

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan King S7105

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North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

At this day the 7th of September AD 1832 personally appeared before me David McNeill one of the acting Justices of the Peace for Cumberland County, specially appointed by the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Capt. Nathan King of Cumberland and after being 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.

That the said Nathan King now aged Eighty Two years of age, is so enfeebled by sickness and age that he cannot possibly attend the court now sitting. That [in] 1778 he was commissioned by Gov. Caswell [Richard Caswell] of North Carolina, that he rendezvoused at Elizabeth, Bladen County in North Carolina there he engaged and marched into South Carolina under the command of Genl. Jno. Ashe [John Ashe] and Colonel James Armstrong of the 5th North Carolina Regt. to which he was attached. They marched together to Savannah River at which place Genl. Ashe was ordered up the Country and Col. Armstrong with his men to Purisburg [sic, Purrysburg] and then joined Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], at that place the Nine-months soldiers were apportioned off to fill up the companies and he was sent home to collect and march on the balance of the nine-months men; He accordingly collect[ed] all he could; took command of them at Fayetteville, then Cross Creek, and joined Genl. Lincoln at Parkers Ferry on Edisto River, then they marched from place to place until after the Battle of Stono Ferry June 1779 [June 20, 1779]<sup>1</sup> ~ there remained sometime and marched into South Carolina under the command of Genl. Harrington [Henry William Harrington] and there disbanded. He returned to North Carolina and continued skirmishing until peace with the Tories ~ this affidavit further states that he was robbed of his commission and all his papers by a Tory officer one Col. Fanning [David Fanning] whilst in Sampson County engaged in suppressing the Tories under one Mobley.

### Questions

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on the 7th day of November AD 1750.

Have you any record of your age, if so where is it?

Answer: My age was documented in the Family Bible which has been destroyed.

How were you called into service, were you a volunteer ~ drafted or substitute

Answer; I volunteered

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

Where were you called into service (from what place) and where you lived since the war and where are you now living?

Answer: I believe it was July 1778—I lived in Cumberland County No Carolina as here I have lived ever since.

Name some of the officers with whom you were acquainted.

Answer: Major Pink Eaton [sic, Pinkerton Eaton, also spelled Pinketham Eaton], Capt. Philemon Taylor, Capt. Joseph Thomas Rhodes

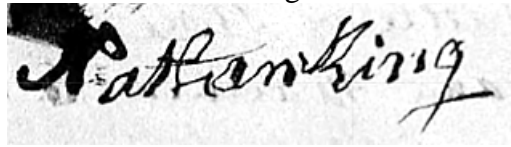
Where is your commission?

Answer: I was robbed of it as stated above.

How long did you serve in all?

Answer: I served Eighteen months.

S/ Nathan King

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Sworn to and subscribed this the 11th day of September before me  
David McNeill, one of the acting Justices of Cumberland County, 1832  
Test. S/ D. McNeill, JP  
[Joshua Jones & Samuel Ashe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Robeson County: In the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, August Term  
1832

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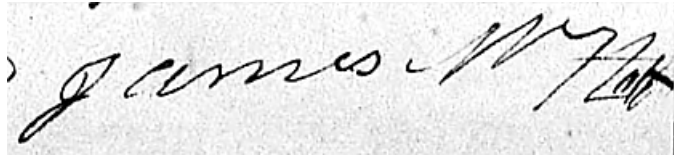
Personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County aforesaid now in session, James McNatt Senior<sup>2</sup> of the said County resident who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposes & says that he is well acquainted with Captain Nathan King residing in the County of Cumberland & State aforesaid, that this deponent is now in the Seventy fourth year of his age, and that he believes the said Captain King to be about Eighty two years old, that he has been acquainted with Captain King ever since this deponent was a boy. Deponent further states that he was drafted during the Revolutionary War, and that he marched with the said Nathan King acting as Captain at that time from Cumberland County North Carolina to Purrysburg South Carolina, where this deponent was transferred to a company of Regulars that the said King then returned to North Carolina, and collected more men, and again during the service of this deponent (nine months) joined the Army where he still acted as Captain and was in the battle of Stono in South Carolina with this deponent. This deponent further states that he served nine months after which he returned home, and that ever since the close of the war, the said Nathan King has resided in the County of Cumberland aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 29th day of August A.D. 1832  
S/ A. M. Eachin, Clk

S/ James McNatt

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<sup>2</sup> [James McNatt W4286](#)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James M. King". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

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for Cumberland County December Term 1832 directed to me John McNeill Esquire one of the Justices of the peace for said County personally appeared Captain Nathan King, who first being duly sworn according to law doth, on his corporal oath say and depose as follows -- That there is no clergyman in his neighborhood and of course cannot give a certificate as required by act of Congress --

That he joined the Army in or about the year 1778 in the month of July and was commissioned some short time before by Richard Caswell and that the company was disbanded six miles above Stono a few days after the battle, in the month of July 1779 -- that he was commissioned a second time by Richard Caswell in the year 1780, and served under it during the war --

S/ Nathan King

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 31, 1833; there is no family data in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$360 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a Captain for 18 months in the North Carolina militia.]