

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George King R5960

Mary King

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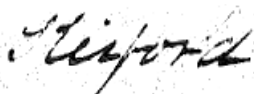
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The State of Indiana Decatur County: SS

On this day to wit 24<sup>th</sup> of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the undersigned Judges of the Decatur Circuit Court in and for the County of Decatur aforesaid, and State of Indiana aforesaid, George King of the said County of Decatur, and State of Indiana, aged eighty-two years, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May next, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born on the said 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1751 in Berkley [Berkeley] County State of Virginia. That the record of his age was consumed by fire in 1781 – That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the \_\_\_ day of March in the year 1779 in the County of Berkeley and State of Virginia aforesaid under Captain William Kirford [?]<sup>1</sup> – a Recruiting officer at that time stationed at the place last aforesaid, That he marched from thence through Maryland and Pennsylvania and into the New England states at White Plains from which place he thinks the main Army under the command of General Washington had not yet retreated [?]. That he was there placed under the command of Captain Washington which company he thinks was attached to a squadron of Cavalry under the command of Major Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], who distinguished himself afterwards by surprising in English Garrison at Paulus Hook [August 19, 1779], That he recollects and had some knowledge of Major Rudolph [probably a reference to Michael Rudolph] a very distinguished officer, That he was for some time by the special order of General Washington taken from the ranks and transferred to the forage Department and served in this capacity and in the ranks as necessity required, but for which service he received no extra pay. And was subject to the order of his Captain as any other enlisted soldier – he does not recollect how long he served in this capacity – And left the service early in the spring of 1781, having served out his time of enlistment, to wit, the term of time of two years. That he has no documentary or other evidence of his service with the exception of his neighbor John Sanders of this County who he thinks has some knowledge of the time he enlisted and the time he returned home (which is enclosed and attached to this his Declaration). That afterwards on the \_\_\_ day of April in the year 1781, in the County of Berkeley and State of Virginia aforesaid he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in



a company commanded by Captain McIntyre, in the capacity of an orderly Sergeant – which said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dark [William Darke] of the Virginia Militia. That he did not enter the service as a substitute. That his service was confined to his own state (Virginia). That he was acquainted with a meritorious officer Colonel Merryweather [presumably Thomas Meriwether] as he thinks of Virginia. That he remained in the service until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis which occurred (as he thinks) on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781, which event closed the war. That he received a discharge from Colonel Thompson; which was burned in his house at the same time of the record of his age in the latter part of the year 1781. That he has no documentary or other evidence of service. That James T Brown and Samuel Bryan who are his immediate neighbors know him and can testify to his character for truth and veracity. That 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 this day and year aforesaid. Sworn to in open Court October 24, 1832  
S/ George King, X his mark

S/ Henry H Talbott, Clerk

[James T Brown and Samuel Bryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 62: Affidavit dated October 22, 1832 given by John Sanders (who signed using his mark) in which he testifies he does not remember the year that John King [sic] entered the service in the Army of the United States in Berkeley County Virginia; but that he served in the Army until the next Christmas one year thereafter and then afterwards in the militia until Cornwallis surrendered.]

[p 14: On May 14, 1839 in Decatur County Indiana, Mary King, made oath that she is the widow of George King, a revolutionary war pensioner for his service in Colonel Lee's Corps of Light Dragoons; that her husband resided in the cane County Indiana for the space of 23 years before his death; that prior to his moving to Indiana he resided in the state of Kentucky for the space of 16 years; that he came from Virginia; that she was married to him in the State of Virginia in Bartley [Berkeley] County; that she has no record of her marriage the same having been entered in a family Bible which was consumed by fire in the state of Virginia in the year 1792. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 16: On May 14, 1839 in Decatur County Indiana, Mary King, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of George King, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 15, 1775; that her husband died February 7, 1838; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

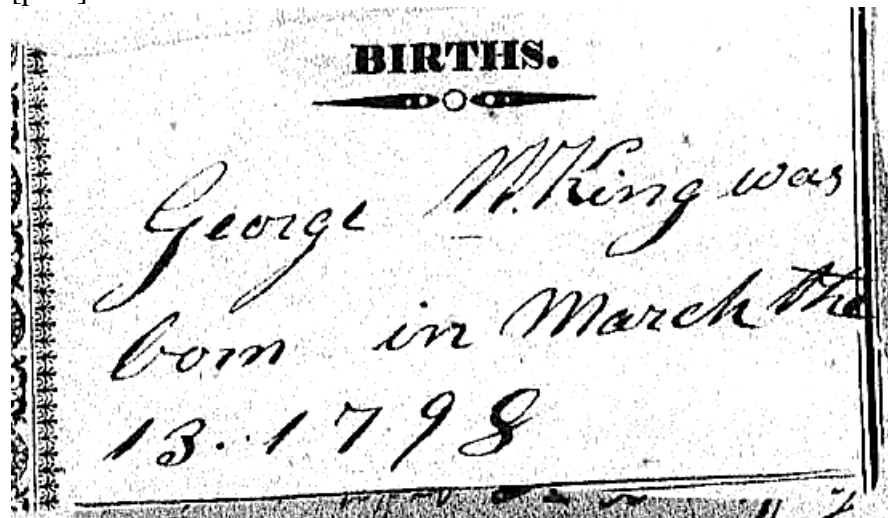
[p 17: On May 14, 1839 in Decatur County Indiana, George W King, John King, and Daniel Stogdell, a minister of the gospel, gave testimony in support of the application of the widow for her pension.]

[p 19: On April 13, 1851 in Decatur County Indiana, George W King, gave testimony that he is the son of Mary and George King deceased; that his father was a pensioner under the 1832 pension act; that his parents were married about the year 1775 and had 11 children namely James, William, Edward, John, George W (the declarant), and Jeremiah King also Phebe Dunlap,

Elizabeth Kennedy, Easter Slome, Rebecca King, Sarah Rector all of whom are living excepting his sisters Phebe & Rebecca & his brothers James & William and that he does not know whether his sister Easter and brother Edward are still living; that his brother James was his parents oldest child and was born in the year of independence, 1776 and was married in the year 1796 in a County the name of which has been obliterated and rendered illegible; that James married \_\_\_ Bruce and his oldest son is John B King a distinguished gentleman of St. Louis Missouri; ; that the declarant's brother William was his parents 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest child born about the year 1778 or 1779 and married in Pulaski County Kentucky; that the declarant's brother Edward was his parents 3<sup>rd</sup> child and was born in the year 1781 and was married in Garrard County Kentucky about the year 1804 or 1805; that he, the declarant, was born on March 12, 1798 which record declarant took more than 32 years ago from an old record made by his brother William.

*George M. King*

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[[Facts in file: Mary King, widow of George King, died January 17, 1842 at age 90.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.