

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas King S31795

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State of Georgia Putnam County:

On this the 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared before us in chambers the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County & State of Georgia, Thomas King a resident of said County aged seventy years on the 19th day of January last, 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 act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States about the year 1777 -- in the 15th year of his age -- as a substitute in his father's place -- (Thomas King) & served a tour of three months in Captain Faris [Robert Faris'] Company of drafted militia from South Carolina, in which state he was born & lived to that time, & which Company was attached to Colonel James Steen's Regiment, who served the tour in South Carolina about a place then called Stono. He also further says that in some short time after his return on from said service he was drafted & served a three months tour in said State and Captain Terrel's [James Terrill's] Company Major Bullock's [probably Zachariah Bullock's] Battalion Colonel Purvis' [Lt. Col. John Purvis'] Regiment & General Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Army about the year 1778 -- & that he was in a small engagement about Spirit Creek bridge & that Sergeant Jasper [probably Nicholas Jasper, possibly William Jasper] was in the same: this place is about 12 miles from Augusta. In a few weeks after his return home from this expedition & was advised by his friends to volunteer under Colonel Branham [sic, Thomas Brandon], as he was not safe at home -- which he did & served a tour of six months in his Regiment -- & was in an engagement at Blackstock's Mills¹ in South Carolina & at the close of this six months tour, he volunteered in Captain Barnett's [Jacob Barnett's] Company, Colonel Hampton's [Wade Hampton's] Regiment & General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Army of State Troops & served a tour of ten months & was in the battle at the Congaree Fort [Fort Granby, either the unsuccessful attack on it on February 1917 81 or the successful taking of it on May 14, 1781]², also one at the Eutaw Springs³ & in a small skirmish at a place then called Ninety Six -- & also at Moncks Corner where I recollect seeing General Marion [Francis Marion]: -- also in a

¹ November 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/blackstocks.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_1.html & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

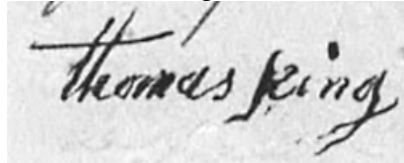
³ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

small engagement at the ten mile house -- all in South Carolina. He further says he served a two month tour under & with Captain Perkins [John Pickens'] Company at & about Lawrence's Ferry [sic, Laurens ferry?] in South Carolina collecting provisions for General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army making in the whole two years, he further says that he served in many other scouring tours which he deems it unnecessary to mention in this declaration --

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. He knows of no one living who can testify to his services -- & that he cannot procure the attendance of the clergyman without much inconvenience.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas King

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas King". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ Joby Hudson, JIC

S/ Jas. M. Dunn, JIC

S/ James Nicholson, JIC

[Edmund C. Harvey gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the first question where & in what year were you born he answers I was born in North Carolina Granville County & his father moved to South Carolina when he was twelve years old to Ninety Six district -- he was born January 19th 1762.

To the 2nd Have you any record of your age, if so where is it? He answers there is a record of my age in the family Bible of my father now in the possession of Francis King of South Carolina the district I do not know

To the 3rd where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live? He answers I was living in South Carolina when called into service, in Ninety Six district -- I lived after the war in York district in said State until 15 years ago, when I removed to this County, where I now reside (Putnam County).

To the 4th How were you called into service: were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute, for whom? He answers I was first a substitute for my father & served three months was drafted & served three months in Captain Terrel's company, volunteered & served six months under Colonel Thomas Branham, was enlisted & served ten months in Captain Barnett's company -- he served another two months under Captain Perkins & was in several scouting parties --

To the 5th State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served: such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service? He answers General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was commander at Stono [June 20, 1779]⁴ -- Colonel Davie was a regular officer -- Colonel Steen of the militia & Captain Fair - - this was the first tour -- In the 2nd, Colonel Purvis & Major Bullock & Captain Terrel were militia officers -- General Williamson commanded & had regular troops with him, but I do not know whether he was a regular Continental or militia officer -- in the 3rd tour we had no regular

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

troops in company we were called the Carolina Scouts. I was under Colonel Branham I was hearing of the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] Ferguson's defeat on Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] & Gates defeat at Camden [August 15-16, 1780] but was not in any of the engagements. In the 4th tour, I enlisted with Captain Barnett in the State Dragoons where I served ten months with General Sumter & Wade Hampton Colonel. In the last *[page cut off—text missing in the Fold3.com version, but shows up in the Ancestry.com version as follows]* term of two months I went down on Santee to provide food for Genl. Greene's army. To the 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service: & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it? He answers -- I received discharges from my officers but they have been misplaced and are now lost, not thinking them of any value & I never preserved them. To the 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief for your services as a soldier of the revolution? He answers I refer to William A. Slaughter, Peyton whole, Ishua Harvey McCarrol Purifey.

S/ Thomas King

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Amendatory declaration of Thomas King made in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 on the subject of Revolutionary Pensions.

State of Georgia Oglethorpe County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said County Thomas King who being duly sworn deposes & says that at the time he made his original declaration hereto prefixed he resided in the County of Putnam in said State and that since then he has removed to Oglethorpe County of the same State where he now resides & probably will remain for some time to come -- That when he performed the several tours of service heretofore & herein after mentioned he kept no memorandum of the precise dates at which said tours were commenced or ended nor has he ever kept a single discharge or other document from which he might refresh his memory upon the point to which his attention has been particularly directed by a letter lately received from the War Department accompanying the return of his original declaration -- That by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the exact periods of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private not less than the number of months mentioned below & he thinks his memory treacherous as it may be cannot much deceive him as to the years & seasons when his services were rendered.

He was born in 1762 & the first services he ever rendered were undertaken when he was fifteen years old as the substitute of his father Thomas King & they consisted of a tour of three months commencing in the month of April in concluding in the month of July of the year 1777. To state the particular day of the month he finds it impossible. His second tour of service was also one of three months duration. He set out upon this tour in the month of February & got home in the latter part of May in the year 1778. On the mature reflection he thinks he had not been at home more than one week before he volunteered under Captain Terrel & performed a tour of six months service. His recollection of this expedition is the more distinct as he was taken prisoner by the Tories during the time & carried to Ferguson's Camps -- from whence he made his escape through the connivance of an acquaintance who happened to belong to the guard -- and Ferguson was defeated on Kings Mountain⁵ about two weeks after deponents escape. After these six months had expired believing there was less danger in the Army then at home he

⁵ October 7, 1780.

forth with joined the General Sumter's State Troops when he was placed under the command of Captain Barnett in Colonel Hampton's Regiment where he served ten months -- so that from the early part of the month of June 1778⁶ for sixteen months in succession he was in service.

In the fall of 1781 he performed a tour of two months under Captain Pickens at & near Laurens Ferry on Santee in South Carolina -- the principle duties of this consisted in procuring & collecting provisions for General Greene's Army. He recollects to have been in camp when he heard the intelligence of Cornwallis capture at Yorktown [October 19, 1781]. The duty described in this tour was not performed as a mere volunteer pursuant but we were thus employed by express military orders.

Deponent rendered other services than those but the period of them was short & he thinks it unnecessary to trouble the Department with their details. He thinks himself fairly entitled to the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832, for the twenty-four months service particularly described above & accordingly claims a pension for the same.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24th day of May 1833.

S/ Henry Jordan, JP

S/ Thomas King

[p 21: Joshua Hames, a clergyman, from Jasper County gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died September 16, 1833. The file contains no family data.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

⁶ Veteran is clearly mistaken as to the year 1778 since more than 16 months passed between June 1778 and October 7, 1780 when the Battle of Kings Mountain was fought.