

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Parks King R5963  
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The State of Alabama, Fayette County

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1834 Before me Joel Baker an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Parks King a resident of said County aged eighty-one years 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 entered the service of the United States as a substitute some time about the first of February 1779 for Thomas Pascal who was drafted in Warren County North Carolina under the command of Captain Rountree [Obadiah Roundtree] who was commanded by Colonel Eaton [Thomas Eaton] and marched from Warren County to Kingston [sic, Kinston] thence to Cross Creek thence to Cheraw Hills thence to Camden thence to Friday's Ferry on the Congaree River thence across the River and was there discharged some time in April 1779 by Colonel \_\_\_ making a service of about 2 ½ months. Again I entered the service of the United States as a substitute, some time in May 1780 four Wyatt Hawkins who volunteered, under the command of Captain John Vose who was commanded by Major Nichols and Colonel Achsom [sic, probably Col. Benjamin Exum or Axum] and marched from Warren County to near Halifax in North Carolina, and joined head quarters and from thence to near Camden where I was taken sick and was unable to attend with the Army at the time of Gates' defeat [August 15-16, 1780],<sup>1</sup> the company to which I belonged were all scattered some went home. I remained and after I was well above I started and joined a company near Drowning Creek the name of the Captain I cannot recollect but the Regiment was commanded by Colonels Sewal [probably Col. Benjamin Sewell or Seawell] and Bickly and remained with a short time and was again taken sick the Regiment then marched to Ramsey's Mills and left me sick where I remained until I was well enough to return home which was some time in September 1780 making a service of nearly 4 months and for such services I claim a pension I had a discharge for my first tour of duty but it has been lost in the lapse of time. I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service, and there is no clergyman in my neighborhood to certify to my declaration therefore I refer to the annexed certificate of Hance McCain and Laban Sheppard. 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 the agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Joel Baker, JP

S/ Parks King, X his mark

A 1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Brunswick County Virginia in 1753.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> I have no record of my age only from recollection of my father's family record.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> I was living in Orange County each time I went into service. Since the Revolutionary war I have lived in Georgia and now in Alabama.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

A 4. Each time I substituted.

A 5. General Ash [sic, John Ashe?], Colonel Eaton, Major Nichols, Col. Exum, Genl. Caswell [Richard Caswell].

A. 6. I received a discharge for my first tour of duty which is lost, the other tour I received no discharges for being sick at the time of the defeat and then taken sick shortly after I joined again.

[Hance McCain and Laban Sheppard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]