Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jacob Long W1790
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State of Virginia } SS
County of Loudoun }

On this 19th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before Geo B Lawen a Justice of the peace in for sd County Jacob Long a resident of the County aforesaid, aged about Seventy eight 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. — He was drafted under Capt. John Calier in the Reg't. of Infantry Commanded by Colo. Bonyer and Major Lentz in Tawney-Town, Berks County, Pa. in the summer he thinks of the year 1776, (but of the time he does not speak positively). He states however that he served five Tours (four under his engagements in Pennsylvania, and one in Virginia) under his first engagement in Pennsylvania he served out his Tour at Amboy [NJ], the second at Bunkers-Hill [Bunker Hill MA] under Capt. Hum, the third at Brandywine [PA] still under Capt. Hum The fourth at a place called (he thinks) Red Island [possibly Mud Island, site of Fort Mifflin] on Delaware River under Capt. Shoak. He was drafted each time in the summer of four successive years in the same County, and under the same field Officers, and marched to the several places above named, and served out his several Tours (four months each) under the field officers above named, and rec'd. his several discharges from Colo. Bonyer which discharges he has lost. In the Spring of the year 1781 He removed from Berks County Pa. to Loudoun County Virginia, and in June following He was drafted under Capt. Wm. George, in the Reg't. of Infantry Commanded by Lt. Colo. Meriwether, and marched to York, where his reg't. joined the Command of Gen'l. Lafaytte [sic: Lafayette] and was engaged in the Seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. After the conclusion of the War he rec'd. his discharge at York from his Col. above named, but assisted in guarding the Prisoners taken at that place as far as Nolands Ferry, on Potomac, where the Prisoners were rec'd. by the Md. Militia – and here ended his revolutionary service.

He was in service with some of the Regular Troops at Amboy, Bunkers Hill, Brandywine and at York, but age and infirmity have so impaired his memory, that he cannot name any of the Regular officers, or say any thing in relation to the Continental regiments. He has no documentary evidence of his services, Having lost all his discharges, and knows of no person who can testify to any part thereof, except John Stoutsenby who has testified as to his service in Virginia.

He was Born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and moved to Berks County a short time before he was drafted. Soon after having served his Tour in Virginia He removed to Frederick County Md. where he remained about two years, then removed to Loudoun, where he has lived ever since. He has no record of his age.

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 and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid Jacob hisXmark Long

NOTE: On 7 Oct 1848 Eve Long, "aged upwards of seventy years," applied for a pension stating that she married Jacob Long in Sep 1794, and he died 22 Dec 1842. With her application is a copy of a bond signed 8 Sep 1794 by Jacob Long and Jacob Wallman for the marriage of Long to Eve Funk. On 14 Apr 1855 her age was stated to be 89 in an application for bounty land.