

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James King S4477

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[State of Tennessee, County of Henderson]

On the 14th day of August in the [year] 1833 personally appeared in open Court now sitting before the Justices of the same it being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held in and for the County of Henderson in the State of Tennessee James King aged Seventy six years last June who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

This Declarant states that he entered the service of the United States ~~that in~~ the month of March 1779 as a private militia Soldier in the company commanded by Captain Gilbert Christie [sic, Gilbert Christian] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Evan Shelby (the Father of the late Governor Shelby [Isaac Shelby] of Kentucky) from the County of Sullivan in the State of Tennessee (then a Territory belonging to the State of North Carolina) the name of his Lieutenant was Harry Lewiston. The object of this tour was to protect the frontiers of North Carolina and the Territory of Tennessee from the incursions and Depredations of the Indians who in numerous bodies were harassing the Whites. This tour of service lasted for three months and in which tour this Declarant was a volunteer private militia soldier he states that from this tour of service he was discharged by Captain Gilbert Christie and which Discharge was burnt in his house with all his other papers having served out his three months.

Second Tour of Service/

This Declarant states that in the month of December in the year 1780 he again entered the service of the United States a volunteer militia private soldier in the company commanded by Captain John Looney in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Martin of then Sullivan County in the Territory of Tennessee then attached to North Carolina and to which this Regiment belonged the service required of this Regiment was the same as the former [tour], to protect the settlers from the incursion of the Indians who were constantly making inroads upon them and devastating the settlements. The commander in chief of this Regiment was Colonel Arthur Campbell. This Regiment as well as the former to which this Declarant belonged never left the Territory the whole and sole object of their service was against the Indians and the protection of the White Settlement. This tour service was for three months which this Declarant served out and was discharged by his Captain John Loony [sic].

Third Tour of Service

This Declarant states that he again entered the service of the United States in the month of ___ in the year ___ as a private volunteer militia Soldier in the company commanded by his former Captain Gilbert Christie in the Regiment commanded by his formal Colonel Evan Shelby, George Maxwell was the Lieutenant Colonel. This Regiment marched on into North Carolina and joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell where they were informed that a large body of the British and Tories had embodied themselves at Kings Mountain under the command of Colonel Ferguson [sic, Major

Patrick Ferguson]. This Declarant was in that Battle [October 7, 1780]¹ and participated in the glorious victory of the Americans over the Enemy. This tour of service was for three months which this Declarant served out and was regularly discharged by Captain Gilbert Christie and which discharge with his other discharges were as before stated burnt in his house.

This Declarant states that he is a Resident of Hardin County in the State of Tennessee and the reason why he applies to the County of Henderson is this: he called upon Judge Turly one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Tennessee who Directed ___ Coombs Esq., attorney at law, to [illegible word, possibly "secure"] his Declaration but from some indisposition of his family he did not comply with the requisition of the Judge. This Declarant was advised to apply to Hugh G Wormely [?] Esq. Counselor at Law residing in Lexington, Henderson County. This Declarant states that his residence from the County of Henderson does not exceed 5 miles and as most of his neighbors who have known him for many years reside in Henderson County he has been advised to apply the Court of Henderson County in order to make his Declaration. This Declarant states that he knows of no clergyman residing in his neighborhood who could certify as to his reputation of being a Soldier in the Revolutionary War consequently he applied to John Rowork [sic, Roark] Esq. an acting Justice of the Peace of Henderson County and Mr. John Criner both of the County of Henderson and residing seven or 8 miles from the declarant. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can establish his claim to a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ James King, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ [Jno A. Wilson, Clerk

By S/ E. H. Tarrant, D. Clk

Questions by the Court:

1st: Where and in what year were you born? Answer: I was born in the month of June 1757 in Augusta County Virginia about four miles from the town of Staunton.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it? Answer: I have a record of my age at home in my Bible transcribed from my Father's Bible and which record in that Bible was made by my Father.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer: When first I entered the service of the US I lived in Sullivan County Tennessee Territory; and my second tour of service, I lived in Hawkins County in the same Territory from thence removed to Grainger County in the same State and from thence removed to the State of Kentucky and settled on the Ohio River from thence removed to Davidson County Tennessee from thence to be Wilson County in the same from thence to Franklin County in the same State from thence to Madison County Alabama and from thence to Hardin County in the State of Tennessee not present place of residence.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute? Answerer: In all my three tours of service I was a volunteer private soldier and served as such.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: In my first tour of service my Officers were Captain Gilbert Christie, my Captain, my lieutenant was Harry Lewiston and my Colonel Evan Shelby and the Father of the late Governor Shelby of Tennessee. In my second tour of service by Captain was John Looney and Lieutenant or Major's name is not now recollected. Colonel Charles Robinson was the Lieutenant Colonel and

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

Joseph Martin Colonel this expedition was commanded by Colonel Arthur Campbell. In his third tour of service his Captain was Gilbert Christie his former Captain in his first tour of service. George Maxwell was the Lieutenant Colonel and Evan Shelby his former Colonel was again his Colonel. Lieutenants or major's names not now recollected. This Regiment joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell in North Carolina and moved on to Kings Mountain and there fought and won the battle against the British under the Command of Colonel Ferguson – these are all the officers he can now recollect.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it? Answer: I received a Discharge from Captain Christie for my first tour of service. From my second tour of service I received a Discharge from Captain Looney and from my third tour of service I received a discharge from Captain Christie and all which discharges were burnt in my house in the Wilson County in this State.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Answer: I can refer to John Roark Esq. an acting Justice of the Peace of Henderson County. Mr. John Criner of the same County. Mr. John Kirby, Jesse Jones, Esq. and James Wright Esq. the two latter being Justices of the Peace for Hardin County.

[John Roark, JP, and John Criner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]