrence, some of the Luckys & William Lessley -- they then resided in Abbeville District in this State, she thinks he was drafted, and that he was at the siege of Ninety Six,¹ she cannot state how long he served, precisely when he entered, or the date of his leaving the service, but recollects that he served one Tour of three months, and had his waggon & Team with him, and that he was out several other tours, but she has become so old and frail that she has forgotten all about it, she recollects that he got a discharge in writing which he kept for a long time, but it is at length lost, she knows of no documentary evidence of his services, but thinks he received an Indent, which she hopes may be found in Columbia to aid her.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Long in the month of September, she thinks, in the year 1775, which fact she arrives at from the records of the births of their children and of her own age; they were married by Dr. Dellahowe who was a magistrate in Abbeville District, that the record of the births of their children from which the following is an abstract, viz.: "An account of the names and ages of the sons and daughters of James Long and Margery Long his wife."

"Elizabeth Long born the 25 July 1777." was made in the old Bible of her said husband many years before his death, and has been kept by her ever since as a true family record, and is here with submitted as evidence of their marriage; that her husband the aforesaid James Long died on the 6th day of April 1825; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof here with since.

That they moved from Abbeville to Tennessee and remained there about 5 years, during

¹ Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781

https://www.carolina.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

which time her Daughter Polly & son James was born, they then removed to this District (then Pendleton) about fifty six years ago.

S/ Margery Long, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ W. Magee, Judge of the Court

[p 4: Family record]

An account of the Number and Ages of the Sons and daughters of James Long and Margery Long his Wife

Elisabeth Long born the 25th of July 1777

Mathew Long born the 29th of December 1780

Mary Long born the 14 of May 1782

James Long born the 16 April 1785

Henry Long and John Anderson Long Was born the 22 day of August 1787

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[p 15: On April 16, 1846 in Anderson District South Carolina David Verner² "an aged and respectable citizen of the District" gave testimony that he was acquainted with James Long who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and Margery Thomson who was afterwards the wife of James Long; that he is not certain of the date of their marriage but thinks it was around 1775; that James Long was in the United States service for some length of time but is not certain as to the time that he did serve; that James Long was reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution.

David Verner

[p 10: On October 28, 1846 in Anderson District South Carolina, Ezekiel Long, William Long, James Herron who married Anna Long and his wife Anna Herron, David Gorteney who married Margery Long and his wife Margery Gorteney [this name is spelled Gortney, and Gorterry in various file documents] residents of the same District and State and children of the late Margery Long who died March 13, 1846 filed a claim stating that they are the surviving children of

² [David Verner S21550](#)

Margery Long, widow of James Long.

Ezekiel Long
William Long
James Gorlow
Anna ^{her}
~~mark~~ Herron
David ^{his}
~~mark~~ Gorlow
Margery ^{her}
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State of South Carolina Anderson District

David Verner whose character for veracity and respectability and also as a Soldier of the Revolution is well-known, came personally before me and being re-examined in reference to the claim of Margery Long -- says that he was long and intimately acquainted with James Long who lived and died in Anderson District, that he knew personally some thing of his services in the Revolutionary War that at the time he entered the said Service he resided in Abbeville District and served he thinks in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] these facts are distinct in his memory from his own knowledge and from various conversations had with the said James Long in his lifetime. He has every reason to believe and verily does believe that the Indent issued 11th June 1788 to James Long for 31£ 1s was delivered to the James Long whom he knew and to whom he refers in the above as well as his former affidavit, this belief is founded on his personal knowledge and conversations had with him in his lifetime, and being well acquainted with all that section of Country he is satisfied that is no other James Long living there to whom the Indent could have issued.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 17th of July 1847

S/ James Gilmer, M.A.D.

S/ David Verner

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South Carolina Abbeville District} Personally appeared before me Andrew Gillespie Senior -- who is a highly respectable Citizen of the State & District aforesaid and on oath states that he is the son of the late Daniel Gillespie³ who was a Soldier of the Revolution and drew a pension as such and who died in Chambers County Alabama last January and that he has often heard his father speaking of his services in the Revolution and has frequently heard him speak of James Long as a soldier in the same War but he does not recollect anything special as to what he said as to Long's Services, as it has some years since his father left this Country, he believes that James Long who died in Anderson District to have been the same alluded to by his father in the

³ [Daniel Gillespie S31692](#)

conversation above mentioned, Deponent knew Henry Long and James Long alluded to as a soldier of the Revolutionary War was a Brother of the said Henry and the one who died in Anderson District was such.

S/ Andw Gillespie S.

Andw. Gillespie S.

Sworn to before me 26 December 1848

S/ RM Davis, Magistrate

[Facts in file: In addition to the above named children of James and Margery Long, as of February 1850, Matthew Long of Hall County, Georgia; Mary, widow of George Tippen, residing in Cherokee County, Georgia; John A. Long, residing in Jackson County, Georgia and George Long, residing in Henry County, Georgia, also survived their mother. The widow's maiden name appears as both Margery Thomson, Margery Thompson and Margery Thomas in the file documents.]

[The veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending March 13, 1846 when she died.]