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Longley, William

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East Tennessee
William Longley
Member in the State of Tennessee
who was a private in the Co. commanded
by Captain _____ of the _____ commanded
by Major _____ in the Virginia
line for one year & 3 months

Inscribed on the Roll of East Tennessee
at the rate of 50 Dollars _____ Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 28 day of _____
1835 and A. D.

Deane Atkins
Amount to the 1st of _____ 125.00
Pemi-ant. allowance ending _____ 75.00
150.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Paul Boyd Clerk,
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DECLARATION

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS PASSED JUNE 7, 1832.

State of Tennessee, } ss.

County of *Williamson*

On this *31* day of *June* personally appeared in open Court, before the
Justices of the *County* Court of said county, *William Longley*
a resident of said county and state, aged about *seventy-two* 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, 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and
served as herein stated. - He entered the service as a drafted man, in the militia
of the State of Virginia, in the month of October, 1780, as well as he now
recollects, in Loudon County in said State, where he then resided with
his father, - under the command of Major Armstrong, - whose Chris-
-tian name is not recollectd - Captain Thomas Humphries, Lieutenant
John Bartlett. There were about 700 troops from said county of
whom declarant was one, and he thinks they were called light
infantry. These troops were marched from Loudon County to
Williamsburg in Virginia where they were stationed in the barracks
for several months, and from whence parties of our men were detached
to hold the British forces under Arnold, in check. After being stationed
here some months, - declarant does not recollect the precise time, - the Brit-
-ish forces, landed at *Burrill's ferry*, at the mouth of James River,
where about 200 of our men and declarant one of them, were
stationed. We stood our ground and fired upon the enemy until
our cartridges were exhausted, each man of us having
fired near 20 rounds, when we were so far outnumbered
that we had to retreat. We retreated to Williamsburg, 6 miles
from the above named ferry, and on reaching there all our troops
retreated from town and the British marched in and occupied
our barracks that night. We had retreated only a mile or two
into the woods from whence after night set in we marched back
to town and attacked the enemy, drove in their pickets, and fired
on them until outnumbered and drove from the field. Next
morning we were marched for *Richmond*, and on the same day
the enemy left Williamsburg, crossed James River at *James town*, and
marched up the country. Near the same time that we got to *Richmond*
the enemy arrived at *Charleston* on the opposite side of the river, and com-
-menced destroying property and burning the houses, quantity of *barrels* stored
there. We were stationed on *Charles Hill*. When the British appeared
a part of our men were stationed on the banking of the river to prevent
them crossing, and if they had attempted it they would have met with a
warm reception as we were very hungry and greatly incensed at them. We had
but one field piece, - six pound, and it was placed on the hill before
mentioned, and leveled against the enemy and its effects did so well
amongst them that they were quickly induced to leave off their depredations
and quit the place. The enemy left *Charleston* and pursued their
course still further up the country, and at the same time turned their
course and advanced to *Yorktown*: Declarant & his comrades were

Stationed at Richmond, as he thinks, about six weeks, when they were marched from there and joined the army under Gen. ~~Washington~~ at Yorktown on the Gloucester side of the river. About this time or shortly after the Siege was formed, as the army under Washington shortly after arrived. The ~~clarant~~ was at this time constantly engaged in working on the entrenchments and other works that were going on. During the Siege declarant was in several skirmishes with parties of the enemy. On one occasion ~~of the~~ Virginia troops, declarant one of them, with 500 of the French under the command of Lafayette were marched to make a breach through the enemy's works on the Gloucester side, another detachment having made an attack on the other side. Declarant recollects getting so near the enemy's works that he just lay down upon them, and taking up the tax to make placed on the breast works to be kept in the event of an attack. The firing, having ceased on the York side, we were ~~ordered~~ to move in having discovered it, and opened their fire upon us as they thought, but their balls went far above our heads. Declarant was one of the troops forming the hollow square into which the Virginians were marched when Cornwallis surrendered. The prisoners taken at the Gloucester side were marched to Winchester in Virginia, declarant being one of their number. Maryland, where declarant was discharged in February, as well as he recollects, 1782. Declarant cannot recollect the precise time he served by his parents - he is certain of his age, nor has he ever been an as well as he recollects. He resided in London County a short time after the war, from an ~~affidavit~~ then in Rock bridge, then in Washington all in Virginia, when he removed to Decatur County Georgia in 1808, where he resided until he came to the county of McHenry, where he now resides. He received a ~~discharge~~ from the service at the place & town, Ga. from Col. ~~Richardson~~ but it is lost, and he knows not where it is. James Leavelle, a clergyman, and John Gresham, Esq. are some of his present neighbors who can testify as to his service, & their belief of his being a soldier of the Revolution.

I Arch. W. Turk Clerk of the County Court of the County of McHenry aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of William Longley for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at office this 11th day of June 1833

A. W. Turk Clerk

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 3d day of June 1833

A. W. Turk Clerk
 William Longley

We James Leavelle a clergyman residing in the county and state aforesaid, and John Gresham residing as aforesaid, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Longley who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; and we believe him to be 72 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the 3d day of June 1833

A. W. Turk Clerk
 James Leavelle
 John Gresham

And the Court do hereby declare their opinion, after investigating the matter, and putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that

James Leavelle who has signed the preceding certificate, is a Clergyman, that he and John Gresham who has also signed it are resident as they therein state, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

James Leavelle
 John Gresham
 Justice of the Peace
 James Leavelle
 Justice of the Peace

State of Virginia, I Archibald R. Turk, Clerk of the Court of Henry County, do hereby certify, that John Miller Esquire whose name appears to the annexed affidavit, in amendment of William Longley's Pension declaration - in error, and was at the time of signing the same, and acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and that his signature appears to be in his own proper hand writing.

Given under my hand, and official seal, at office in Athens, the 9th day of September, A. D. 1833.

A. W. Turk Clerk

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office:

Aug 19, 1833

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus: $\}$). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of William Longley of Meigs County Georgia

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field or Force under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
Draft Oct. 1780	1.	3	-	private	Major Armstrong	72 years Bedon County Virginia	Traditionary evidence, proper consent

The length of each term of duty &c, should be stated in the notes,

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Tennessee
Public County 3 18.

It is known that on the fourth day of November 1844. personally appeared before me Abraham McHugh, a Justice of the peace for the County of Greene John C. Langley aged thirty eight years of said County and made oath in due form of law that he is the son of William and Mary Langley both now deceased, (and is the youngest child) and is Administrator of Mary Langley deceased the identical person who qualified as he has been informed and believed to a declaration on the 22^d day of January 1844. To obtain a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838. That he refers to the papers filed by the said Mary Langley deceased for proof of William Langley's services and also for his validity as being the heir of the said William Langley. That William Langley who was a pensioner under the act of the 7th June 1832 at the rate of fifty dollars per annum died on the 7th day of November 1841 and whose original Certificate was forwarded to be filed with the said Mary Langley's declaration. That two months and three days pay is still due as this affiant is informed to the representatives of the said William Langley deceased on that pension certificate. That Mary Langley died on the 9th day of June 1844. as will more fully appear by evidence here attached bearing Jonathan Joel James Mercy Abigail Sarah and John C. Langley as her children then living. This affidavit is now made to obtain the pension due the said Mary Langley at the time of her death under the act of Congress of the 3rd March 1843. as well as 17th June 1844. and the balance due on the pension certificate

Seem to and subscribed before me this 4th
day of November 1844.

Abraham McEisrich
Justice of the peace

John C. Longley

State of Tennessee
Patt. County 3 County Court November Term 1844.
It appearing to the Court by satisfactory evidence it is
ordered to the certiora that William Sargely who was
a prisoner of the united States at the rate of fifty dollars
per annum was a resident of Patt. County in the State
of Tennessee and died on the 7th day of November 1844
and that he left a widow Mary Sargely who died in
the same County on the 9th day of June 1844.
leaving the following named children then living.
Jonathan, Joel, Harriet, Mary, Abigail, Sarah
and John - C. That the said Mary Sargely left no
will and that John C. Sargely has qualified as
her administrator.

State of Tennessee
Patt. County 3 - 55.

I James Parks - Clerk of the County
Court of Patt. County do hereby certify that the
above is a true copy of the proceedings in the
matter of John C. Longley Administrator of Mary
Sargely Exec. application for the pension due the
said Mary Sargely etc. and I further certify that
Abraham McEisrich who has signed the foregoing
affidavit is and was a Justice of the peace for said County
fully commissioned and qualified and that his signature
is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereto affixed
my seal of office and subscribed my name
this 4th day of November 1844.

James Parks
Clerk

State of Georgia }
Catoosa County }
I, J. Patterson (in right of his wife) and C. Stigall
Patterson his wife, who was daughter of
William Langley & Mary Langley (widow of William Langley)
whose claim is filed in the pension office (the said William
& Mary being dead); do hereby constitute & appoint Chas
C. Tucker of Washington D.C.; now true and lawfully attorney
to prosecute the claim of Mary Langley, widow of
William Langley, claim & the claim of her heirs for pension
that may be due under the provision of the acts of
or any other act or resolution of Congress and I hereby
authorize my said attorney to examine all papers & documents
in relation to said claim, on file in the Department at Wash-
= ington, City, or elsewhere, to file additional evidence or
arguments, and to receive the certificate which may be issued
for said claim & to appoint one or more substitutes under
them for the purposes herein expressed & to do all things that we
might or could do were we personally present
Hereby Ratifying & Confirming to our said attorney, may
lawfully do in said premises. Witness our hands & seals
this 25th day of May 1854. In the presence of W. D. Patterson
of N. W. Blackstock of N. C. } Stigall
of S. B. Hambrick of N. C. } Patterson

State of Georgia }
Catoosa County }
SS on this the 25th day of
May 1854 before me a Justice of the Superior Court in &
for the County & State aforesaid personally appeared William
J. Patterson & C. Stigall his wife and acknowledge the
foregoing power of attorney to be their act and deed for

the purposes therein mentioned

R. W. Blackstock, J. P.

State of Georgia, Cherokee County, } SS On this the 23^d day of May in the year 1854 before me the undersigned a justice of the Superior Court in & for said County personally appeared William J. Patterson & Elizabeth his wife residents of said County, and made oath according to law that they are the identical William J. Patterson & his wife Elizabeth who executed the foregoing power of attorney and that they are directly interested in said claim, and makes this affidavit to be filed with such additional evidence or arguments as ~~the~~ said attorney may see in prosecuting said claim Sworn to & subscribed before me this day & year above written

R. W. Blackstock, J. P.
 W. J. Patterson
 Elizabeth his wife

State of Georgia } I J. M. Head Clerk of the Superior Court
 Cherokee County } do hereby certify that R. W. Blackstock
 Esq. before whom the foregoing affidavit

and acknowledgements were made and who has thereto signed his name, was at the time of so doing a justice of the Superior Court, in & for the County & State aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn, and that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith & credit & that he is duly authorized to administer oaths by virtue of his office

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal at Hiwassa in said County this May 23^d 1854

J. M. Head, Clerk

William Longley- R.6435

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in the above noted pension claim.

William Longley was born in the state of New Jersey, in the year 1761, the names of his parents are not stated.

While residing in Loudoun County, Virginia, with his father, William Longley enlisted sometime in October, 1780 and served as a private in Captain Thomas Humphries' company, under Major Armsted, Colonels Niswonger, George Eskridge and Summers, with the Virginia troops. He was in the battles of Burrells Ferry, Williamsburg and at the siege of Yorktown, and was discharged in February, 1783.

After the Revolution he lived a short while in Loudoun County, then lived in Shenandoah, Rockbridge and Washington Counties, Virginia, and in 1800 moved to Sevier County, Tennessee.

William Longley was allowed pension on his application executed June 3, 1833, then a resident of McMinn County, Tennessee.

The soldier, William Longley, married September 1, 1784 in Loudoun County, Virginia, Mary, her maiden name not stated. He died November 7, 1841 in Polk County, Tennessee, and his widow, Mary, died June 7 or 9, 1844 in Polk County, then aged about seventy-eight years.

The following children survived their mother- Jonathan born in 1788; Joel born September 1, 1791; James, Mercy, and Abigail, their ages not shown; and John C. born in 1806.

John C. Longley was living in Polk County, Tennessee in 1844 and then stated that he was the youngest child of William and Mary Longley. William T. Patterson and his wife, Abigail (formerly Abigail Longley), were in Catoosa County, Georgia in 1854. Mrs. Etha Burk, sister of the widow, Mary Longley, was seventy-three years of age in 1854, at that time in Catoosa County, Georgia.

*Letter addressed to Miss Fella Armstrong
605 - E - 8th St -
Chattanooga - Tenn*

*See her letter re
Middletown Tenn N. 31*