

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert King R5966

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State South Carolina Greenville District: June 19th day A.D. 1846

Personally appeared before me Thomas Watson Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District and State aforesaid the said Court being a Court of record, Robert King a resident of South Carolina Greenville District aged 88 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that he enlisted as a militia [man] in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 or 9 (but he is not able to give the positive time for he has not any Education and the lapse of time has deprived him of his recollection) with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and served in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina militia as a private under the following named officers.

He served two years under General Greene at one time and Major Baley [Bailey?] and Captain F. Lawson and served something over twelve months or more under Major Butler he marched to Camden [probably a reference to the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] ¹and was at the battle at that place he further states that he went 4 or 5 months at another time under Butler and then taken to guard some prisoners one month under Captain Lee afterward marched to Pittsboro Major Butler was the commanding officer but he states that he has forgotten the Captain's name he states he then returned and joined General Greene at the Hewtawes Springs [sic, Eutaw Springs] and was in the Battle at that place [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] ² and afterwards marched to Little York and got his discharge from General Greene he further states that he lived in Caswell County North Carolina and that the reason that he has not applied for a pension before now is that he lost his discharge by his mother's house burning some three years after he got it and he moved to South Carolina and did not know how to proceed as he had no Education and was not able to go back to North Carolina to prove his claim.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, Except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State or only on that of the Agency of the state of ___

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above Before
S/ Jno. Watson, Judge of the Court of Ordinary

S/ Robert King, X his mark

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html I base this assumption on the fact that the veteran states he was under General Nathanael Greene who was the commanding officer at the engagement near Camden South Carolina known as the battle of Hobkirk Hill.

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

the lapse of memory, nor does he remember the name of the company in which he served. But he states he is satisfied that he served under the above stated officers and at the following named places, he states that he went into the service in Caswell County North Carolina and marched from thence to Hillsborough from thence to Pittsboro from thence to Orange County Lindley's Mills, and was in the Battle at that place [September 13, 1781],⁴ that he marched from thence to Camden and was in the battle at that place he states that he was in the service this Tour about two years, he states that in the next Tour he marched to the Eutaw Springs and was in the Battle at that place from thence he marched to Lytle York, and that he was in the service this time one year, or upwards. He further states that he served a tour of four months at the barracks in Caswell County North Carolina, from thence he states that he was sent to Halifax Virginia to guard some provisions, and was in this service this time a little over four months -- then he states that he marched to Lexington and remained three months, from thence he states that he marched to Orange County Mendenall's Mills [Mendenhall's Mills?] to guard some provisions at that place and was there three months and was discharged by General Greene.

He further states that the reason he has not made application before his death when he resided with his mother in Caswell County his discharge was burned in the house of his mother which was consumed by fire -- and that he afterwards removed to this district and has not been able to return to Caswell County to Identify himself. That he has made application to 2 or 3 persons to undertake to obtain his pension, who refused, and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or Annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Roll of the Agency in any State -- only the Agency of the State of North Carolina. He further states that from the lapse of time and the infirmities of age and loss of memory that he is not able to say the precise length of time which he served. But he is satisfied that he did not serve less than 4 years. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

Before me

S/ Robt. M. Kay, CCp & Mag. Ex. off.

S/ Robert King, X his mark

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html