

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard King ¹ W7985

Rachel King

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State of Georgia, Taliaferro County: On the 13th day of September 1832

In person came Richard King resident of the State County aforesaid before the Justices of the Inferior Court being aged Seventy-five years to the best of his Knowledge who being 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 the 7th of June 1832.

Declaration

I Richard King do solemnly declare that I entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary Army in 1775 a Substitute in my Father's place (viz.) Drury King and served three months after he got to the Rendezvous in South Carolina and was in Captain Williams' company I cannot recollect the Colonel but was in a Brigade Commanded by General Linconton as well as I can remember. I then returned home and was drafted in my own name and went in Captain Lane's [could be either Robert Lane's or Martin Lane's] company of militia and in Colonel Sowell's [Benjamin Seawall's] Regiment and served three months after the rendezvous still in the South State or South Carolina I then returned home and moved into North Carolina Wane [sic, Wayne] County. I was there drafted again and was called into service of the United States under the following named officers Captain's name forgot but was placed under the command of Colonel Farmer² and, the General's name was Greene [Nathanael Greene] was marched into South Carolina and was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]³ where the British was Defeated our Company was Ordered to guard the prisoners to Camden from thence we marched to the high hills of Santee where we were discharged after three months of service after this I was called into service and was ordered to guard the legislature for seven weeks and was at Hillsborough and then was sent home. I well remember that I got three discharges one at Charleston, second at Salisbury and the last at the high hills of Santee and served in all at least one year some of which service is not here mentioned. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare name is not on the pension rolls of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Richard King, X his mark

S/ Malcom Johnston, JJC

S/ R. Q. Dickinson, JJC

S/ William Dorton, JJC

¹ BLWt26980-160-55

² Lt. Col. Thomas former commanded the Orange County North Carolina militia at the battle of Eutaw Springs. The Wake County militia engaged at Eutaw Springs were commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Wooten and Major Tanner Alford.

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

[Malcom Johnston and Wm. L. Tucker, Clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit]

[p 9: On October 21, 1854 Rachael King, 77, filed for a widow's pension in Taliaferro County stating that she married Richard in October 1796 and that he died on August 18, 1853. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 19: On October 21, 1854 in Taliaferro County Georgia evidence was given by Jackson Henry, James Brantley and Tyre G. Ellington that they were well acquainted with Richard and Rachel King; that they raised a large family of children their oldest child, William D King, being at least 57 years old.]

[p 15: On May 7, 1855 in Taliaferro County Georgia, Rachel King, 78, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; in this document she says that she was married to Richard King in October 1803⁴ and that her name prior to her marriage was Rachael Dunmaon [could be Rachael Drannon]⁵; that her husband died in Taliaferro County Georgia in 1853 on the 4th day of [month not stated] she signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months and 21 days in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

⁴ No explanation is offered by the documents in this file as to the discrepancy in the date of marriage given by the widow and her pension application versus her bounty land application.

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