

provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed viz. One Sorrel mare worth forty dollars One Cow & Calf worth nine Dollars two broken pots worth two Dollars half a dozen plates and one dish worth one Dollar and fifty Cents One warter pail and Tub worth one Dollar And two sows & pigs worth twelve Dollars. The depreciation of declarents property is as follows his land was sold for debt contracted before the year 1818 which debt he made every effort in his power to pay without disposing of his little farm wh[ich] poor as it was served as a shelter for himself and family and comprised all his worldly wealth except as named above, but after many fruitless attempts he was compelld to part with his land at three hundred & [blank] Dollars which went to the discharge of the before named debt, that he is now verry old and infirm and to add to his misfortunes he is verry badly ruptured, he has a wife and one daughter and son of his own, named Amelia about sixteen years old and Joshua about three months of age, he also has three step children Jackson about nine or ten years old Jesse about six or seven and Ruben about 4 or 5 years old his vocation is that of a farmer but from old age and extream sickness in his family and his own infirmity is no longer able to support himself and helpless family without the bounty of his Country

James hisXmark King

State of South Carolina }
 Edgefield District } On the fifth day of October 1824 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court record in and for the District aforesaid James King late a pensioner under the act of Congress of the eighteenth of March 1818 who doth declare on his oath that he owned and was in possession of a tract of land of two hundred acres, but that from old age and extream bodily infirmity was unable to Cultivate his land so as to support himself and helpless family and in 1822 he Mortgaged his land for the payment of debts he had contracted for provisions &c and in eighteen hundred and twenty three, the land was sold by a foreclosure of said Mortgage for three hundred and ten dollars which went to the payment of the debt & costs with the execution of a small balance that he purchased provisions to support himself and family he further declares the reason he did not render a schedule of his property prior to the passage of the Act of the first of March 1823 was that he still hoped to be able to support himself and family without becoming burdensome to his Country.

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South Carolina }
 District of Edgefield } Schedule on this eighth day of March 1825 Personally appeared in open Court being the circuit Court of Common pleas for said State and district and a regular Court of record. James King aged sixty four years resident in the aforesaid District, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted for eighteen months on the [blank] day of September 1779 [sic] in the Company commanded by Leut. or Captain Seldon, in the regiment Commanded by Col. Haws on Continental Establishment. That he was in the battle at Gilford Court house, at the Siege at ninety six and the battle at the Eutaws in South Carolina. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

To Wit. That he has not at this time any property whatever of any discription. Am't. of Property which he

has had in possession since 1818. To two Hundred acres more or less of land. Sold to Jeff. Sharpton for three hundred and eleven 50/100 Dollars. Sold the 24th January 1823. Also two mares. One sold to ___ for fifty five Dollars in the year 1823. The other to Elisha Rumley for seventy five dollars in January past. Also a small stock of hogs which was used for his own support. Also Two Cows, one of which was sold, as beef amounting to eight dollars. That is a farmer by profession but owing to a rupture that he is unable to maintain himself, that he has had a woman Living with him by which he had one child but they have seperated. he has one other & son with whom he lives and that they are in verry indigent circumstances. And that he has no other dependences for a support, but the liberality of his Country.

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The State of South Carolina }
Edgefield District }

On this [blank] day of June 1838, Personally appeared in open Court, before the court of Equity, now sitting, James King, a resident of the District aforesaid aged seventy seven or seventy

eight years. Who after 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 7th 1832. The applicant states, that he was borned in Caroline County in the state of Virginia in the year 1760 or 61. That he has no record of his age. that he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers; and seved as herin stated. That he enlisted in the latter part of the year 1780, under Capt. Robert Ware of said county. [See endnote.] That he was marched from said county to Fredericksburg in Virginia, and attached to a company commanded by Captain — Seldon of the continental army and that he enlisted for eighteen months. That said company was marched from there to Chesterfield, and there attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Green or Haws. That he was marched from there to Cheraw Hills in South Carolina, that the regiment to which he was attached there joined Gen'l. Greens Army. That he continued with said command, until his term of service expired That he was at the Siege of Cambridge in South Carolina [Ninety Six]. That Cap. Seldon was there wounded. That after the retreat of the army from Cambridge, that the company was commanded by Capt. — Connor [see endnote], that he was engaged in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs. That Capt. Connor was there killed, that he was also at the battle of Biggins Church. That after his term of service expired he marched to Salisberry in North Carolina, and was there discharged. That he received a written discharge but has lost the same

The applicant further swears that he made application, under the act of the 18th March 1818 for a pension from the General Government, and did receive the same for one year, but that it was discontinued after that, from his having some property in possession. (He refers the Department to the testimony then adduced)

The applicant further states that he had his pocket book stole from him in the year 182[?] in which he had his certificate for a pension under the act of the 18 March 1818 and has never been able to recover it. The applicant further states that he is now destitute of property. That he moved to this state immediately after the close of the war. And that he has no recollection of any person that he can prove his services by.

The applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll, or agency of any state except on the pension roll of the General Government of the 18th March 1818.

The applicant farther states that there is no preacher of the Gospel in the neighbourhood where he lives, that he could procure the testimony of

Sworn to in open Court before me 7th June 1838

James hisXmark King

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: James King/ age 20/ height 5 10/ weaver/ born and residing in Caroline County/ hair light brown/ eyes gray/ complection fair/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

The first service in 1780 mentioned in King's 1832 declaration was apparently in the militia: Robert Ware was a captain in the Caroline County Militia. King would not have mentioned that service in earlier declarations, because the pension acts of 1818 and 1820 covered only Continental service.

I could find no record of a Capt. Connor at the Battle of Eutaw Springs. King may have meant Capt. Conway Oldham, who was killed there.

On 29 Oct 1841 King applied to have his pension transferred to Georgia, having moved to Lincoln County for the following reason: "he has become extremely afflicted & debilitated, so much so as to render him incapable of waiting on himself and is dependant on others for their friendship and a daughter of his became a widow during the year eighteen Hundred & thirty nine and proffered to live together for mutual assistance." A Treasury-Department document states that the executor for James King received the final pension payment up to the date of his death on 9 Oct 1841. A letter dated 8 May 1842 states that King "left a number of children scattered over the Country, in parts unknown he had for over a year resided with a widow, his daughter who nursed him as a child, he being confined to his bed more than 6 months, tho retaining his proper mind and requested his friends to aid his daughter to collect his pension, which he said she should alone enjoy for taking care of him."