

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of David Long W2

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State of Tennessee, Maury County

On this 12<sup>th</sup> September 1832 Personally Appeared in Open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting David Long a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged Seventy-four 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 viz. In the State of North Carolina Rowan County when about the age of 16 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain John Graham and Lieutenant Benjamin Barker in the militia line & rendezvoused at a place called the Pleasant Gardens at which place we joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] from here we marched to the Cherokee nation and entered into the nation to what was called the Valley towns, after demolishing those towns marched back to Saulsbury [sic, Salisbury] North Carolina where they lay until his time of service expired and he received a discharge for a Six weeks tour which discharge was given by Captain Graham. Sometime after Applicant entered the service again as a volunteer under Captain Richard Graham and Lieutenant Henry Smith [?] Militia officers & rendezvoused at Charlotte, North Carolina and was attached to a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Davidson under General Rutherford from there marched through Camden South Carolina to Savannah River where the troops lay some time then Applicant was detached over the River under General Nash [sic, General John Ashe] their encampment was on Brier Creek a Continental officer was there by the name of Elbert [Samuel Elbert], who commanded, his grade Applicant does not recollect. At that encampment the British came on our troops and we were defeated with considerable loss. Applicant was in that defeat. After the scattered detachment made good their retreat they joined General Rutherford's troops again on this side the river from there the troops were marched from North Carolina Rowan County where Applicant received another Discharge for 6 months signed by Captain Richard Graham.

Immediately after his return home he entered the Service again as a Substitute for a certain John Carrell [sic, John Carroll?] for a three months tour under Captain Frederick

Criminor [sic, Frederick Kremminger?<sup>1</sup>] and Lieutenant Joseph Hartman in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Fifer [sic, Phifer] , marched to Stono Ferry where we fell under the command of General Lincoln at this place the British were attacked in their Breastworks but unsuccessful and the Militia were scattered but in a few days they were measurably collected and marched back for Rowan County North Carolina applicant was left on that route with a sick man and did not arrive at the place where the Militia was discharged but some time after arrived home and obtained his discharge from Captain Criminor for a three months tour.

Applicant staid at home some time until the Tories embodied at a place called Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County North Carolina where he reentered the service again as a Volunteer under Captain John Brandon (and was then to stand in readiness as a minute man) in this tour they soon joined several captains Companies which were all commanded by Major James Rutherford they crossed the Catawba River marched down to that place called Ramsour's Mill and attacked the Tories where a bloody conflict ensued, but they totally defeated the Tories with considerable loss on the American side. Applicant recollects of Captain Falls, Captain Joseph Patton, Captain Sloan and Lieutenant Nail officers that fail and that Battle and many privates, from that site marched home and dismissed until called on first the next call was General Rutherford raised a Brigade to joined General Gates applicant was then placed among the Mounted Gunmen under Captain Simmons but does not recollect what Regiment or whether any but recollects his Lieutenant's name was Purvines [Purviance or Purvians?<sup>2</sup>] marched with that Brigade until United with General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] troops on his way to Camden South Carolina. Soon after the Junction of Troops Applicant's company was sent off to Lynches Creek and Cheraw Hill. While on this detachment General Gates was defeated. On our way back to the Main Army hearing of the defeat turned our course up into the state of North Carolina to Rowan County where Applicant was discharged a second time.

Applicant then entered the service under his former Captain Simmons and joined the Army called on to suppress the Tories there were several regiments, one commanded by Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], one by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], one by Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] whether there was any higher in command than Colonel Applicant does not recollect. They marched for King's Mountain where we attacked the Tories Applicant was in the heat of the Battle, the Tories were defeated Applicant recollects of seeing Colonel Furgerson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] the British Commander in the time of the Battle and also after he was dead after the Battle the troops marched some distance toward home Applicant's company was turned and marched for General Morgan [sic, Colonel Daniel Morgan] and joined him and was attached to Colonel Washington's [William Washington's] [illegible word, could be "horse"] troops and while with them, the British came up on us at a place called the Cowpens where a sore Battle was fought Applicant was in the [illegible word] Battle after this they marched across the Country cross Sherrill's Ferry on the Catawba River at which point we were again discharged the third time.

In some short time after Applicant returned home he was called on under the same platoon officers and made several excursions whilst Cornwallis was marching through

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<sup>1</sup> If this is that officer, then see [Frederick Kremminger \(Kriminger\) R6063](#)

<sup>2</sup> Capt. James Purviance of the Rowan NC militia is believed to have been at the Battle of Camden.

the Country particularly while he lay in Salisbury after Cornwallis left Salisbury Applicant was discharged the fourth time and immediately called on again under Captain Richard Graham whose company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Owen then we were marched for Guilford County and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] he thinks at a Creek called Troublesome from there marched for Guilford Court house where that notable Battle was fought Applicant was in that battle and from there they were marched toward home and after some time Applicant cannot remember how long he was discharged his discharge signed by Captain Richard Graham Applicant thinks this discharge was for three months and cannot recollect how the first four tours he served previous to this discharge was dispersed with he cannot recollect of ever receiving a discharge for them though he has a clear and perfect recollection of the marches and Battles he was in as declared and also another Battle he was in at the hanging rock the summer before the fight at Guilford which he forgot to set forth in his declaration under Captain Simmons under Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] which marches and tours he is not able to collect into any certain span of time or times but from the time of the battle at Ramsour's Mill as from some time previous to that the calling of the troops to the Guilford Battle is the time he served the most hazardous service at almost every point round him which must have included near about nine months.

After this Applicant enlisted with the South Carolina State Troops under Captain Richard Simmons, John Purviance Lieutenant rendezvoused at Charlotte, North Carolina marched down near Camden South Carolina and joined General Sumter crossed Santee River and joined General Greene and continued with him several weeks down about Jacksonborough at which place we lay some time from there to the Eutaw Springs where there was a battle Applicant recollects Major James Rutherford fell in that Battle from there we marched to the high hills of Santee where we lay a considerable time after which we were moved about in smaller detachment after which we were moved on up the Country to Charlotte Applicant thinks in the spring of the year about corn planting time and there received his discharge for a ten months tour which discharge he had together with all his former ones which he left at his Father's and cannot now tell whatever became of them.

He has no documentary evidence but one man by whom he can prove his actual service as a revolutionary war Isaiah Reed<sup>3</sup> whose affidavit is hereunto annexed. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed this the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. J. Porter, Clerk

S/ David Long {SEAL}

I Isaiah Reed resident of the State and County aforesaid do certify that at about the year 1777 I was a Soldier in the revolutionary war under Captain John Brandon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Rutherford on a tour for the Cherokee nation at a place called the Pleasant Gardens in the State of North Carolina Burke County where I saw David Long the man who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration and he was a Soldier in Captain John Graham's Company in the service of the United States and was occasionally acquainted with him before we entered the Service both being in our Captains' Company and of course was personally at with him during that campaign and after our discharge lived as neighbors and on the Campaign to Cross Creek and the Raft

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<sup>3</sup> [Isaiah Reed S4053](#)

Swamp I saw him in actual Service there under Captain Simmons another tour I had seen him I think prior to that in actual service under the said Captain Simmons on his march for King's Mountain where Ferguson was defeated. Also I certify that from serving with him as a Soldier in different tours and one tour messed with him and being a neighbor at the time of his Service during all these campaigns fully and clearly believe they were all served as stated in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/ Thos. J. Porter, Clerk

S/ Isaiah Reed, R his mark

[Zephaniah Nunn and Caleb Hadlee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: In the state of Virginia Bedford County. I was born in the year 1758.

Q 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have in my Bible which was taken from my father's family record.

Q 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Rowan County North Carolina when called into service. I lived five years in South Carolina York district lived seven years in the State of Kentucky Madison County then moved to the State of Tennessee and have lived in this State ever since. I am now living in Maury County

Q 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was never drafted, I always Volunteered but once, then I served a three months tour as a Substitute for John Correll [? Carroll].

Q 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: General Greene, General Lincoln, General Morgan and Colonel Washington a regular officer named Elbert. As to Continental Regiment I saw many but know not their numbers and Militia Regiments I was well acquainted with their commanders as Stated in my declaration and the general circumstances I have endeavored to sit forth.

Q 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I received several discharges from different officers which I can remember one from Captain John Graham one from Captain Richard Graham and one from Captain Criminor and one from Captain Richard Graham again one from Captain Richard Simmons. I left them at my Father's in Rowan County North Carolina & never knew what became of them.

Q 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: James Henderson, James M. Baker Esq., Josiah Dewberry, Isaiah Witherly, Captain James Napier.

[fn p. 19: on July 4th, 1850 in Marshall County Tennessee, Mary Long, 82 filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of David Long, a

revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum who died January 24 1845; that her maiden name was Mary Howe; that she was lawfully married to David Long in York County South Carolina by a justice of the peace named John Drenner on the 28th of June 1787 for proof of which she submits the attached family record made and her husband's handwriting.]

[fn p. 5 family record]

David Long & Mary Long was Married June the 28th 1787

Catsey Long was born February the [illegible] 1788

Jone Desired [??]<sup>4</sup> born the 17 1789

Margret Long was born December the 8<sup>th</sup> 1790

Mary Long was born Aprile the 4<sup>th</sup> 1793

Mertha Long was born November the 17<sup>th</sup> 1796

Joseph Long was born December the 5<sup>th</sup> 1797

Jennet Long was born Febuary the 11<sup>th</sup> 1800

Rebekah Long was born March the 11<sup>th</sup> 182[sic, 1802?]

Esther Long was born June the 24<sup>th</sup> 184[sic, 1804?]

Elisebbth Long was born [balance of entry is illegible]<sup>5</sup>

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service in the revolution.]

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<sup>4</sup> The War Department interpreted this as David?

<sup>5</sup> The War Department states this birthday as April 29, 1807