

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William King S38121

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Fauquier county State & District of Virginia

On this 28th February 1820 before the county court of Fauquier state and District of Virginia personally appear'd Wm. King aged sixty five years resident in the state and district aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states in the revolutionary war that in the year 1777 in the county of Prince Wm. [Prince William] and state of Virginia he enlisted under Lieu James Davis of the third Virginia Reg't. continental establishment commanded by Col. Thos. Marshall [Thomas Marshall], that he remained in the Reg't. in the service of the united states till 1780. that in may 1780 he was made a prisoner by the enemy at the hanging rock S. Carolina [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780, where Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion defeated Col. Abraham Buford with heavy casualties], that he was a private soldier during the s'd. time; that afterwards he enlisted with Capt. Nath'l. Irish [Nathaniel Irish of PA] of the train of Artillery, that he serv'd with him about nine months in the said service when he was again taken prisoner that afterwards he enlisted with Col. Hughes of the Artillery in the service of the united states and continued to serve till Feb'y 1783 when he was honorably discharg'd, that he has since lost his discharge and has no other evidence of his services except the affidavit of Sam'l. Cox [Samuel Cox, pension application S39343] annexed and of Sam'l. King He farther declares on oath that he was at the battle of Radnor [probably Radnor PA; battle unknown] at the storm at Schuilkill bridge [sic: storming of Schuylkill Bridge, unknown] at the battle of chesnut hill [sic: Chestnut Hill PA; probably Battle of Whitmarsh, 5 Dec 1777] at the battle of Crompon [unknown] at the storm at Bargaen point [unknown] at the storm of Stony point [16 July 1779], and at the massacre at the hanging rock all in the service of the united states that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for support.

[signed] Wm King

Prince William County to wit

This day Samuel King personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he the said Samuel well remembers the enlistment of William King in the month of September 1777 in the third Virginia Regiment, under one Lieut. Davis of Capt. Valentine Peytons Company he further recollects the said William King coming in on furlough some time in the year 1779 he also recollects seeing him in the year 1780 when he was still in the Army & that he verily believes that the said William said serve in the American army until peace was concluded with Great Britain – Given under my hand this 26th day of January 1820

Sir as I have Been In a very helpless way for some years Back and not abbel to attend to my Business. But in fabruary Justine[?] moore attorney at Law for fauquire Conty took my Busines in hand and Sent the papers on to the War Office and Derected me to trubel you with a Laine which you about to do and wish you to Be so kind as to send me an answar to let me know when my Busines will Be attended to as I am very Needy pleas to direct the answar to Union post office Louden Cunty Virginia

Sir I Remain yours

Wm King

NB if more of my name is inroled I Belong to the 3^d Virginia Ridgment Col marshal Col Neavel majr Charls West Capt Valentine paytons Company

Wm King

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Virginia Loudoun County towit,

On this 15th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record (made so by Law & keeps a record of its proceedings) for the said County of Loudoun William King aged Sixty Six years on the 4th of July 1820 resident in the said County of Loudoun and State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows he enlisted in the month of Sept'r. 1777 in the 3^d Virginia regiment commanded by Colo. Thomas Marshall and Colo. John Neville was placed in a Company commanded by Captain Valentine Peyton in said Regiment and served in said Company & Regiment until the last of December 1779 when he was transferred to Captain John Dandridge's train of Artillery [1st Reg. of Continental Artillery] & served in his Company until the 29th of May 1780 was taken prisoner at the hanging rock by the enemy (Tarletons Legion) made his escape and came to Richmond and again enlisted under Capt'n. Nathaniel Irish of Colo. Febicer's [sic: Christian Febiger's] Regiment of Artillery in the months of August or September in the year last aforesaid and served in that Corps until the month of March 1781 and when Cornwallis besieged the town of Richmond he was again taken prisoner by the enemy made his escape the night after and went with Thomas Jefferson to his seat in the State of Virginia joined his said Company again & continued with it until the month of June 1781 when he was sent on furlow to Philidelphia to join Colo. Flowers regiment [Artillery Artificer Regiment of Benjamin Flower, who had died 28 Apr 1781] who refused to receive him then he went to Newburg on Hudsons River General Washingtons head quarters and in the month of March 1782 he again enlisted under Capt'n. John Parsons of Colo. Hughes Regiment of Artillery and served under Colo. Hughes until the last of December 1782 when he was discharged his original declaration is dated the 11th day of April 1820 the number of his pension certificate is 16,679 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 withing the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain person engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & 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 & by me subscribed I am by occupation a carpenter, but not able now to pursue it & I have no family – The Schedule of the Estate of Wm. King of Loudoun county in the State of Virginia. Of Real Estate none – I have some carpenters tools to wit a fore plaine, a Jack plaine & smoothing plane, a hand saw, and axe & an adz three augurs, 5 chizells, on Spike Gunblet and a nail Gunblet, pr of hollows and Rounds, one pair of Compasses & a drawing Knife

Wm King