

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William King W20332

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State of North Carolina }

Orange County }

On this 19th day of May 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sarah King now in the 73rd year of her age, who being first duly qualified according to Law maketh oath that from old age and its attendant infirmities she is unable to attend Court to make this Declaration. And upon her said oath doth 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 William King who was a private of infantry in the militia in the United States Service in the War of the Revolution, To wit:

1. That in the year of 1780, her deceased husband William King, was drafted and served a three months tour of duty in the militia, in what was called 'Gates' defeat' [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. Met in the Town of Hillsboro' [Hillsborough NC] and was she understands in Capt. Douglass' Company, and under [Gen. John] Butler and [Gen. Richard] Caswell, and was in the engagement at Camden, in South Carolina, and served out the full tour of three months - and that this tour was a legally organized one. As to Discharges this Declarant has no knowledge as all her husband's papers passed into the hands of her husband's Ex[ecuto]r many years ago.

2. That in the next year, 1781, her husband, she always understood and believes was drafted into the the United States Service for a three months tour. Abram Allen was Captain. In this tour she remembers her Deceased husband was wounded - he was on Furlough till his 3 months tour expired. This tour, this Declarant always understood was a legally organized one.

3. That some time in the next month, to wit November 1781, there was a draft for 3 months militia tour when her husband again entered the Service. This was perhaps about the middle of the month of November. That the company to which her deceased husband, William King, was attached, met at Littrell's Barracks. Douglas was Captain ONeal Col: She understands that they performed duty in or towards South Carolina and were discharged by Capt. Douglas as she understands at Littrell's Barracks —

4. This Declarant remembers further of hearing her deceased husband say, & she remembers the fact, that he served a 4th tour in the militia in the United States Service under Roger Griffith in 1782 & summer of that year were part of the time at the Barracks & in Moore and Cumberland Counties, and at the expiration of the said tour, was discharged at the Town of Pittsboro' and returned home. This was my deceased husbands fourth tour in all, and the second after we were married. In all twelve months.

That her deceased husband was living in the aforesaid County, till his death, which ocured on the 14th day of February 1820, and that she has never since married as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

That she and said William King were married on the last Thursday in October 1781.

That he the said William, served two tours in the United States Service after they were married.

That she has no Documentary evidence of her deceased husband's revolutionary service.

That her deceased husband when he entered the service was drafted all the tours, except the 3rd tour, but of this she is not positive.

That she is too infirm to attend Court.

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