

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas King S45883

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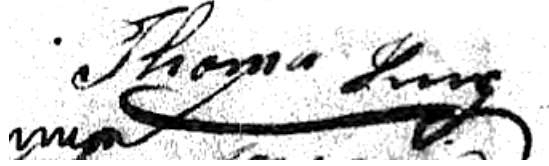
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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: August Sessions 1832

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Order Sessions for Sullivan County now sitting, Thomas King, a citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy Eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, and Served as herein Stated, to wit, that in August 1776 in Paxton County Pennsylvania he volunteered under James Crouch Captain and was marched to Amboy in the State of New Jersey where he again volunteered to join the flying camp when he was placed under the command of Captain James Morrow and Colonel Thomas Morrow from thence he was marched to Fort Lea [Fort Lee] on the North River opposite Fort Washington, from which place the Army was repulsed back by the British into Pennsylvania above Philadelphia where I was verbally discharged as well as I can now recollect he states that he was in the service that tour about four months and half and that he was not in any particular engagement during said tour. He states that in the year 1777 he moved to the section of Country where he has lived till this time, where in August 1778, he volunteered under Captain John Duncan and was marched to the Glade hollow on Clinch River in Virginia to guard the frontier Country against the Shawnee Indians where he remained one month when he was verbally discharged by the said Captain John Duncan. He states that about two weeks after he returned from the Clinch tour he volunteered under Captain James Calvin to go a tour on the three forks of New River in the State of North Carolina to disperse a body of Tories that were embodied at that place where he was verbally discharged by the said Captain James Calvin which tour he was two weeks in service. He states that in 1780 he volunteered under Captain Andrew Cowan, Colonel Arthur Campbell and marched to Chota against the Cherokee Indians where we burned some towns killed some Indians and took so prisoners where he was verbally discharged and returned home after serving about two months. He states that in 1781 he substituted in the place of William King who was drafted in Sullivan County in the State of North Carolina now Tennessee to go to join General Marion [Francis Marion] in South Carolina he was placed under the command of Captain Thomas Wallace, Lieutenant [illegible first name] Blecher and Col. Isaac Shelby he was marched to Santee Swamps where he joined General Marion's Army when some of the British were taken by some of our scouting parties where he was verbally discharged, from General Marion's Army by his said Captain Wallace of [sic, after?] a campaign of two months. He also states that in the year 1779 he volunteered to go to Logan's Station now in Kentucky from there to harads station [Harrod's Station or Harrodsburg] and from there to Lickin River where we built a Fort which was taken in the spring following by the British and

Indians from there he returned home after a tour of about five months service and that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State that there is no resident minister in his vicinity by whom he can prove [sic, provide?] the statement required in the instructions of the Secretary of War. Sworn to & subscribed this date first above written.

S/ Thomas King

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas King". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[Abraham McClellan & George Gammon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833 personally appeared Thomas King (the applicant for a pension whose name is on the foregoing brief which refers to his original claim) before the subscriber Samuel Rhea an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County & made oath and explanation & amendment of his said declaration, to wit, as to objection numbered 5 that in the respective six engagements set forth by him he served fifteen months in the Revolutionary war; that where he stated "about such length of time" he meant that time at least and is confident of having served the said fifteen months. As to No. 17 in the same being interrogatories 1, 2, 5 & 7 he can state that he was born in the County of Lancaster State of Pennsylvania on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1754 from the best information which he can obtain, which is the Family record in his possession.

That he served with no regular officers except in the first & fifth tours, the only officers which he can recollect or stated in his original declaration but has stated with precision those under whom he served. – That the Honorable Abraham McLellan [sic] now of the Senate of Tennessee & the Honorable George Gammon formerly of same all persons well known to him & have established his reputation for veracity as also their belief of his services from reputation in the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day above.

Test. S/ Samuel Rhea, JP

S/ Thomas King

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Pennsylvania and the North Carolina militias.]