

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John King R5957

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North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Term 1834

Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid, on the 5th day of December A.D. 1834 John King aged Sixty Eight, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following affidavit in order to obtain the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he volunteered in Camden, South Carolina in the [year] 1778 -- under Colonel Kershaw [Joseph Kershaw] -- who then commanded a Regiment, from Camden, I went from Camden to Salisbury North Carolina with twelve British officers as prisoners, I then [was] driving the Baggage Wagon, on this service I was twenty-one days -- I returned to Camden and then went to North Carolina again with my wagon after ten British prisoners on this service I was fifteen days -- bring said prisoners to my father's near Camden, and attended on them by order of Colonel Kershaw for sixty days -- Then I attended as assistant to the Commissary in procuring provisions for Captain Donaldson's [John Donelson's] Company [South Carolina 3rd Continental Regiment] for twenty-five days -- this was in 1778. I then went to aid in procuring Cattle for the American Army then in Charleston by order of Colonel Kershaw, and in this service had my arm broken -- and was absent about thirty days -- this was in 1778 -- In 1779 soon after Christmas went after another drove of Cattle and drove them again to Charleston -- and was absent for 30 days -- I was with Colonel Kershaw and three hundred Militia -- In the winter of 1779 went with another drove of Cattle for the support of the Army in Charleston, and had my arm again broken by [2 indecipherable words] of a horse, I then returned home and while my arm was in the sling with the splinters still around, Camden Court House and Fort was set a fire, this service was Forty days -- I went with an express while my arm was still in the sling and intelligence to Governor Rutledge of South Carolina from Camden to Charleston by the request of Colonel Kershaw and was absent 9 days -- By this accident I was unable to do service active for twelve months -- By order of the Governor Captain John Chestnut's Company was ordered to guard the magazine & jail at Camden -- Chestnut was in Charleston and one third of his Company remained -- Being unable from my arm to do active service I was ordered to furnish the guard at Camden with provisions, this I did for I think fifteen months say from February 1779 to the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] -- but in the intermediate time by order of Colonel Kershaw went to Mecklenburg in North Carolina with eighteen wagons under Captain Ross [George Ross] with the Military stores from Camden -- then after the fall of Charleston I went with Colonel Blufort [sic, Abraham Buford] to the edge of North Carolina with my wagon & horse to those military stores and was in Blufort's defeat in [Waxhaw's, May

29, 1780]¹ near the Waxhaw settlement -- there lost my wagon and horse -- I was then sent by order of the Surgeon Dr. Thomas Charlton to Camden for instruments to attend the wounded lying at Waxhaw Meeting House -- this service was of forty-five days duration any immediately after fall of Charleston -- then went to Charleston with Flag of truce to the exchange Colonel Harrison of the British Army for Captain Kershaw [Eli Kershaw] who was son of Colonel Kershaw & afterwards a Colonel -- and was gone for forty days, and then went by order of Colonel Kershaw to General Henderson & from him to General Huger on express who then with his troops at since the & back to Colonel Kershaw, I was gone ten days. By order of Captain Starke the Laurences Ferry [sic, Laurens' Ferry?] on the Santee -- I was under Captain Watts [Thomas Watts] to guard military Stores at the Ferry John [indecipherable name] Commissary this was in 1783 I think -- this last service was seventy days -- I remained with the Army until peace -- I got a discharge from Captain Watts but is lost.

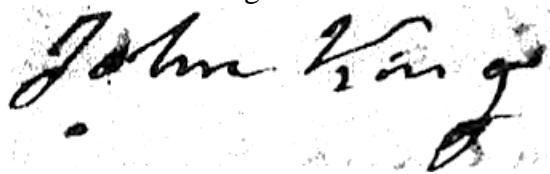
1. Was born in Craven District, now Kershaw near Camden South Carolina in the year 1765 --
2. I got a discharge from Captain Watts, but lost it --
3. Colonel Kershaw, General Richardson, Captain Ross, Captain Watts, General Huger, General Henderson
4. My age was set down in the Church of England -- Prayer book, which has [been] lost --
5. When I volunteered I was living in Craven District South Carolina -- after the war I lived in the same district until 19 years ago when I moved to Cumberland County North Carolina where I now live.
6. I volunteered
7. Stephen Centre, Esq. John McLean, Esquire, High Sheriff of Cumberland County -- John M. Dobbin Esquire, General H W Ayer

I have no documentary evidence to prove my Service I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ Archd McLean, Jr. Clk

S/John King

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John King". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

[Stephen Senter, a minister of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John McLean, Sheriff of Cumberland County gave a standard supporting affidavit as to the credibility of the veteran.]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html