

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Vincent King W4007

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina Wake County Augt 1st 1832

This day personally appeared Vincent King in open court & being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 -- That he is the soldier mentioned in the within Certificate of Mr. Secretary Hill -- that he is about 77 years of age that he resides in Wake County that he was one of this class of 15 that they marched from Hillsboro to South Carolina that they went near where Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] that they remained one winter on James Island near Charleston -- that he does not recollect the name of his officer -- that he left home in June & returned in the August 12 months following that this was after the evacuation of Charleston [the British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782] that they had furloughs to return which is now lost that he had also served a militia tour of three months that he went out about Salisbury of this State that he also served in the Horse of two months under Captain Bledsoe [Lewis Bledsoe] in the lower part of this State he thinks the first tour was under Captain Chambers [William Chambers]. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Vincent King

Thomas Ross of said County states that he knows the above named Vincent King who has made the above declaration that he knew him in the three months service at Salisbury as he thinks under Captain Chambers that he has known the said King up to this time & has the character of having been a revolutionary Soldier.

S/ Thomas Ross¹

[William F. Smith & Robert Fleming, two members of the court, neighbors of the applicant, vouched for his character and reputation as a revolutionary soldier.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Vincent King a private Soldier in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the ___

¹ [Thomas Ross S4126](#)

1782 for the term of 18 months nothing is said on said rolls of his discharge or the length of time he served.

Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1832

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Wake County

This day appeared Vincent King in open Court & being duly sworn makes the following answers in addition to the declaration heretofore made by him in order to get his Pension to wit = In reply to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War department he answers –

1st was born in Virginia -- near Rappahannock [?] River -- as he has understood -- that his father removed & settled in Wake County (when he was a child) -- where this applicant has ever since lived --

2: answer = Has no record of his age = That he believes he is 77 years old =

3. answer = This is answered in the first question & answer --

4. = That the regulation was that one man was required in a class of 15 -- that he volunteered -- This was in 1782 -- and served as before stated until the close of the war = That he enlisted for 18 months & served until near the close of the war -- when hearing of the capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] = his whole Regiment was Furloughed & returned home, subject to the again called for -- but the war was closed & they were never called on -- that he does not recollect what has become of his furlough -- that he had served a three months tour in the militia he thinks under Captain Chambers -- also another two months Tour in the horse under the Captain Bledsoe -- that these tours were before his enlistment -- and as well as he is now able to state in the year 1781 =

5 = answer = in the militia service -- under General Butler [John Butler] = his 18 months Tour under General Green [Nathanael Greene] = in the 10th Regiment =

7 = He lives about 7 miles from the City of Raleigh = Thomas Freeman, Anderson Page -- William Smith Esquire -- are his neighbors =

Sworn to in open court

S/ Vincent King

S/ B. S. King, CC

[Thomas Freeman and Anderson Page each gave separate standard supporting affidavits.]

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State of North Carolina Wake County August [illegible] 1833

This day personally appeared Vincent King in open Court and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- That he went a three months tour in the Militia from the County of Wake where he then resided -- that he cannot recollect the name of the Captain under whom he went -- nor is he able to specify the terms -- that -- Butler was the General -- that marched out as far as Salisbury North Carolina = he thinks his Captain was by the name of Chambers -- though he was then very young & cannot speak with any certainty as to names or dates -- That they were in no engagement -- had a written discharge, which is now lost. That sometime after this (how long he cannot say) he went another tour of two months in the horse & having found his own horse, it counted for three months. That this tour was under one Captain Bledsoe -- that he marched to the lower part of this State against the Tories -- that they

had skirmishes with the British & Tories, near a place called the Brown Marsh [September, 1781]² -- towards Wilmington -- that Butler was their General -- that he served his full two months, received his discharge & has lost it --

That he enlisted for a term of 18 months -- under Captain Brevard as he thinks -- that this was in June after the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] -- that they marched to the South, passed near where General Gates had been defeated -- went near to Charleston -- passed by Months Corner & Bacons Bridge -- that they were stationed during the winter on James Island, where they remained until July or August -- that they were furloughed & returned home & was never again called into service -- that he does not recollect the names of any officers -- except he recollects to have seen General Greene -- while on this tour -- That he was in no battle -- In reply to the several interrogatories as propounded to him as prescribed by the War department -- he answers --^{1st} That he was born in Virginia -- cannot name the County -- as he supposes in the year 1756 --

2nd = That he believes there was no record of his age

3 = That he was brought to the County of Wake, when he was quite young -- about 7 miles from where Raleigh is now situated, where he has lived ever since --

4. That he was drafted the two first Tours & voluntarily enlisted for the 18 months -- cannot name any officers except as above recited =

5 & 6. Did receive a discharge & furlough being since lost --

That he knew one Thomas Ross in his first Tour -- who then & now lives in Wake =

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present -- & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

S/ Vincent King

Sampson King, maketh oath that he is the Brother of Vincent King & two years younger -- that he recollects of his Brother having served as a Soldier during the revolutionary war -- that he does not recollect the length of his two first Tours -- but well recollects his enlisting for 18 months & going as he then understood for Charlestown -- that he was gone something upwards of 12 months & returned home & was not again called on that this witness lives in Wake County

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S/ Sampson King

[p 18: On February 21, 1839, in Wake County North Carolina, Margaret King, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 and 1838 acts stating that she is the widow of Vincent King, a soldier of the revolutionary war and pensioner for his services therein at the rate of \$61.60 per annum; that her husband died August 9, 1836; that she married him November 10, 1784 at the residence or dwelling house of her father John Riley (now deceased) in the County of Wake, State of North Carolina; that she remains the widow of the veteran. She signed her application with her mark.]

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Raleigh 18th March 1843

James L Edwards Esquire [Commissioner of Pensions]

Dear Sir

I was applied to a day or two past by the son of a poor old woman to get her pension money, which he says was allowed her some years past, but the uncharitable man who drew it for her took a large portion of it to himself, and now says it is stopt, and she cannot get anymore. I

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brown_marsh.html

am sorry to trouble you, but to oblige the poor old lady, must ask a favor of you to inform me whether anything can now be had for her, and how I shall proceed to get it for her, if anything can be obtained.

Her name is Margaret King, she is the widow of Vincent King, who I see from the muster rolls in my Office was a private Soldier in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line in the revolutionary [war], enlisted in 1782 for 18 months.

Vincent, I am told by his son, drew a pension for many years previous to his death, and that his widow has drawn some few years after his death. The old woman is unable to come to the City.

Yours respectfully
S/ Wm Hill [NC's Secretary of State]³

[p 22: Certified copy of a marriage bond issued in Wake County North Carolina November 1, 1784 to Vinson King [sic] and James King conditioned upon the marriage of Vinson King to Peggy Rayla [sic]. The certified copy indicates that both bondsmen signed the bond with their respective marks.]

[Facts in file: in a filing dated 1839, there is reference made to the fact that Vincent and Margaret King had a number of children, all of whom were then grown, but no names were given. P 40, The widow was still living as of September 25, 1848 when she applied for the continuation of her pension benefit. In this document she states that she is a resident of Wake County aged 83 years]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in both the Infantry and Cavalry of the North Carolina militia for 18 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

³ This is the first case I've encountered in which William Hill, North Carolina's Secretary of State, took an active role in procuring a pension on behalf of a veteran or veteran's widow. The file contains several to and from Hill to and from Edwards regarding the claim.