



Johannes (John) Young

1760 – 1850

Virginia

Johannes Young was born on August 22, 1760 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the youngest son of Conrad Matthew Young and Anna Margaret Franciscus. He married Mary Kasiah Tackett on May 25, 1789 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He took the Oath of Allegiance in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1777.

In the latter part of September 1775 at age 17, John entered military service in the Virginia Militia as a common soldier under the command of Captain All who raised a company of volunteers in Augusta County, Virginia to repel the Indian attacks upon the western frontiers. Captain William All was the senior officer in command and Jacob Pence was Lieutenant and next in command. In this service, this Declarant was marched from Augusta to the South fork of the Potomac, and thence over to the waters of the Monongahela River upon a branch of which is called Hackers Creek, Captain All built a fort, in which this declarant was garrisoned until his discharge. The Declarant was three months in this service.

In May 1778 the declarant again volunteered and entered the service of the Virginia Militia under Captain Robert Cravens who raised a company to succor Tygart valley in which inroads had been made & massacres committed the preceding fall by the Indians. The company was marched by the route of the Calf Pasture & Bull Pasture Rivers to the head of Greenbrier River and thence on to the head waters of Tygart Valley River. After reaching the point of destination, the company was divided in to smaller companies and stationed where their protection was most needed. John was stationed at Fort Westfall ¼ mi S of present Beverly in Randolph County WV where he remained till the period of his enlistment, the term of three months, expired, and he was discharged. He returned home in the early part of August of that year.

On the first of Sept. 1778 John again enlisted under the same Captain Robert Cravens who was collecting a company of Virginia militia for the expedition under Gen. Lachlan McIntosh. In this expedition John was conducted across the country to what was then Fort Pitt, and thence down the Ohio river to the mouth of Big Beaver at present Beaver PA, where his company joined the forces under Gen. McIntosh who was engaged at the time in building Fort McIntosh. From Fort McIntosh he was marched across the country to the site of the old Indian Town on the Tuscarawas a branch of the Muskingum River. Here, Fort Laurens was built in which John was garrisoned until his time of discharge drawing near, he was reconducted at Fort McIntosh where he received his discharge in the early part of December of that year.

The last of September 1780 John entered the service of the Virginia Militia as a volunteer rifleman under Captain Robert Cravens of Augusta, and under his command proceeded to join the Southern army then commanded by General Nathanael Greene, who took command of the Southern Army early Dec 1780. His company came up with and joined the army of General Green at Hillsborough North Carolina, where he then lay encamped. He was thence marched to South Carolina and soon after arriving there, the army went into winter quarters upon the Cheraw Hills upon the Big Pee Dee River. From the Cheraw Hills, the army was conducted up the Yadkin River where the army of Lord Cornwallis was discovered upon the opposite or south side of that river engaged in endeavoring to force a passage at Trading Ford near Salisbury, 4-5 Feb 1781. From the Yadkin this declarants company was detailed to guard a body of prisoners captured by General Daniel Morgan, at Battle of Cowpens SC, on January 17th to Pittsylvania Court House Virginia. On reaching this place, John was discharged and returned home. He entered the service for three months but did not get his discharge until he had served five months. In all the tours herein before mentioned John served as a common soldier and in every instance entered the service as a volunteer in the militia. The whole length of his service under Captains All and Cravens, and under Generals McIntosh & Green was fourteen months.

The last of March 1783 John removed to the County of Kanawha, then Greenbrier County in company with Leonard Morris, John Morris, Michael See and others, who came out in advance of their families to raise a crop. In the fall of the same year, such as had families moved them out to Kanawha and the Indians having begun to show some hostility, the party for their security built Fort Morris on the south bank of Kanawha River opposite the mouth of Campbell's Creek. The ensuing spring, the Indians began to be troublesome, and John was appointed a spy by Captain William Morris of Fort Kelly at Kelly's Creek near present Cedar Grove, to watch and spy out their approaches. John continued to act as a spy, under the command of Captain William Morris, or to act as a soldier for the defense of the garrison at Fort Morris fort during the spring & summer months of '84, '85 & '86 and drew pay as such six months each of the aforesaid years.

In January 1835, John Young received a pension of \$46 per year for his service during the Revolutionary War.