

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gerrard King W7984

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[Text shown in italics below appears only in the HeritageQuest.com version of this pension application.]

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State of Ohio County of Hamilton: SS

On this 17th day of November 1836 personally appeared before the Common Pleas Court of said County of Hamilton Gerrard King resident in the said County aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the month of August in the year 1777, he volunteered in Prince William County Virginia in a militia Company commanded by Captain Hugh Brent, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jesse Ewell & on the 8th day of September following marched in said company & *Regiment to join the main Army of General Washington, then near Philadelphia. – That this term for which he the said applicant volunteered was three months, which term he remained in the service of the United States and at the expiration thereof, he returned home & in the spring of 1778, as well as he can now recollect, he was drafted in a militia Company commanded by Captain Scarlet Maddins in said Colonel Ewell's Regiment. – That the term for which he was drafted was three months, and he served until the expiration of said term and was regularly discharged by said Colonel Ewell, – in said County of Prince William, near Dumfries; – that when he returned the discharges above referred to the whole term of six months services was recited (he having failed to apply for a discharge when his first term expired. That he was not engaged in any battle or skirmish during said services, and remained in said County of Prince William, near the Mouth of Quantico Creek, for the whole of said second term; – that in short, he was in the service of the United States for six months only; three months of which, a volunteer in said company & Regiment first named, and attached to the main Army commanded by General Washington, & the remaining three months drafted in said Captain Maddin's Company stationed on Quantico Creek near the mouth as before stated; that the officers who were in the service with him were Colonel Henry Lee, Captain Valentine Peyton, Colonel James you will and those already named above. –*

He the said applicant relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any state & that he knows of no witness by whom he can prove his services above set forth. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court November 17th, 1836
S/ Wm H. Harrison, Clk

pr S/ Danl. Gano, Depty

S/ Gerrard King, X his mark

Questions propounded by the Court to the aforementioned applicant.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in July 1759, in Charles County, Maryland.

2nd. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live? –

Answer. – I was a resident in Prince William County Virginia when called into service and have lived in the same County as also in Maryland, Pennsylvania & have been nearly 40 years in Ohio & the greater part of that time in Hamilton County.

3rd. How were you called into service, were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom? –

Answer. I was a volunteer for the first three months & drafted for the second three months; – making only six months for the whole period.

4th (wrongly numbered, but yet in time) Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have no record whatever but have been informed by my mother that my time of birth is to be found recorded in the Clerk's office of Charles County, Maryland.

5th. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – I recollect that while I was in the performance of my first three months service, that Generals Greene, Scott, Stephens & others, were in the same service; & that the last named officer was broke for misconduct.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer. – I received a discharge from my Colonel (Jesse Ewell) – which discharge included the two terms of three months each or six in all.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. – I am known to and number and presumed that none of them would or could in peach my veracity. But I refer especially to Colonel John Biddle, Judge Jos. Burgoyne, & Mr. Jacob Williams.

S/ Gerrard King, X his mark

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State of Ohio County of Hamilton: SS

On this 9th day of February 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Gerrard King a resident of Sycamore Township in said County of Hamilton and state of Ohio aged seventy-seven years in July last, 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 June 7th 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the month of August in the year 1777 in Prince William County in the State of Virginia he volunteered in a militia company commanded by Captain Valentine Peyton for the term of three months and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jesse Ewell; that they marched to join and actually did join the main Army under General

Washington then near Germantown in Pennsylvania; that the route taken by the said Regiment to which he the said King was attached was through Loudoun County Virginia to Noland's Ferry, where they crossed the Potomac River, and from thence marched through Frederick town in Maryland and to Little York in Pennsylvania, from thence across the Susquehanna at Harris's Ferry to Lancaster and from thence to General Washington's Army with which he the said King remained: that said Army however, did not remain at the place where he joined it but marched to several different places during said term of three months the last of which was a short distance above White Marsh and there he was afterwards informed went into winter quarters at Valley Forge as well as he can now recollect; – that during said term of three months said applicant was not in any Battle or Skirmish with the enemy; that the applicant was on the march to join the main Army & had reached Pennsylvania when he first heard of the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], that the Regiment to which the applicant belonged when it joined the main Army, stationed on the left; – that the Continental officers who were with General Washington at White Marsh Camp, the last place at which his Army was, when applicant left it were Generals Scott, Greene, Colonels Morgan & Washington besides others, not now recollected; – Applicant further states, that while at Lancaster Pennsylvania, on his way to join Washington's Army, he heard of the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] and of the disgrace of General Stephens for disobedience of orders and bad conduct. That applicant after serving out said term of three months, he returned with the Regiment to which he belonged to Prince William County, Virginia, his place of residence. The applicant further states, that in the month of April 1778 he was drafted in Captain Maddin's company, for a term of three months; which company was attached to Colonel Jesse Ewell's Regiment; that the said company, with several others of said Regiment; were drafted for the purpose of guarding the shore of Potomac River within Prince William County, against the depredations apprehended from the British that accordingly he served out the said term of three months as one of the guard of that part of said County of Prince William bordering on said River Potomac, part of which term he was at the mouth of Quantico Creek, stationary for some six or eight days together, that during this period, applicant did not go beyond the bounds of said County, nor did he serve with any other troops either regular or militia, then those belonging to Colonel Ewell's Regiment, – that he knew nearly all of the officers belonging to said Regiment, but cannot now recollect the names of any of them other than those already named. [After] the second and last term of service had expired, applicant obtained from said Colonel Ewell an Honorable discharge for both terms of three months each, and never went into said service afterwards; – that he has long since lost said discharge, and now has no documentary proof whatever of his services nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can establish his claim to a pension. And said applicant in conclusion states as a reason for not applying at an earlier period for a pension, that he has been sickly and very infirm for 3 or four years past, and confined to his house by severe chronic Rheumatism; and besides that affliction, was so poor as to be unable to employ a competent person to draw his declaration & proofs necessary to be sent to the War Department.

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 the Agency of any State.

S/ Gerrard King, X his mark

[William Burke, a clergyman, and John Burgoyne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court at the same time propounded to the said applicant, the following interrogatories;
1st Where and in what year were you born? –

Answer. – I was born in Charles County in the State of Maryland in July in the year 1759.

2nd. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. – I have none; but was informed my mother in her lifetime, that my birth was noted in the Register of the County last named.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? –

Answer. I was living in Prince William County about 10 miles above Dumfries, and since the war I have lived in Fayette County Pennsylvania and have lived in Hamilton County this my present residence some 40 years

4th. How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute; – And if a substitute for whom? –

Answer. I volunteered the first time, and was drafted the second time: – and served each time as a private in the ranks, for three months; – or six months in all.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. –

Answer. I have already stated in the foregoing declaration all that I can recollect in relation to everything required by this interrogatory. –

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? –

Answer. – I received a discharge from Colonel Jesse Ewell at the end of my service term of service which discharge included both terms; but it was lost soon after the war was over & never since found.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer – I am now and have been long known by Judge Burgoyne of Hamilton Common Pleas Court – also by Colonel John Riddle, Elmore Williams, Jacob Williams & numerous other old settlers of the County & present and that all of them would testify as indicated in the last interrogatory, if required.

S/ Gerrard King, X his mark

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To the Commissioner of Pensions

The Memorial of the undersigned the widow of the late Gerrard King deceased, who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, respectfully shows that her husband the late Gerrard King aforesaid was a private in the Army of the Revolution, And that from and after the 4th day of March 1831, up to the day of his death, which took place on the 7th day of June A.D. 1840, that he drew a pension, all of which will more fully appear [by] reference being had to his Certificate here with file marked (A) and Numbered 31,026; and dated 30th March 1837. That the said Gerrard King her husband died on the 7th day of June 1840. And she offered in evidence of that fact the affidavit of Ezra Adams herewith sent, that the undersigned was married to the said Garrard King on the ___ (day of) ___ in the Year of ___ and in proof thereof she exhibits the following evidence, The Certificate of Jacob Van Doren, Clerk of the Court of Berkley County [Berkeley County] in the State of Virginia. And the affidavits of Henry Howk, and John King, respectable witnesses. She also declares that she is the identical widow of the said Gerrard King

who was in the Army of the Revolution. And who drew a pension as shown by the Certificate here with file marked (A) as aforesaid. And that she has never since married, but still remains the widow of the said Gerrard King. She therefore claims the benefit of the Act of 2nd of February 1848 making further provisions for surviving Soldiers of the Revolution, and she request that her name maybe inscribed on the roll of pensioners under that law who are paid at Cincinnati in the State of Ohio.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 26th day of April A.D. 1852
S/ J. W. Keys, JP S/ Kesiah C. King, X her mark

[p 8: On April 26, 1852, John King, son of the veteran and his wife gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John King". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent script than "King".

[p 19: Certified copy of a marriage bond dated January 29, 1791 issued in Berkeley County Virginia to Garrett King [sic] and James Thurston, bondsmen, conditioned upon the marriage of Garret King [sic] to Kasiah Thurston, both of Berkeley County Virginia.]

[p 29: Testimony given by John Loyd in Warren County Ohio on August 12, 1852 stating that Gerrard King died in the town of Waynesville in the County of Warren and State of Ohio on June 7, 1840.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]