

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Long W5029

Mary Long

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1824

On this 27th day of November 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the [County] of Edgecombe John Long aged 70 or 75 years who being first duly sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 in [and] the first of May 1820, that he the said John Long enlisted for the term of (two years first) on the ___ day of January or February – in the year of 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Nat. Mason [Nathaniel Mason] – in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson [Robert Lawson] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until January or February 1781 when he was discharged from the said service near the Catawba tribe of Indians in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776] & Maidenhead and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own declaration and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, sworn to and declared in the 27th day of November 1824 before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Edgecombe.

S/ John Long, X his mark

Schedule

One cow & yearling, Steer about 3 years old, sow & pigs & 5 shoats

S/ John Long, X his mark

State of North Carolina Edgecombe County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1824 –

On this 27 day of November 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for

the said County John Long aged 70 or 75 years resident in said County being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows viz. first for 2 years commencing from January or February in 1776 in company commanded by Nat. Mason Captain Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson that in December or February 1778 he enlisted under Captain William Barret [William Barrett] – Regiment commanded by Colonel Bailor [probably George Baylor] and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz. one cow & yearling, one Steer about 3 years old one sow and pigs & 5 shoats

S/ John Long, X his mark

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Original Claim

County of Edgecombe viz.

On this 25th day of August 1825 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County of Edgecombe John Long resident of said County aged between 70 & 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and of the 1 May 1820 that he the said John Long enlisted for the term of 2 years first on the ___ day of January or February in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Nate Mason in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until January or February 1781 when he was discharged from the said service near the Catawba tribe of Indians in the State of South Carolina – that he was in the Battles of Maidenhead and Trenton and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own declaration that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except the State [of] Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz. That I was disposed to defer it until my situation became necessitous from old age and bodily infirmity deprived of the means of procuring an honest livelihood.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed one cow & yearling, one sow & 2 pigs 7 --year old hogs

S/ John Long, X his mark

he states that he has a daughter living with [him] about 17 years of age (2 grandchildren, one boy

about 17 years old sickly a girl about 14 years old.

He states that he enlisted the 2nd time under Colonel Baylor in January or February 1778 and he was discharged near the Catawba tribe of Indians as aforesaid in 1781.

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property viz. I verily believe that since the 18th March 1818 there has been little or no change in my property in value being at no time much above or below its present value (the Steer mentioned in the former claim has been killed for food)

Sworn to and declared 25th day of August 1825 before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in Edgecombe County

S/ John Long, X his mark

[The court valued the property scheduled by the veteran at \$25]

[p 6: On August 22nd, 1842 in Edgecombe County North Carolina, Mary Long, about 80 years old, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Long, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him after the last period of the revolutionary war but previous to the first day of January 1794 but she does not recollect the date of her marriage; that she was married in the state of Virginia in Sussex County; that she has no record of her marriage that her husband died in Edgecombe County North Carolina October 11, 1826; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 25: On September 1, 1845 in Edgecombe County North Carolina before William J Armstrong, JP, the widow gave testimony that she does not recollect the date of her marriage to John Long in Sussex County Virginia but she thinks it took place about 60 years ago; that her husband lived in Sussex County about ten years after they were married they then moved to the County of Edgecombe together with her father and his family; that her father died in Edgecombe County about 3 years after they arrived there and has been dead about 47 years.]

[p 28: On August 25, 1842 in Edgecombe County North Carolina, Sarah Jackson gave testimony in support of the pension application filed by Mrs. Mary Long stating that she had known Mary Long since her infancy; that she, the witness, was at the marriage of Mrs. Long to John Long which took place at a meeting house in Sussex County Virginia, the ceremony being performed by the Reverend John Magunery [?]¹. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Facts in file: It appears that the veteran and his wife were married about the year 1783 in Sussex County Virginia; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary or Polly Armstrong; that they lived in Sussex County Virginia about 10 years after their marriage then moved to Edgecombe County North Carolina. A letter in the file from the widow's attorney states that the widow was 17 years old when she married the veteran.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 25, 1825, for service as a private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

John Magunery