

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William King S32364

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State of Virginia, Montgomery County Sct.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833, personally appeared before the Justices of Montgomery county court now sitting, William King, a resident of this county and State aforesaid aged 77 or 78 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers, and served as herein stated; viz. He enlisted in the county of Bedford, Virginia, about two years before Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], for a term of two months or upwards, at the lead mines [near Fort Chiswell] in the county of Wythe (Virginia) under the command of Colo. Charles Lynch Captain Robert Adams, and Lieutenant [Thomas] McReynolds, which term he fully served out. The ensuing Spring, his father Arra King was drafted in the county of Bedford, Virginia, by Captain Charles Watkins and Lieutenant Thomas Logwood for a term of three months, which tour this applicant undertook to perform in place of the said Arra King. At this time, and under the command of the above named officers, this applicant was marched towards Jamestown, (Virginia) which place the troops did not reach, having been met by an express, which stated that the enemy had left Jamestown, and that their aid was no longer necessary, at that place: Upon the reception of this intelligence, the company to which this applicant belonged, received a final discharge from Colonel James Callaway, after having served about one-half the term for which his father had been drafted. About fifteen months after this time this applicant again entered the service in the county of Bedford. (Va. as a substitute for James Mays under command of Capt Nathaniel Tate, Lieutenant Stephen Goggin, & Ensign Richard Edmondson, and was marched to Hillsborough North Carolina, where he remained until about the first of November, and was then marched towards Charleston South Carolina for the purpose as he understood, of meeting Cornwallis, passing by Guilford Courthouse and through Mecklenburg [NC] to Charlotte Court house where the company to which he belonged joined Gen'l. Gates's army. Thence he was marched to the Cheraw Hills, South Carolina, where the army took up their winter quarters [Jan 1781]. During this march we were overtaken by Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene; see endnote] who assumed the command, and ordered Gen'l. Gates under guard to Philadelphia. From the Cheraw Hills, this applicant was marched to Mecklenburg county Virginia as a guard over some Bagage Waggons and live Hogs, under the command of Captain Isaac Webb, Lieutenant Charles Webb, and Ensign William Triplett. this company or guard left the hogs and waggons in the county of Mecklenburg and marched from thence to Banisters old Bridge in Halifax Virginia, where the applicant received a written discharge from Captain Charles Webb, which was afterwards put in the hands of Colonel James Callaway for the purpose of receiving the pay to which the applicant was entitled; although this applicant entered the service but for three months he was continued in it from the last of June until the succeeding March. In August following this applicant volunteered under the command of Colo. Benjamin Logan to guard the western frontier of Virginia, now Kentucky, in which service he was engaged two years, not constantly under arms, but subject to a call at any time, what was then called a minute man; During this time he was engaged two months as an Indian spy. This applicant together with the forces under the command of Col. Logan was transferred to the command of Gen'l. [George Rogers] Clark, at Bryants Station [near present Lexington KY], and was marched from thence to the mouth of Licking river [at present Cincinnati OH] and there joined the regular troops, and from thence were marched to an Indian Town on the great Miami river, called the Standing stone, which Town with six others this applicant assisted in burning [Nov 1782], and then marched back to the mouth of the Licking where the army was discharged. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state; Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Wm King

Bedford County Ss.

This day Thomas Wright personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the said County and made oath that William King was a soldier in the revolutionary war and that he said King was out on two separate tours. Given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> day of Nov'r. 1832.

Wm. Shrewsbury

Bedford County Ss.

This day William Holiday personally appeared before a justice of the peace for the said County, and made oath that he herd his father say on his return from the army in the revolutionary war, that William King served with him in the capacity of a soldier, and that he gave him a shirt, for he (King) had then received no pay. Given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> day of November 1832.

Wm. Shrewsbury

[Elizabeth Holiday also certified that her husband had given William King a shirt.]

Bedford County Ss.

This day Syntha Wright personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the said County, and made oath that William King was a soldier in the revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> day of Nov. 1832.

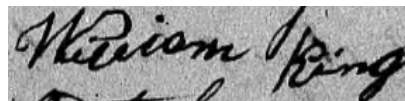
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[Nancy Lancaster also certified that William King had served.]

County of Washington S.S.

on this first day of September 1837. before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace for said county of Washington personally appeared William King who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Robert Adams and after him he was in the Company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Tate afterwards under Captain John Graves and was attached to several other companies and at the time he received his discharge he was under Captain Isaac Webb in the regiment commanded by Collonel Linch in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Indiana, where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable, in futer. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Virginia to the State of Indiana the state of Indiana being a free state and he wanted to get out of a slave state. and some of his children lived in Indiana and he thought his children could get land easier than they could in Virginia.

(signed)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William King". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

NOTE: Nathanael Greene replaced Horatio Gates as head of the Southern Department on 3 Dec 1780. Gates was not arrested, as implied in this declaration.