

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John King R5936

Catharine King

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To the Honorable Secretary of War

The undersigned respectfully states that he is the identical John King to whom was granted the original Certificate of which the following is a copy viz.

*War Department*

*Invalid Pension*

*I certify that in conformity with the laws of the United States of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1807 John King late a private in the Army of the United States is inscribed on the pension list Rolls of the Pennsylvania agency at the rate of \$4 per month to commence on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1806, the payment to commence (at the rate of \$6.40 per month to which the allowance of this Pension was increased by the law of the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1816) from the time to which this pension or was last paid by the Agent in Philadelphia. Given at the War Office of the United States this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1820.*

*S/ J. C Calhoun*

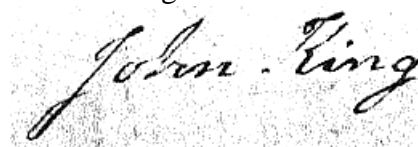
*Secretary of War*

That in this pension was granted him in consequence of a wound received in the left hip near the joint from a Musket ball, in the battle of Guilford Courthouse during the Revolutionary war the is on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781, that the disability is very much increased with age so that he can with difficulty walk, sit or ride on Horseback your petitioner therefore prays an increase of his pension, and for this purpose on the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst [Instant] procured Doctors Davis & Johnson to examine his wound, there certificate is here with enclosed and that he is now on the roll of the Kentucky agency and was paid up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March last.

Sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace for bracketed County July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1832 – and I certify that I have for a long time known the petitioner personally & that I believe him to be the person named in the above Pension Certificate.

S/ A. O. Powell, JP

S/ John King



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We Basil Duke and John Johnston practicing physicians in Washington, Mason County in

the State of Kentucky, do certify and state to the treasury Department of the United States that we have examined the case of John King of the County & State aforesaid, and are upon much examination, of opinion, that the wound ordered disability under which the said John King labors at present (which he states was received whilst in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war by the then Common enemy of this Country) is a persistent and lasting disability from which he never can recover being a shot from a musket in the left thigh near the hip.

Given under our hands the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1820  
S/ B. Duke, M. D.  
S/ John Johnston

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Johnston", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

[p 32: On July 11, 1820 in Bracken County Kentucky, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Kentucky agency describing himself as having served in the company of Captain Nathaniel Cunningham in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Coke.]

[p 8: On July 20, 1839 in Bracken County Kentucky, Catharine King, 79 as of November next, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John King who was a private in a company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Cunningham in the line of infantry and was wounded at the battle called Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina; that she married John King April 27, 1786 as appears in a leaf from an old family Bible; that such entry is in the hand writing of John King and reads as follows "John King & Catharine his wife was married April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1786."; That her husband died April 8, 1837 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: actual family register:

John King & Caty his wife was Married April 27, 1786  
Philip King son of John King & Caty his wife was born February 13, 1787  
John King's son of John King & Caty his wife was born August 15, 1790  
Elizabeth King Daughter of John King & Caty his wife was born March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1793  
Mary King daughter of John & Caty his wife was born June 5<sup>th</sup> 1796  
William King son of John & Caty his wife was born January 16, 1798  
Anne King daughter of John King & Catharine his wife was born August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1800  
Lucinda King daughter of John King & Catharine his wife was born January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1802]

[p 18: On January 2, 1839 in Bracken County Kentucky, Philip King, 51, gave testimony in support of his mother's claim for a pension; in his affidavit he verifies the family register.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip King", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

[p 37: On December 17, 1838 in Bracken County Kentucky, Lewis Craig gave testimony that he

is a resident of Mason County Kentucky about 60 years of age having been born in Orange County Virginia and removed to Kentucky with his father Lewis Craig in the fall of 1781 and resided in Fayette County for many years with his father; that in the year 1786 his sister Catharine married the Reverend John King; she was at that time the widow of Philemon Hawkins.

A black and white image of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Lewis Craig" and is written on a textured, possibly paper, background. The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

[Facts in file: The veteran moved to Bracken County Kentucky in 1820 and he died there. The veteran is referred to in documents in the file as the Reverend John King; he married April 27, 1786 Catharine or Caty Craig Hawkins, widow of Solomon Hawkins; she was the daughter of Lewis Craig who had moved to Kentucky in the fall of 1781 and resided in Fayette County Kentucky for many years; the veteran and his wife were married at the home of the bride in Fayette County Kentucky; in 1838, the widow's brother Lewis Craig resided in Mason County Kentucky; he stated his age as about 60 years of age having been born in Orange County Virginia and moved to Kentucky with his father, Lewis Craig; the brother is referred to as Major Lewis Craig. From correspondence in the file, it appears that the widow's application for a pension was rejected on the basis that she could not prove that her husband served at least the required six months minimum service in either the militia or the Continental line.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned by the federal government at the rate of \$4 per month commencing October 8, 1806 as an invalid with a 50% disability.]