Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Long W10201

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Indiana } ss.

On this 27th day of September 1843 personally appeared before Washington County } the Honourable the Judges of the Washington County Circuit Court now in session Elizabeth Long a resident of the said County of Washington and state of Indiana aged Eighty two years the 23^d day of February last 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 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of Joseph Long who was a private in the army of the Revolution. Applicant would here further state that the said Joseph Long was an enlisted soldier, and served for six years and some months in the Revolutionary army at the time of his enlistment aforesaid the said Joseph Long resided in or near the Town of Sharpsburg in the County of Washington and State of Maryland. Applicant would here remark that she may possibly be mistaken as to the name of the County, but still thinks she is correct. Sharpsburh the town nearby where her said husband resided at the time of his enlistment is situate about sixteen miles from Hagerstown Md. This applicant cannot state the precise time of her said husbands enlistment but thinks that it was about the year 1776. Neither can she state all of his marches, or the names of his officers, or the battles in which he was exposed, but she can state this much thinks that he was in the Battle of White Plains [28 Oct 1776] Long Island [27 Aug 1776] Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and of Yorktown [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. She also thinks that he served under Col. [Daniel] Morgan during a portion his said service but of this she cannot be positive of and she must refer the Commissioner of Pensions to the evidence on file in the War office to substantiate her claim, as she has no documentary evidence to prove his said service, and she confidently hopes that upon an examination of the Military Rolls, on file abundance of proof will be found to satisfy the department that such services were rendered as aforesaid.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Long in the Town of Frederic, Frederic County [sic: Frederick in Frederick County] Maryland on the 26th day of October 1784, that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Long died in Washington County Indiana on the 9th day of July 1827. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four (viz) at the time above stated.

Land Office, Annapolis,/17th February, 1844,

I hereby Certify, that it appears by the Muster rolls of the Revolution remaining in this office, That Joseph Long, enlisted as a private, in the 6th Maryland Regiment, in Captain Chaplin's Company, for during the war, on the 16th day of April, 1777 and by a pay roll kept by John Hamilton, Agent for the Maryland line, also remaining in this office, Joseph Long, appears to have received pay and gratuity up to the 15th of November, 1783.

George G. Brewer/Reg'r. Land Off. Md.

I have alway's understood, that Captain Chaplin resided in Washington County in this State, at the time he entered the service. I was well acquainted some years ago, with a Gentleman of that name that resided in that County, and believe there is a family of that name still residing there.

G. G. Brewer

Land Office, Annapolis, 26th August, 1844.

I hereby certify, that it appears by the Muster rolls of the Revolution, remaining in this office, That Joseph Long, enlisted as a private, in Captain Chaplin's Company of the 6th Maryland Reg't for during the War on the 16th day of April, 1777, and was present on the 1st of November, 1780 [see endnote].

NOTES:

The notation that a soldier of the Maryland Line was present on 1 Nov 1780 generally indicates that he had been at the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780.

Elizabeth Long submitted the family register transcribed below. She stated that the last entry was for Anna Long and written by her husband in German, the language he spoke and wrote. The original of that entry, and my translation, are given below.

Joseph Long was Born the 24 October 1761
Elisabeth Long was Born the 23rd February 1761
Joseph & Elisabeth Long was maried the 26 Octo 1784
John Long was Born the 24th July 1785
Jacob Long was Born the 31st March 1788
Elisabeth Long was Born the 3rd September 1790
Sarah Long was Born the 12th February 1793
Margrett Long was Born the 12th September 1795
Susana Long was Born the 24th July 1798
Nancy Long was Born the 21st May 1801
Enni was born the 13 [undeciphered] 1804

