

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas King <sup>1</sup> W26185 Elizabeth King f57NC  
Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 4/20/16

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[Note: The version posted on Ancestry.com is much more legible than the version posted on Fold3.com, but some pages appear to be missing from the Ancestry.com version. Both, however, are less than optimal.]

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833, Thomas King aged between eighty-five & ninety years, personally appeared before William Hoover, Esq., a Justice of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions in & for said County & State, & the said Thomas King being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he is a resident in the County of Orange aforesaid and has resided in said County of Orange aforesaid for more than seventy years according to the best of his recollection, that he resided seven or eight years on the Ledge of Rock in Granville County [in] said State about ten miles from his present residence. That he was born in Hanover County in State of Virginia as he has been informed and believes and that his parents emigrated from Virginia to Orange [County, North Carolina] aforesaid when he was but a child six or seven years old. He further saith that he by reason of old age & infirmity of body & mind, that he is unable to remember & detail the particulars of his service in the revolutionary war. He further saith that he served two tours of three months each as a private in the Militia service. That his Captain at home both times, was William Ray that he stood his draft each time. The drafted Militia were marched to Hillsborough, the seat of Justice for Orange aforesaid and there placed under the command of their proper officers. His first tour was served in the region of Country West of Haw River and most about the Big Alamance in search of Tories & to keep them from rising and embodying. The names of his officers he cannot remember, though he has used his best endeavors to do so, nor can he now recollect any person or circumstance to refresh his memory. The deponent though well remembers the service after serving the time for which he was drafted, he was discharged & returned home. Afterwards, as deponent thinks, about or perhaps more than two years, he served another tour of three months, he then served as he is informed & believes under the immediate command of Captain John McFarland with General Butler [John Butler]. This tour was mostly served in Orange & Chatham Counties – he was discharged a few days before the battle at Lindley's Mill [September 13, 1781] with the Tories. He was regularly discharged & returned home. The deponent knows nobody within his reach except Claiborne Parrish<sup>2</sup> who knows of the latter tour & who was in the service with him.

The memory of deponent is almost entirely broken up & he knows but little except that he was twice out & served both tours, being tours of three months each until regularly

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt13017-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [Claiborne Parrish S7297](#)

discharged. The deponent saith that he trusts the Justice & benevolence of his Country will deem his case sufficiently made out & especially as Deponent trusts that his neighbors will bear ample testimony that a life of 70 years since he became a man, has been uniformly marked with humble but honest endeavors & that no taint affecting he is integrity or honesty has been breathed upon his character.

The deponent further saith that his name is on no pension roll to his knowledge – and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

The deponent further saith that his age and infirmity is such that he cannot go to Hillsborough to have his case prepared.

The foregoing Statement Sworn to & Subscribed before me 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1833.

S/ Wm. Hoover, JP

S/ Thomas King, X his mark

[Williams Harris, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Orange County

Claiborne Parrish of Granville County personally appeared before me William Hoover one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in & for said County of Orange he being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he has known Thomas King an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 for fifty-five or sixty years that he knew him in the Army when they were Brother Soldiers under General Butler & under the immediate command of Captain John McFarland, that he served a tour as he believes in Chatham & Orange County against the Tories that he was discharged & returned home & a few days before the battle with the Tories at Lindley's Mill. The deponent sayeth that the memory of said Thomas King has greatly failed by old age. That he has uniformly borne as honest a character as any man in the County of Orange – and that deponent believes every neighbor of said King will bear willing & cordial & [several words too faint to discern] to the good & honest character of said King.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 24<sup>th</sup> August 1833

S/ Wm Hoover, JP

S/ Claiborne Parrish, X his mark

[p 9: Purports to be the last will and testament of Thomas King as probated in Orange County North Carolina in which he names his wife Elizabeth, his son Thomas, his youngest son, daughter Dicey King and Marsha Ann King. He names his wife executrix and his friend James Leathers as executor of his estate. The will is dated January 18, 1832. The will was probated in the May Term 1834 of the Orange County North Carolina court.]

[p 12: On December 16, 1854, Elizabeth King, 68, made application for a widow's pension stating that she married Thomas King in February 1819 or thereabouts by Robert Harris, JP of Orange County, NC; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Brown; that her husband died December 16, 1834 or '35, a pensioner of the US at the rate of \$20/annum. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On April 18, 1855 in Orange County North Carolina, Elizabeth King, aged about 68, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She again states that she married her husband in February 1819; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Brown; and that her husband died December 26, 1834 or 1835. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as

a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]