

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John King S5553

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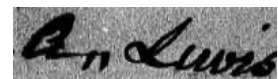
At a Superior court of Law continued and held for Montgomery county at the court house on Tuesday the 15th day of Sept'r. 1829.

On this 15th day of September 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said county of Montgomery, being one of the counties composing the 12th Judicial circuit John King resident in said county aged nearly Seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. that he the said John King enlisted for the term of three years (or during the war) on the [blank] day of April in the year 1778 in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Stull in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Gunby in the line of the state of Maryland on Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 25th (as he believes) day of April 1781 [see endnote], when he was discharged from the service near Camden in the State of South Carolina. that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. that his name is not to his knowledge on the roll of any state except that of Maryland, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for pension. about eight or ten years ago, he had a little house [edge of page worn] blown up, and about three or four years ago he had a distil [rest of word missing; probably "distillery"] and a smith shop burnt. these misfortunes produced such affects in his circumstances as to make him gradually more and more sens[rest of word missing] of his need of succour; Until now when he feels satisfied that he must come to want without some aid in addition to his own means he always felt an unwillingness to make this application but his growing necessities have prevailed over this unwilling[rest of word missing] and he feels himself constrained to ask charity from his country and in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, 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 within the provisions of an 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 passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and 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 and by me subscribed. Schedule of the estate of John King; One hundred and sixteen acres of poor unimproved mountain Land in two tracts one of 45 & the other of 71 acres, worth in his opinion not (at any rate) more than \$100. Two head of Horses one about seven years old the other about twenty five, worth together in his opinion \$60. two head of cattle worth \$15; seven head of hogs running wild in the woods \$5. Two stills that were burnt in the still house eight or ten years ago very much injured worth \$20. He has in addition to these things a little cheap and necessary household furniture, his family is composed of himself, two single daughters and one married with her husband and one child. his occupation has been that of a farmer and powder maker in a small way. The said John King on his oath further declares that since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes only to the best of his recollection have taken place in his property. In 1818 he had of Land besides what he has stated in his schedule a tract of mountain land having 240 acres worth probably a dollar per acre which he made the property of one of his sons under the following circumstances [illegible word] the year 1820 finding himself to be growing feeble under [word missing], he proposed to his son who was then near 21 years of age that if he would live with him and work for him, he would [on] his marriage give him the said tract of 240 acres, and accordingly this son having worked for him (this applicant) about seven years, and then got married, he surrendered the promised [word missing] him in compliance

with his promise. He has had no other [?]rses [part of word missing; probably "horses"] besides those mentioned in his schedule since 1818 except [word missing, probably "two"] which he sold to Samuel Webster both together for \$50 to pay in part a debt of \$67.84 due to said Samuel Webster for the purchase of one of the stills mentioned in the schedule with [illegible word] and other furniture for distilling spirits, which were burnt in the still house. that his present stock of hogs & horned cattle [word missing] the remnant of the running stock from 1818, which has been affected[?] by no disposition, if any part thereof except by [or]dinary family use and common accidents with the exception of the sale of a heifer made four or five weeks ago to Charles Reynolds for \$7 in hand payment of a debt due to him of \$15. Sworn to and declared on the 15th day of September 1829 before [the] Superior court of Law for the county of Montgomery in term It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the said John King did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceeding declaration against the common enemy for the term of three years under one engagement on the continental establishment; And it is further ordered to be certified that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is two hundred dollars.

Montgomery County (to Wit)

This day Andrew Lewis [pension application W3431] of lawful age personally appeared before me Jonathan Conner a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Montgomery and State of Virginia and made Oath that he has for many years lived a neighbour to John King, that he is an honest inoffensive old man and as a man of truth he is entitled to full credit, and is from the infirmities of age and reduced circumstances entitled to the Bounty of his Country in the service of which as a soldier in the revolutionary war in the Maryland Line this affiant knew him to be at the Battles of Allamance [sic: skirmish at Clapp's Mill on Alamance Creek, 2 Mar 1781], and Reedy fork [skirmish at Wetzel's Mill 6 Mar 1781] in Guilford County State of North Carolina, which actions took place in the month of Feb'y [sic] 1781, but a very short time before the general actions took place at Guilford Court House [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], in which Battle this affiant has every reason to believe said John King acted his part as a Brave Soldier, as the Regiment he was then in always was said to act Bravely. Since or shortly after the close of that War I have the greatest part of my time lived a neighbour to said King, and his aged parents, who informed this affiant that their son John King enlisted in the regular service, very young some years before of age for upwards[?] of thirty years this affiant has lived a neighbour to said John King and his deportment has [two illegible words] ever been that of a good citizen Subscribed to this 24th day of September 1829



[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Floyd County to Wit

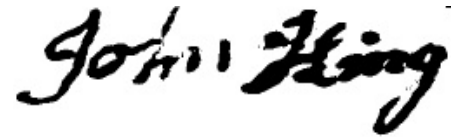
This Day Andrew Lewis of Lawful age personally appeared before Leonard Alldridge a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was in the service in the year 1781 above the Battle of Guilford at which time John King was a soldier in Colo. Gunbys Regmt in the Maryland Line, and that I undertad he enlisted in the regular service in Aprile 1778 how long he served after the Battle of Guilford I do not of my own knowledge know and that the said John King is the same person who is now applying for his pay for his services



Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 30th Day of Aprile 1834.

Leonard Aldridge JP

Know all men by these presents that I John King do hereby authorize and empower Thomas C Trig of the county of Montgomery and state of Virginia as my agent [the rest not transcribed]

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John King". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

NOTES:

King's discharge near Camden SC on 25 Apr 1781 was the same time and place as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill.

On 24 Sep 1829 before the above Andrew Lewis, a Justice of the Peace, Henry King stated that shortly after his mother died and while he was not yet of legal age, his father, John King, promised him the plantation referred to above in exchange for living with him until he married.

John King did not receive a pension under the acts of 1818 and 1820 because he was thought to own too much property. Through an agent he successfully applied to have his claim considered under the act of 7 June 1832. King was then living in Floyd County VA, which was formed from Montgomery in 1831.

A Treasury-Department document states that "6 of the 7 children of John King" received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 28 Feb 1843.