

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William King S21335

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: August Session 1834

On this 20th day of August 1834 before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions in and for the County & State aforesaid appeared William King a resident of said County aged Eighty-two years past according to the family record of his age which is now in his possession and being desirous of availing himself of the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 made & subscribed on oath the following declaration, to wit, that he was born in Chester County State of Pennsylvania on the 1st August 1752 according to the aforesaid record of ages that he entered the service of the country at the times and periods & under the officers herein after mentioned to wit that in the year 1774 in the month of October he removed from Lancaster County Pennsylvania (to which County he had removed) to the Western part of the state of North Carolina, now Tennessee in the year 1774, and settled in the borders of the Cherokee Nation of Indians and upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, the said Indians leagued themselves with the British & killed, plundered & deprecated upon the frontier inhabitants, to resist which, frequent calls were made for the militia to go out against the said Indians, the first general call in which declarant was engaged was in the year 1776 on the expedition against the Cherokees at Long Island, when he volunteered as a militia man in the last of the month of June or first of July under Captain James Shelby and rendezvoused at the mouth of Watauga [River], and marched to Eateres [?] Fort, & thence to the long Island [of the Holston River] where under Colonel Christie [sic, Colonel William Christian] was fought the remarkable battle of the Long Island, after which he was returned to the Fort at Abingdon & continued until the month of November when he was discharged verbally and returned home as aforesaid in the first part of November being in service from the first of July until the first of November, that in the same year he was employed by General Russell who had at that time the command of the Militia, with others to go out as a spy & performed the service as a spy in the pursuit of a body of Cherokee Indians, who had come in & killed some of the inhabitants in the vicinity of Black's Fort, which service he performed but the length of time he cannot now positively state, nor has he any circumstance to bring it to his recollection, That after in [sic, being?] out in short & irregular tours of which he can give no specific detail, he again volunteered on the 10th (if his memory does not fail him) of October 1781, to go on an expedition against the Cherokees, the time is brought to his recollection from the Kings Mountain battle,¹ which occurred when he was

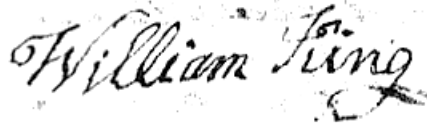
¹ The Battle of Kings Mountain was fought October 8, 1780.

on to Pittsylvania to remove his father to the Western settlements, and some 3 or 4 days after which he volunteered under Captain Andrew Cowan to go on an expedition to the Cherokee Nation under Colonel Taylor, and rendezvoused on big Creek Hawkins County and marched to the heart of the Nation and burned several towns killed several Indians and drove them back to the Coosa [River], and after quieting the Indians returned home and received from his said Captain a verbal discharge, being on said expedition from the 10th of October until the middle of January being four months and some days that he has before stated served at other & different times most of the war but was not regularly officered & called except the three tours before named which was at least nine months close & active service, and for which he claims a pension. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state: that he has no documentary or other evidence of his said services, though diligent search has been made except that hereto annexed of Colonel William Snodgrass & Captain S Hensley who are known to him & he to them, & on knowing to his being in the Country during the troubles & heard of his servitude; that there is no minister of the gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the War Department.

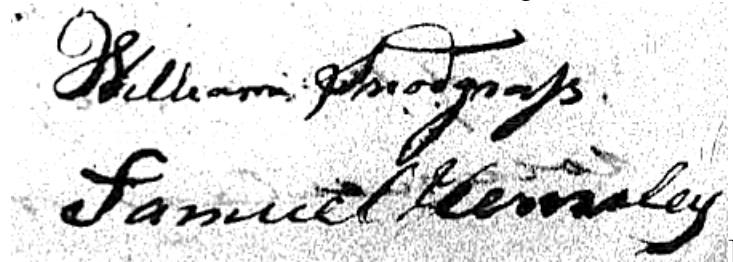
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 20th of August 1834

S/ G. W. Netherland, Clk

S/ William King



[William Snodgrass² & Samuel Hensley³ gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, "Samuel Hensley further states that he knew William King the declarant during the Revolutionary War resided within 17 miles of him & though not out in either of the tours in which he served, yet he heard at the time of said King being out in service on several campaigns & knows him to be the same man having resided in his vicinity ever since the war."



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² [William Snodgrass X927](#)

³ [Samuel Hensley S21278](#)