

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Long R6428

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State of North Carolina Washington County }

On the 10th day of March 1836 James Long personally appeared (before me Joseph C. Norcom an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County) who is so old, infirm and emaciated that he cannot attend at the court House in said County, it being situated 14 miles from the place of residence of said Long, he being about 80 years old -- who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he volunteered as a soldier at Tyrrell court House in the County of Tyrrell State of North Carolina in the year 1776 under Captain James Anderson, and was appointed an orderly Sergeant in his company and after making the necessary arrangements we marched to Ocracoke N.C. where we remained at our post for 12 months but had no engagement. Soon after I left Ocracoke I went to Cross Creeks [sic, Cross Creek] now Fayetteville NC and while at Fayetteville N.C. I received a commission as a Captain in the North Carolina line of militia my commission was handed me on parade by the adjutant. I do not recollect the names of the field officers at Fayetteville, but recollect that R. D. Speight & John Pugh Williams acted as aides to the commander in chief at that place do not recollect how long we remained at Fayetteville, that soon after leaving there we marched to Charleston S.C. where I remained until peace, when I returned home; was in no actual engagement, but was drawn up for battle several times, and in no engagement unless, the cannonading at Charleston can be considered an engagement, our commander in chief at Charleston S.C. was General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & Col. Mathews, from my old age & loss of memory cannot say how long I served after I left Ocracoke but I recollect I was in the service from the commencement to the end of the revolutionary War. That I have no documentary evidence of my 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Long Capt.

at the time



S/ J. C. Norcom, JP

The following Questions propounded by Joseph C. Norcom the acting Magistrate

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born? -- Answer. I was born in Tyrrell County N.C., the year I have forgotten --

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? -- Answer I have a record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? -- Answer. When I entered the service I lived in Tyrrell County N.C. I now live in Washington County erected out of the County of Tyrrell and I have lived on the same spot of ground ever since the Revolutionary War

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? -- Answer. I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. -- Answer -- I have stated in my declaration that I volunteered as a soldier in Capt. Anderson's company at Tyrrell court house North Carolina and while at Charleston S.C. General Lincoln & Colonel Mathews were my commanding officers while at Cross Creeks N.C. now Fayetteville N.C. R. D. Speight & John Pugh Williams acted as aides to the commanding officer of the Regiment do not recollect the names of any others

6th Did you ever receive a commission from the service, and If so, by whom was it signed and what has become of it? Answer. I Received a commission as Captain at Fayetteville N.C. signed by Governor Abner Nash my commission has been destroyed by the moths with my other papers relating to the Revolutionary War

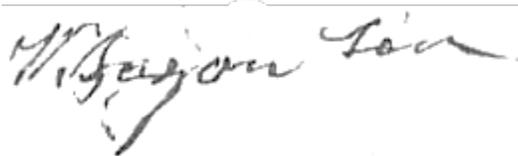
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. William Fagan Senior, Ebenezer Pettigrew, Arthur Rhodes, Joshua Swift, James Phelps Esquire & many others if necessary

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State of North Carolina Washington County} On the 15th of March 1836 Personally appeared before me Joseph C. Norcom a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, William Fagan Senior (aged 80 years) and deposed & saith: that he knows Captain James Long (the present applicant for a pension) and have been acquainted with him ever since he was a boy, that he thinks he is from 82 to 83 years old, he knows of his service as Captain in the Revolutionary war but how long don't recollect, from his knowledge of him he can say that he is a man of strict veracity and what he would state may be strictly relied upon for truth.

Him p 8]S/ W. Fagan, Sen.



Subscribed & sworn to before me the day & date

S/ J. C. Norcom, JP

[Joshua Swift, a clergyman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Washington County} Amended affidavit of James Long done this 9th Day of May 1836

Personally appeared before me Charles Phelps, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, James Long who being duly sworn deposes and saith, that after his service under Capt. Anderson at Ocracoke N. C. he served under Captain Willis Wilson and Lieut. Charles S. Bush on board of the ship *Caswell*¹ between Edenton and Ocracoke NC, he served as Lieut. under Capt. Bateman that he marched from Tyrrell Court house N. C. to Fayetteville NC under Capt. Bateman, that while at Fayetteville General Caswell [Richard Caswell] commanded, and that he never was commissioned until at Fayetteville, that he received his commission as a Captain while at Fayetteville, and was then marched down to Charleston S.C. when at Charleston S.C. General Lincoln was the commanding officer of our Regiment -- that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot say positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for one year I served as an orderly Sergeant in Capt. Anderson's Company of volunteers, for one year I served as an orderly Sergeant in Capt. Willis Willison Company on board the ship [undeciphered marginal word] Carsweel [sic], -- I served as a Lieut. in Capt. Bateman's Company as to the length of time I do not recollect, I served as a Captain in the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina line of Militia under General Caswell, until we arrived at Charleston S.C. then under General Lincoln the commander in chief -- how long I served as Captain I cannot say with certainty but I must have served over one year as a Captain, that he served with and embodied Corps called into service by competent authority, -- that I was Generally in Garrison, and for the time during which the services were performed -- he was not employed in any civil pursuit

S/ J. Long,
Capt. in Charleston

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year above mentioned
S/ C. Phelps, JP

State of North Carolina Washington County} SS

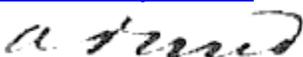
Personally appeared before me Joseph C. Norcom a Justice of the Peace in & for said County on the 6th day of September 1836, James Wiley² (a Revolutionary Soldier) and maketh oath: That he is about Seventy , I hate to admit three years old, that he is well acquainted with Captain James Long of Washington County (but have not seen him in less time than ten years --) that he knows that he the said Long served as an orderly Sergeant on board of the ship *Caswell*, which ship was a vessel of war [undeciphered word]³ &c by the public authority) for at least 12 months, that he the said Wiley was one of the ship's company that after this service of Capt. Long he believes that said Long was a Captain in the North Carolina line of the Militia, and says further that it is generally believed that Capt. Long performed service in the Revolutionary War.

S/ James Wiley

¹ *Caswell*. Coggins:102, ND6:1417, ND7:121, ND8:175, ND9:37, ND10:802, ND11:191, row galley of the VA Navy, 1776-79, Capt Willis Wilson, built at South Quay on the Blackwater for the defense of Ocracoke Inlet. Coggins:106, this galley was to be purchased by the NC Navy, but she sank on station in June 1779.

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² [James Wiley S42075](#)

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James Wiley

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State of North Carolina Washington County } Plymouth N.C. July 7th 1836

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County -- William Spruill⁴ aged Seventy four years, and maketh oath that he is acquainted with Captain James Long of Washington County, that he knows of said Long's Service in the regular Army of the Revolution, and that he is satisfied of his service for a longer time than 12 months, that he well remembers his service at Charleston S.C. and also remembers of his service on board the ship *Caswell*, and that said ship was a public armed vessel of war he well remembers that Capt. Long left Tyrrell County during the Revolutionary war as a Lieutenant under Capt. Bateman, that he remembers also that Capt. Long served at Charleston SC.

Subscribed & sworn to before me

S/ John B. Beasley, JP

S/ Wm Spruill

Wm Spruill

⁴ [William Spruill R10022](#)