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Pension Application of Philip King R5961

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State of Tennessee

Warren County

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833 personally appeared before us A Evans and Asa Faulkner two acting justices of the peace for said county, Philip King a resident of said county and state aged about seventy two years who being first duely sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he is too much afflicted to get to court to file his declaration. He entered the service of the United States on the [blank] day of [blank] for three months as a substitute in the place of John Brown in Col. Gaskin's [sic: Thomas Gaskins's] Regiment Conaway [sic: Henry Conway] Majr, the Capt. not recollected. We organised in Richmond Virginia and marched to Hillsborough North Carolina from thence Maj'r Conaway marched us to Browns ferry on Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River] in South Carolina we then were sent to the Cheraw Hills a distance of sixty or seventy miles as a foraging party to collect Beeves for General Gates' army under the command of Major Conaway which buisness we were engaged in when Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. we were then told by Major Conaway to shift for ourselves which we did and this declarant made his way to Richmond Virginia together with many other of the malitia of the state. In 1780 this declarant again entered the service of the united states as a substitute for Col. Robert Lewises son or overseer [Robert Lewis, County Lieutenant of Goochland Militia] Col. Lewis employed this declarant he entered the service in Goochland where we remained a fiew days then march to Albemarle Court House where the new Recruits among whom was declarant, were attached to the fourteenth regiment of the Virginia troops in Capt [William Lewis] Lovely's Company Lieutenant Bedinger. ensign John Jordan in Col. [Thomas] Posey Regiment Polston [sic: John Poulson] was our Major. we were there placed under General Stuband [sic: Baron von Steuben] to be discipline. About this time Cornwallis marched his army to Charlottesville [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, 4 Jun 1781] and Gen'l. Stuband became alarmed and retreated towards North Carolina [from Point of Fork, 6 Jun] declarant was at that time very unwell and could not keep up with his comrades and was left taken prisoner by the British who caried him to Pointy fork on James River in Fluvannah County Virginia [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence with Rivanna River in Fluvanna County] where he made his escape in this way The British had just received some intelgence of the movements of the americans troops under Gen. Lafayette which threw them in some confusion amidst the bustle declarant made his escape and went to his Fathers in Louisa County Virginia in a fiew days declarant heard of Col Posey's Regiment and set out immediately join them, which he did at Bottomses bridge below Richmond near James River from thence we marched to westopher [sic: Westover across James River from Richmond] and thence to Jamestown in six miles of which place we joined Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne who took the command of Col. Posey's Regiment whom continued to command us untill the news of peace reached our land. This declarant continued through the siege at Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] where he was engaged almost every day in skirmishing with the enemy till at length it became necessary to take two redoughts [Redoubts 9 and 10] of the enimy the French troops were ordered to take one and the Americans under Col. [Alexander] Hamilton as he believes the other. This declarant belong to the American detachment the flints were taken out of our guns and we took the redout at the point of the Bayonet. After the Surrender of Cornwallis we were marched up to Cumberland Court house where we spent the winter. In the spring of 1782 we set out for Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army in South Carolina under Gen'l. Wayne we marched through Virginia and North Carolina to a town called Charlotteton [sic: Charlotte NC] where Wayne received orders to march to Georgia against the Creek

Indians We marched to a town called Ebenezer on Savannah River from thence to the widow Gibbonses Mills a short distance from said town [about 15 mi S] where the Indians attacked [24 May 1782] us and we defeated them killed some but could not ascertain how many after which we marched back to Ashly Hills 6 or 7 miles from Charleston South Carolina [on Ashley River near old Dorchester] where we were stationed when the news of peace arrived, where we were then dismissed. The first tour declarant served three months the last sixteen or seventeen months This applicant did not enter the service any more he would here remark that he held the Commission of corporal [sic: Corporal, a noncommissioned rank] in Capt. Lovely's Company dureing his service in said Company. He hereby relinquishes every Claim what ever to a pension or annuity except except the preasant and declares his name is not on the pention Roll of the agency of any State

He never received any writton discharge, he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person by whome he can prove the same this side of Virginia and perhaps if he were there those with whome he served are dead he again states he is not able to get to Court haveing been for some years much afflicted  
[signed] Philip King

Answer to the interrogatories directed to be put by the court a Justice says he was born in 1760 May 22<sup>nd</sup>. he has a record of his age in the old Family Bible was born in Louisa County Virginia lived there untill about 1774 when he was bound out to the hattering in Westham Virginia [7 mi NW of old Richmond] lived there four or five years and entered the army as above stated after the war closed he returned to Westham an lived there and at Richmond about two years he then moved to Cumberland County then to Louisa where he remained six years then in Sullivan County east Tennessee lived there 8 or 10 years then moved to Hawkins County 8 or 10 years there. then to Warren County Tenn'e. where he now lives an has lived for 9 or 10 years. Substitute both campaigns and served with General Washington and knew him. also Gen'l Lafayette [sic: Lafayette] Gen'l. Wayne also Gena'l Gates Gen'l Green, in Col. Posey's Regement he knew the following. Capt [Alexander] Parker Capt Cluff shelton [sic: Clough Shelton] Capt Martin Capt [Abraham] Kirkpatrick also his own Capt Lovely Capt. Hughs he never received any written discharge. he is aquainted in the neighbourhood where he lives with Martin Gross John Blanks John Davis and John Gibbs  
[signed] Philip King

#### NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Philip King, age 22, height 5' 9½", brown hair, blue eyes, dark complexion, hatter, residing in Henrico County, born in Louisa County, enlisted as a substitute in Goochland County on 20 Mar 1781, sized 10 Jan 1782.

On 23 Sep 1841 John Blanks, 67, and Henry Blanks, 29, former neighbors of Philip King, stated that he died on 14 Aug 1836, and that his wife, Nancy King, died on 22 Oct 1840. They listed their children as follows: William King, Nancy Lester, Drury King, Catharine Burum, Wilson C. N. King, Thomas Jefferson King, and Lucy Bonner. On 14 Dec 1840 a Mary King declared in Campbell County VA that Philip and Nancy King had been lawfully married in Virginia.