

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David King S7107

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State of Mississippi, Franklin County: SS

Of this 22nd day of January A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge now sitting David King a resident of the County of Franklin and State of Mississippi aged about ~~eighty~~ 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated (to wit): In the State of South Carolina, about eighteen miles from Camden in the month and year not recollected I was drafted and attached to the company of John Starks who commanded as Captain that James Brown was the Lieutenant of the company commanded by Captain Starks, Reuben Sparks in was the Major and Joseph Kershaw was the Colonel who commanded the division of the Army to which the company of Captain Starks was attached, that immediately after being drafted he marched to the Eutaw Springs and remained there about one month, from thence he marched to Charlestown [sic, Charleston] to reinforce (as it was said) General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], that shortly after he arrived in Charleston it was surrendered [May 12, 1780]¹ to the British and he became a prisoner but was discharged upon his parole, that in a few weeks after he was paroled he volunteered ~~under the command of~~ ~~and~~ was attached to a horse company commanded by Captain Nat or Nathaniel Gate [Nathaniel Gale?] that said company consisted of 70 or 80 men – that said company was attached to the Army commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. That he was in the battle of Blackstock's [November 20, 1780]² on Tyger River where General Sumter with the British & Tories. The next engagement was at the Fish dam Ford [November 9, 1780],³ he was on several scouting expeditions. That when General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] came into South Carolina by the orders of General Sumter he Brigade marched to Graves Ford on the Wateree [River]. A short distance from that place while on a scouting party he was wounded in an engagement by the forces commanded by Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton], and taken a prisoner, that in the same engagement he was retaken. That from the time of the engagement last mentioned, he was an invalid for about three months in consequence of wounds he had received in said engagement, that upon his recovery he went to the State of North Carolina where he immediately entered into the Service of the United States as a volunteer, that he was commanded by Captain McCraney [Neil McCraney of Cumberland County militia?] and that the company of Captain McCraney was attached to the Army of General Butler [John Butler], and although he only Joined the Army at the time last mentioned for six months he remained in the Army for nine

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html

months, and acted as a Sergeant in the Company of Captain McGraney. That he was stationed nearly the whole time of service in North Carolina under General Butler and Colonel Thomas Armstrong at Elizabethtown, that he was in no battle while attached to the Army of Butler, and received from Col. Thomas Armstrong a discharge which he has lost. That in his service in South Carolina he was attached to the first Battalion, in North Carolina to the second Battalion, the number of the Regiments not recollected, he is about 78 years of age and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services.

Where and in what year born. Answer: I know on the first day of August next from a record of my age I shall be 78 years old. I was born in Scotland and came to the United States during the revolutionary War.

Have you any record of your age, if so where is it. I have in my possession a Bible containing the record of my age.

Where were you living when called into service. I was living in South Carolina.

Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live. Answer: I lived in South Carolina about nine years, in Georgia about 14 years from thence I removed to the now State of Mississippi in Franklin County where I have ever since to the present time resided making about 25 years in the State of Mississippi.

How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, if a Substitute for whom. Answer: I have already stated in the foregoing declaration the manner in which I entered in the service.

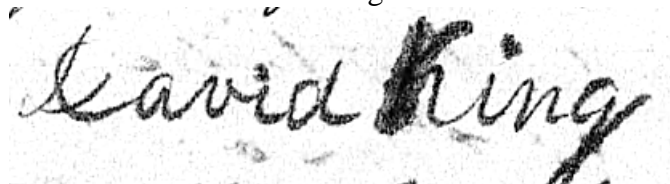
State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you were acquainted with and recollect. Answer: I was acquainted with a number of Officers engaged in the service of the United States but whether they were Regular or Militia Officers I do not know. The general circumstances of my service so far as I recollect – I have already detailed.

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 Colonel Thomas Armstrong which is now lost.

State persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify to your good character for veracity and good behavior. Answer: John Slocumb, Jacob Guie, Jesse Guie, Thomas Meredith, Edmond Turner and many others can testify as to my good character, but none of them have a knowledge of my service in the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ David King

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David King". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[John Slocumb and Thomas Meredith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[David Hughes, a 'regular ordained Preacher' also gave a supporting affidavit.]

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State of Mississippi, Franklin County

On this 18th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court in the Probate Court of the County of Franklin in the State of Mississippi David King a resident of the County & State aforesaid and made the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states in the first tour of duty mentioned in his declaration made on the 22nd of

January 1833 he entered the Service for eighteen months as therein stated he was taken prisoner at the capture of Charleston & can & does safely say that he served not less than three months immediately previous to the capture of Charleston that in that tour of duty he served as a private in the Militia. That it was a few days or a week after the capture Charleston he was paroled & in two or three weeks thereafter he volunteered in the Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Nat or Nathaniel Gale for the Tour of three months and served as a Corporal for that term & was advised to continue in service & did so for not less than three months more making in that tour not less than six months before he was wounded as stated in his former declaration & after being wounded he was sent to a Hospital at General Sumter's on the High Hills of Santee [River]. He remained at be General Sumter's about four or five months with the exception of a few scouting parties he went on during that time. He then went to North Carolina with a pass given him by General Sumter to go to General Harrington [Henry William Harrington], he states that in the foregoing tour of duty he served as a Corporal.

That when he arrived at General Harrington's he stayed two days & then the General gave him a Letter to Colonel Thomas Armstrong where he remained two or three weeks & then entered & Served in the Cavalry as a Sergeant for the time stated in his original declaration. He states that the war had commenced before he came to the United States but he arrived before the Declaration of Independence. He does not now know in what year Charleston was captured and cannot state with any more certainty than he has done the different dates at which he entered the service.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Needham Lee, Clk

S/ David King

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State of Mississippi, Franklin County

Personally appeared before me Dabney A. Stuart a Justice of the peace in and for said County David King who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the length of his service but according to the best of his recollection not less than the period stated in his declaration & in the capacity's therein stated and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ David King

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 18th of June 1833.

S/ D. A. Stuart, JP

[Facts in file: A note in the file indicates that the veteran died May 12, 1835.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$157 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a corporal for 6 months and as a Sergeant for 12 months in the South Carolina and North Carolina cavalry militias.]