

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George King S31189

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Kentucky Cumberland County to wit

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County George King a resident Citizen of the County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky, aged eighty-three 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

That he entered the service as a drafted Militia in the year 1781 in the County of Amelia State of Virginia under Captain Falks [probably Gabriel Fowlkes] & Major Tho. Williams<sup>1</sup> and continued to serve that tour three months –

That he was drafted a second time from Lunenburg County Virginia in year 1781 and served under Captain Dowson [sic, Dawson?] and commanded by Colonel Cock & continued to serve six months & the militia from Lunenburg were discharged at the Deep River about 30 miles from Hillsboro North Carolina.

That he was drafted a third time from Lunenburg County Virginia in the year of 1781 in the fall of that year and served under Captain Knight & from Lunenburg we marched down to Gloster [Gloucester] below York and was at the taking of Cornwallis in October of the year 1781 [October 19, 1781] – that he served 7 weeks during this tour & was discharged at Gloster immediately after the taking of Cornwallis.

That the full length of his whole service was at least seven months, if not more, for which he claims a pension – that he has no discharges for his several tours if ever he received any, he has lost or mislaid them – and he knows of but one person living in his County who can testify as to his service and that person is Mrs. Fanny McCulloch. That he is personally acquainted with Reuben Alexander, Ingram Alexander, Thomas Alexander, Peter Gearhart & many others who live in his neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

1. That he was born in Virginia on the Chesapeake Northumberland County in the year 1750 he has no record of his age having only a traditionary account of it.
2. That he was living in Amelia County Virginia when called into service his first tour & in Lunenburg County Virginia his two last tours – that he removed from Lunenburg to Henry County Virginia in the year 1798 or 1799 lived in Henry County near twenty years from thence to Cumberland County Kentucky in 1819 where he now lives & has lived ever since he removed

from Henry. That he was in service with General Lawson [Robert Lawson] at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and under Lafayette at the taking of Cornwallis – the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> interrogatories having been previously answered –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

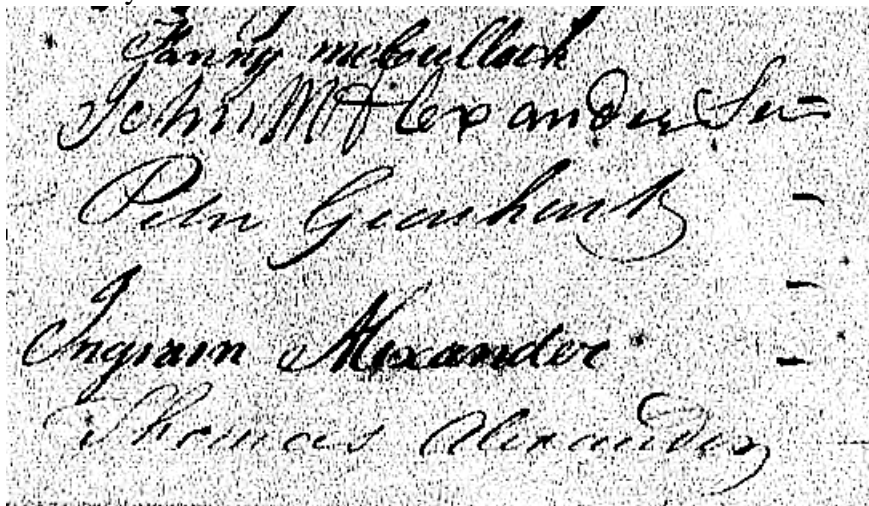
S/ George King, X his mark

Att:

S/ Reuben Alexander, JP

Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said County, personally appeared Fanny McCulloch a resident of this County who made oath that she of her own knowledge knows that the aforesaid George King did start from home the several tours by him declared and that he returned as he has stated, & verily believes he rendered the service as by him mentioned – that she is 63 years of age. And I further certify that from old age and bodily infirmity the said George King cannot Conveniently attend court, living at least twenty miles from the Courthouse of my County and that John M Alexander & Thomas Alexander, Ingram Alexander & Peter Gearhart came before me and made oath that they are well acquainted with the said George King who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration; that they believe him to be 83 years old, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that they concur in that opinion. And I further certify that the said George King, Fanny McCulloch, Ingram Alexander and Peter Gearhart or persons of credibility and that their statements are entitled to full credit. Given under our hands this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1833

A photograph of a document showing five handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The signatures are arranged vertically from top to bottom: Fanny McCulloch, John M Alexander, Peter Gearhart, Ingram Alexander, and Thomas Alexander. Each signature is followed by a horizontal line, likely indicating a space for a name or title.

[certified by Milton King, clerk of the County Court]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

<sup>i</sup> this **MAY** be a mistaken attempt to identify Thomas Branch Willson who was a field grade officer in the Amelia militia