

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John King S2701

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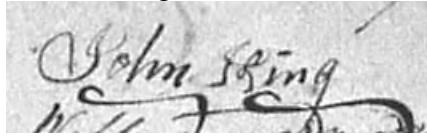
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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: August Sessions 1832

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for said County now sitting John King a resident citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-four years who being first duly 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the following named officers & served as herein stated, to wit: that in December 1778 in Lancaster County Pennsylvania he volunteered for a six weeks tour under Captain Robert Elder of Genl. Potts division of Pennsylvania militia and marched to repel the British in New Jersey and had on their way met the Hessians which had been taken at Trenton and continued his service in that quarter till discharged, by said Captain Elder at Middlesex New Jersey which discharge is herewith exhibited. That in October 1779 he was called out for a two months tour under Captain Whitley of the Pennsylvania militia, of Col. Boyd's command, and marched to White Marsh where Genl. Washington was stationed with his command, and remained in that vicinity until he was discharged, which discharge was given him by Lieutenant Levan [?] his Captain Whitley having been killed at Chestnut Hill [perhaps a reference to the Battle of Chestnut Neck, October 6, 1778] which was the only conspicuous battle he was in that tour which discharge he also produces annexed. That he in the August of the next year volunteered under Captain Moore to go with General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] against the Shawnee Indians who had driven the inhabitants from the Susquehanna River and marched under said Wayne to a town called Charming [?] and continued in service for three months under the command aforesaid against the British & Shawnee but was not favored with a written discharge, but was verbally discharged when his term expired. That in the year 1779, he again volunteered to go under Captain Snider to go to Philadelphia to repel the British from that City and was out about two months, but the British having retreated therefrom there was no active service performed during that time nor had he any discharge for this service that time except by parole that he was frequently (owing to his being so near the seat of war) called out for short periods of some times days & again weeks that he cannot now enumerate them at this service [?] but was near two years off and on in the service before the year 1780 at which time he removed to the territory now Tennessee (then North Carolina) and in the fall of 1780 he volunteered to go against the Cherokee Indians marched to Chota at repel them and took some prisoners, that service was performed under Captain Andrew Cowan, and the service was continued about two months, that he has no documentary evidence to produce save the annexed nor is there any person whose testimony he can obtain by whom he can establish his said services except that annexed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first written.

S/ John King

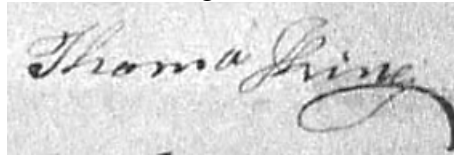
A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John King". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[William Rutledge and William Snodgrass gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Thomas King¹ do swear that I saw John King on returning from the campaign going on this 1st stated by him to have been performed in Pennsylvania. I also knew of his performing the last 2 months in 1780 against the Cherokees, as I was in the same service, & personally know the facts stated by him to be true.

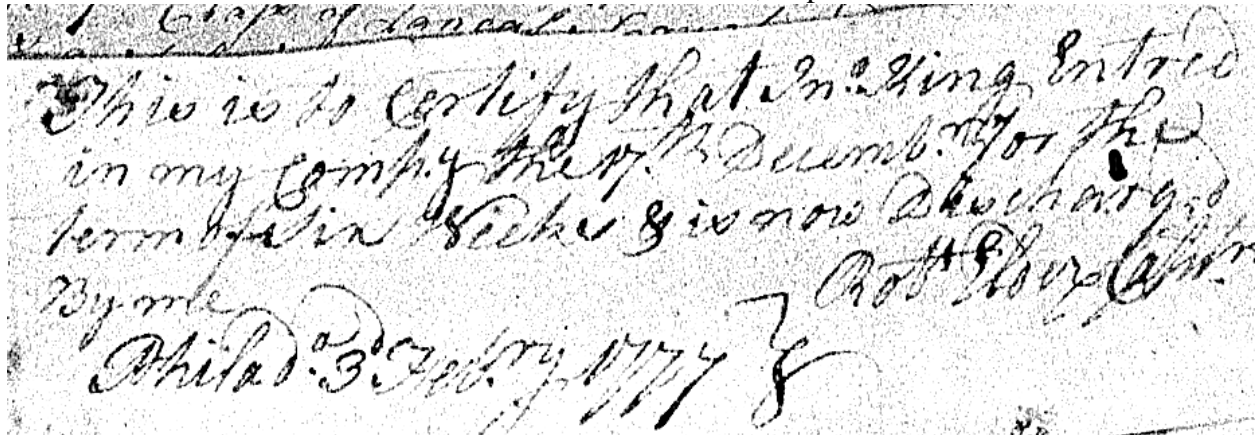
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"This is to Certify that Jno. King Entred in my Compy third December for the term of six Weeks & is now Discharged By me.

S/ Robt. Elder, Captn.

A photograph of a handwritten document on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "This is to certify that Jno. King Entred in my Compy the 3rd Decemb. for the term of six Weeks & is now Discharged By me. Robt Elder Captn." The signature "Robt Elder" is written in a larger, more decorative cursive at the bottom right.

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Philada. 3^d Feby 1777"

"This is to Certify that John King has served his Lawful Tower of Duty of two months in the 7th Class of Lancaster Compy Dutyfully as a Soldier in Capt. Mich'l Whitley's Compy Under the Command of Col. John Boyd. White Marsh January the 2nd 1778.

S/ Wm Swam, Lieut."

¹ [Thomas King S45883](#)

to certify that John King has served
his Lawfull Term of Duty of two months in
the 4th Co. of Lancaster County, Dutifully
as a Soldier in Cap Michl. Whittier's Company
Under the Command of Col. John Boyd
Capt. White Marsh Jan'y the 2nd 1748

Wm. Swain Secy

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the Pennsylvania and North Carolina militias.]