

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Baxter King W20321

Ellen King

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State of North Carolina, Orange County: SS

On this the 9th day of September in the year of 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions for the County of Orange aforesaid (the same being a Court of record) at her own residence in the Village of Chapel Hill, Ellen King, a resident of the aforesaid County, in the eighty first year of her age, who being first duly qualified according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of the late Captain Baxter King of the aforesaid County of Orange during the War of the Revolution, served the United States as herein after set forth, To wit:

1. This Declarant the said Ellen King, stateth upon her said oath that she has reason to believe & does believe, that as Captain of a Company of militia her Deceased husband the aforesaid Baxter King did serve the United States three months in the War of the revolution in the year of 1780 (after we were married). That said Company, as well as this Declarant now remembers, were called into the service by draft – that said tour Commence on or about the first of July 1780 and continued three months, that in said tour her Deceased husband was duly Commissioned Captain and as such served all of said tour. During this tour General Caswell [Richard Caswell], Colonel Tinnen [Hugh Tinnen] & Brigadier General Butler [John Butler] were his Superior Officers, and under Butler was marched to the South – and during said tour was in Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780],¹ under command of General Butler; that after the defeat they rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsborough were marched to Bell's Mills on Deep River, and at the expiration of his three months tour was discharged in the Town of Hillsborough & returned home. This tour this Declarant proves by James Williams and Brittain Bowers revolutionary soldiers, whose affidavits are hereto annexed, marked "A" & "B" and which this Declarant believes are genuine and true.
2. This Declarant further states upon her said oath that she has reason to believe and does believe that on or about the middle of June of the next year, to wit, 1781, her Deceased husband the aforesaid Baxter King as Captain of a Company of Dragoons, did serve the United States a three months tour of duty under Major McClary, that said Company of Dragoons was duly called into the United States Service, by the proper authority^{drafted} and her husband duly Commissioned Captain thereof, about the 15th of June 1781, -- when they were marched to Guilford old Court House thence to Salisbury, thence to South Carolina, where they Joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and was under

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

command of Greene at the Battle of Eutaws [sic, Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781],² his tour expired a short time after the Battle, when he and most of his Company, went to Rutherford's Camp on the Cape Fear &

3. and again entered the Service – her husband as Captain of Dragoons remained in the Service under Generals Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and Butler as Volunteer, until about the middle of December following, when he marched to the town was Hillsboro and was there discharged, having been gone in the United States Service as Captain of Dragoons from the middle of June, 1781, to the middle of December following, six months. (These two tours [those tours described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above], also, were after our marriage.) The first tour this Declarant proves by the affidavit [of] James Dollor [sic, James Dollar]³ whose affidavit is hereto annexed and marked “C” & which this declarant believes to be true & genuine.
4. This Declarant further states upon her said oath that the Summer of 1782, her husband as Captain of a Company of Dragoons did serve the United States a three months tour, that said Company was called into Service by draft, as well as this deponent now remembers, and that her husband the aforesaid Baxter King, was duly Commissioned, and did act as Captain thereof, all of said three months tour. That in this tour said Company rendezvoused at the “Barracks,” thence were marched to Drowning Creek, and to Grassy Island on big Pedee [River] were stationed she thinks at Drowning Creek & Pedee some time – and after serving out his three months tour was discharged at the “Barracks” by Colonel O'Neal & returned home. General John Butler she thinks was the Superior officer. This tour was also after our marriage And was the last tour this Declarant's Deceased husband Served in the War of the Revolution.

That in all, her deceased husband the aforesaid Baxter King did serve the United States in the War of the Revolution Twelve months as Captain of militia

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In the year of 1780 a tour of 3 months as Captain of Militia	3
In 1781, 2 tours of do as Capt. Of Dragoons	6
In 1782 1 tour as Capt. Dragoons	3
In all as Capt.	12

This Declarant further states upon her said oath that, she has now no family record, that she has one in her family Bible, but that some of her eldest children, upon moving off, took said family Bible with them.

She remembers nevertheless that said record stated that she was born on the first day of may 1759.

That she and the aforesaid Baxter King were married in the month of January 1778 (then in her nineteenth year)

That her first Child John King was born in January 1779.

This Declarant very distinctly remembers that her eldest child, John, had just entered upon his third year, when Lord Cornwallis marched through Hawfields, the February before the Guilford Battle [March 15, 1781]

that her son John King is now in his sixty first year and that the following is the names of her of her children, to wit:

2. Margaret King (died when an infant)

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

³ [James Dollar W25535](#)

3. Margaret King
4. Mary King
5. Hannah King, born August 24th 1787
6. Nancy King
7. Polly King
8. Elizabeth King, was born in 1792
9. Johnston King
10. Nathaniel J. King

That the above is the names of person and the aforesaid Baxter King's children, that having parted with her 'family record' she is unable to give the ages of all her children – but that there was above two years between the births of her children, except between the 2nd & 3rd children, where there was not as much as two years.

That her Deceased husband had Commission or Commissions, but does not at this distant day know anything of them, but supposes they fell into the hands of his Executors some 38 years ago when they got possession of all her husband's papers.

This Declarant further states upon her said oath that from old age & bodily infirmity she is unable to attend Court, to make this Declaration.

She further declares that her husband the aforesaid Baxter King died on the 10th day of March, 1801, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn and Subscribed on the day and date first above written, before me.

S/ J. B. McDade, J Peace

S/ Ellen King, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 28th day of May 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County, James Dollar, an United States pensioner aged ___ years, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that in the War of the revolution he served as private of militia two tours of duty in the United States Service. The second and last tour which this Deponent Served was in the Summer and fall of 1781 and was in said tour in the Battle of Eutaw Springs and all of which tour, this Deponent remembers of the late Captain Baxter King of the aforesaid County of Orange, in all of said tour and that in all of said tour the aforesaid Baxter King had command of a Company of Dragoons, and were under Major McClary this tour was of three months duration. This Declarant has understood that the said King as Captain of Dragoons did serve other tours of duty in the United States Service, in the War of the revolution.

This Deponent understands the Ellen King, widow of the aforesaid Captain Baxter King is now applying for a pension for her Deceased Husband's revolutionary Services, that she has not married since the death of her husband the aforesaid Captain Baxter King, but still remains his widow.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day & date first above written.

S/ James Moore, JP

S/ James Dollar, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 28th day of May 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting

Justice of the peace in and for the said County, John Dolley,⁴ a resident of said County aged 85 years, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution he served several tours of duty as private of militia and, that on or about the middle of September of the year of 1781 as a private in Captain Hodges' Company of militia he served a tour of 3 ½ months the object of this tour was to rescue the Governor and other prisoners that had been made by Colonels Fanning & McNeill when they surprised and captured the Town of Hillsboro in the month of September in the above mentioned year of 1781. That in the latter part of this Tour, this declarant remembers very well that Baxter King, Deceased of the aforesaid County had Command of a Company of Dragoons in said tour remembers very well of said Captain King in the skirmish at Raft Swamp remembers also of seeing said Captain King at Monroe's Bridge and at Swan's about the middle of December, and does not remember of seeing said Captain King any more after he had served three months in said Tour.

This Deponent remembers that in the Summer of the next year to wit 1782 he saw Captain Baxter King in command of a Company of Dragoons under Colonel William Lytle on Deep River and that they were then returning to Hillsboro to be discharged: they had served, as they stated, a three months tour as Dragoons under Colonel William Lytle.

This Deponent does not remember of seeing said Captain King in any of the militia tours, except the two above mentioned, each of which this Deponent believes to be three months. In this last tour, this Deponent was under Captain Gwinn.

Sworn and Subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ G. Hurdle, JP

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 28th day of May 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange aforesaid said James Williams⁵ a resident of said County aged 77 years who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that during the war of the Revolution he was acquainted with the late Captain Baxter King of the aforesaid County and remembers that in the Summer of 1780 there was a draft for three months militia and that in said Tour, this deponent remembers of seeing the aforesaid Captain Baxter King in Command of a Company of Infantry (Militia) in the Town of Hillsboro; that they organized in said Town on or about the 1st of July of said year 1780, we were marched to the South and were in Gates defeat as this Deponent has always understood said troops rendezvoused in said Town of Hillsboro after the defeat and were marched to Salisbury & at the end of said Tour which was three months duration, returned to Hillsboro and were there discharged.

This Deponent remembers of hearing it said that said Baxter King as Captain of Dragoons served other tours in the militia in the United States service.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & date first above written before me.

S/ G. Hurdle, JP

S/ James Williams, W his mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 26th day of August 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned an

⁴ [John Dolley S6802](#)

⁵ [James Williams R11585](#)

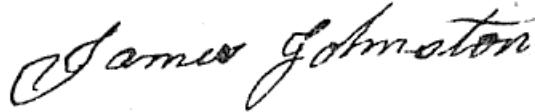
acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange aforesaid, Brittain Bowers⁶, a resident of said County, and an United States pensioner, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath, that in the War of the Revolution he was in the United States service as a private Soldier and was under General Gates at his defeat in August 1780. After the defeat said troops rendezvoused at the Town of Hillsboro and at this rendezvous the Deponent remembers of Captain Baxter King of said County, who had Command of a Company of Militia in said town, in the United States service and understood that said Baxter King had been in Gates defeat.

Sworn and Subscribed the day and date first above written or me.

Test: S/ S. Strayhorn, JP

S/ Brittain Bowers, X his mark

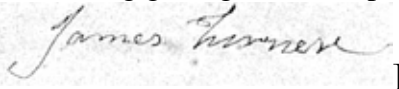
[p 9: On September 5, 1839 in Orange County North Carolina, James Johnston, 75 as of December 13 last gave testimony that he has been acquainted with Ellen King of Chapel Hill, widow of Captain Baxter King of said County since his earliest recollection; that he was present at their marriage in the early part of the revolutionary war around January 1778; that affiant is the brother of Ellen King and that he, affiant, was 15 years old at the time of her marriage to Captain King; that Captain Baxter King died March 10, 1801 and that his sister remains a widow.



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[p 25: On November 2, 1842 in Orange County North Carolina, James Johnston, 79, gave testimony that he was present and witnessed the marriage between Baxter King and the affiant sister Ellen Johnston at the Strawfields in January 1778; that they were married by William McCauley, JP and that Baxter King died March 10, 1801.]

[p 26: On November 2, 1842 in Orange County North Carolina, James Turner, 80, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Ellen King, daughter of George Johnston, deceased, of Hawfields; that Ellen Johnston and Baxter King were married in Orange County in an early part of the Revolutionary War; that he well recalls when Cornwallis and his army passed through the Hawfields community in the spring of 1781 spreading small pox. He recalls both Baxter and Ellen King getting the small pox in 1781 and their only child, Margaret, got it and died.



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[p 27: On December 5, 1842 in Orange County North Carolina, Hannah Loydd (sic), sister of Baxter King, gave an affidavit regarding the marriage of Ellen and Baxter King. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 28: On December 5, 1842, in Orange County North Carolina, Rebecca Andrews, another sister of Baxter King, also gave testimony as to the marriage of her sister Ellen Johnston to Baxter King. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Sergeant for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

⁶ No one by this name is listed in either HeritageQuest or Fold3.com as having been a pensioner of the US for revolutionary war service.