

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John King S32366

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State of Illinois Clinton County:

On this Third day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court now sitting John King a resident of the County of Clinton and State of Illinois aged sixty seven years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, -- I was drafted for three months in July 1781 and entered the service in the month of August following. The field officers were Colonel Frederick Kimbrell [sic, Frederick Kimball], Major Thomas Thomson [sic, Thomas Thompson] my Captain's name Daniel Stewart. In this three months service I was in the capacity of a mounted militia-man and furnished my own horse and gun (Rifle). I was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]¹ General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commanding. The battle commenced about Sun rise the British making the attack. The regulars were then marched up between us (the militia men) and the British and we withdrew, Colonel Washington's [William Washington's] horse was ordered to charge the British returned to the Brick House. The American forces were then ordered up the Main Charleston road. The battle ended about 2 PM.

The only persons wounded in my company were Arthur Giles, who was wounded in the shoulder, and John Hicklin who was wounded by a splinter or slab broken from a pine tree by a cannon ball from the British.

The next day after the battle we were marched through one edge of the battle ground by General Marion [Francis Marion], (the British still remaining in possession of the Brick house) to about 15 miles below the Eutaw Springs and remained there encamped about 3 weeks -- whilst there, was out on a picket one Smith belonging to Marion's Company of horse came up I hailed at him, he informed me he, and five more had taken twelve British Dragoons whilst out on a foraging -- nothing further of importance occurred during this three months draft.

The next year (1782) I was again drafted and commanded by Lieutenant Glaze, was marched to the 4 hole bridge [Four Hole Bridge] and put under the command of General Henderson [William Henderson]. At this place I remained during the Term for which I was drafted (say 3 months).

The Spring after the second draft I was ordered to Colonel Kimbrell's [sic, Kimball's]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

house to guard some Tory prisoners. Whilst there some of the Tory prisoners dug a hole under the house and made their escape, after that the remaining Tory prisoners were marched up to the Waxhaws, and delivered up to another guard.

In this service I remained something like 5 or 6 weeks --

The following interrogatories being propounded by the Court Answers thereunto was made to wit 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Warren County North Carolina in the year 1765.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have now no record of my age, it is lost

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Lancaster County South Carolina -- lived in South Carolina until 1806, then moved to Kentucky there until 1810 -- Since 1810 lived in the Territory & State of Illinois.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted

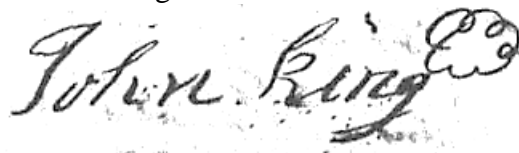
5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: All I can recollect at this remote period I have already stated before the first question was propounded

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I did not receive a discharge

S/ John King

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John King". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a decorative flourish at the end of the name.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[John H. Benson, a clergyman, and John S. Carrigan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 8 days in the South Carolina militia.]