

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles King W20334

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Virginia Allegheny County to wit

On this the 18th day of June, 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Allegheny County, in Court Sitting (being a Court of Record) Charles King, a resident of the County of Allegheny, formerly a pais [sic?] of County, State of Virginia aforesaid, Aged 84 years on the 3rd day of April next, 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 7th of June 1832. That he was born in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia in the year 1750, And Resided with his Father until he was freed by Age; and then moved to the County of Botetourt Virginia, where he resided but a short time, before he volunteered his services against the Indians, about the middle of the summer of 1774, for the term of three months, and enrolled his name in the company commanded by Captain George Givens and Lieutenant George Frazier, and marched across the Mountains into the County now called Greenbrier in the State of Virginia, and pursued the Indians (who fled) as far as New River, in said State; during this Tour, this applicant assisted in Building a Fort, then called the Savannah Fort, where the Town of Lewesburg [probably Lewisburg] is now situated; after having served the term of three months, he returned home again to the County of Botetourt, where he was in the spring of the year afterwards To wit: In the year 1775, Drafted in the Company commanded by Captain George Frazier, and having reconnoitered the Country West of the Mountains, he was stationed at the Fort on Muddy Creek in Greenbrier where he remained until his time was up, when he was again discharged from the service, whereupon he immediately returned to his home in the said County of Botetourt; in this his second trip, he served the full term of three months; This applicant Remained at his home, about a year or perhaps a little longer after his return from the Fort on Muddy Creek, where he again volunteered in the latter part of the summer of the year 1776 In the Company commanded by Captain James Hall of Rockbridge County, when he marched directly across the Mountains to Point Pleasant, the Junction of the Great Kanawha & Ohio Rivers, several Companies marched from the counties of Botetourt, Rockbridge & Augusta [counties], George Skillern was then Colonel and George Page then Major; during this Tour this applicant was four months in the service of his country, under the command of the above named officers, where he underwent many privation's and suffered much from cold and hunger: – This Applicant after his return from the last service, he remained at his home in the County of Botetourt until the summer following to wit 1777 when he was again Drafted to fight or march against the Tories on New River in Virginia, under the

command of Captain Joseph Mills, during this Tour against the Tories, this applicant served two months, when he was again dismissed, and returned home to Botetourt, aforesaid, where this applicant remained at his home until the summer of 1781 when he was drafted in the month of August, as well as he now recollects, in defense of his Country against the Common Enemy & Marched in the Company commanded by Captain John Callaway [probably John Galloway], Patrick Lockard [Patrick Lockhart] was his Major and Samuel Lewes [Samuel Lewis] was his Colonel, he Joined the Army of the United States below Richmond in Virginia and was engaged in the Battle of York Town where General George Washington was Commander in Chief. This Applicant was four months in the service of his Country under the last named officers, when he was finally discharged & returned to his home. – This Applicant has no documentary evidence of his services, long since having given out all hopes of ever being reimbursed by his Country. He had a Discharge when he left the main Army, after the Battle at York Town and the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781], but lost it as well as all his valuable papers in crossing the James River. The applicant never held any Commission in the Army, or in any of the Indian Campaigns above set forth: This Applicant is unable to prove his services by any living witness in his neighborhood, all of whom having departed this life or removed from this Country. This Applicant would refer to Colonel John Parsinger and Stephen Hook Esquire who are his neighbors for his Character, for truth and Good behavior. This Applicant has no Record of his age. There is no Minister of the Gospel living in the neighborhood of this Applicant. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Charles King¹

[Stephen Hook and Douglas B Layne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On September 21, 1839, in Allegheny County Virginia, Rebecca King, aged 87 years as of December 31st 1839, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Charles King, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$33.33 per annum; that she married him in the month of August 1787; that her husband died March 18, 1836; and that she remains his widow. Her execution of this application is too faint to discern whether or not she signed it herself or with her mark.]

[p 12: copy of a marriage bond dated August 21, 1789 issued in Botetourt County Virginia to Charles King and Matthew Walker conditioned upon the marriage of Charles King to Rebecca Bess.]

[p 28: 3-page letter dated December 19, 1839 from John King, son of the veteran and his widow been postmarked "Covington"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

¹ I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran since the hand writing is identical to the body of the application