

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John King<sup>1</sup> W7986 Eleanor King

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State of Georgia Jackson County: 1832

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November personally appeared in open court before the Inferior Court of Jackson County now sitting John King a resident of the State of Georgia in the County of Jackson, Agreeable to his Father's Record he was born in the year of our Lord 1756 [last digit unclear] which now makes him 76 years of age, 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

1<sup>st</sup> That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated.

He John King then living in Virginia State and County of Augusta a frontier County, Early in Revolutionary War the Indians was committing hostilities on the frontiers of Augusta County, Charles Lewes [Charles Lewis] being Colonel of the County ordered to Companies of the militia to gard [guard] and be stationed on the frontiers of the aforesaid County, he the aforesaid John was drafted and put under George Moffitt Captain Campbell and Seawright Subalterns and were marched into Greenbrier the frontier part of Augusta County and there they built a fort and stationed therein for three months which was the stated power [tour] by the law for the militia to serve which he the said John served but he got no written discharge nor to his knowledge did any one get that served with him.

2<sup>nd</sup> The next tour he served was occasioned by an Express from Greenbrier of a station being attacked by the Indians which he and the number of others volunteered to their relief, when he arrived at the station the Indians was gone. Some of the company returned he the aforesaid John and others stayed at the request of Captain Samuel Lewes [Samuel Lewis] who had the command of the station, In order to assist in guarding against the Indians, and to fulfill the term. The time of service he could not recollect but it was in the summer 1777 or 1778, who was

3<sup>rd</sup> Tour of militia duty he was drafted to watch or guard a party of British which he lay in Portsmouth from making inroads in the country under the Command of Colonel Sampson Mathews Major Alexander Robertson and Joseph Patterson Captain all officers of the militia he never was enlisted nor in any general engagement, his place of residence was in Virginia and County of Augusta and was throughout the Revolutionary war, In our march we passed Charletvill [Charlottesville], Ritchman [Richmond], Petersburg and so on to Portsmouth or not

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far distant from it he entered the service about the first or near it of the year 1781, he got no written discharge but he knows he served the full tour which was three months by him the said John King and was in the service at Portsmouth when the Battle of Gilford [Guilford Courthouse, March 15, 1781] was fought.

4<sup>th</sup> Tour. When Lord Cornwallis making in Virginia supposing he was aiming for the barracks where the Hessian prisoners were stationed, he John King of Augusta County volunteered and many others all on horses, Colonel William Bowyer and Albert Robertson Major, Commanders of the militia troops of Augusta County, passing over Rockfish gap and on to Charlottesville Cornwallis had turned his course towards Richmond the American Army then headed by General Waine [Anthony Wayne] pursued on through Richmond on towards old Jamestown, the advance party of General Wayne's Army had a little brush with the rear of the British before they got in their shipping, Colonel Bowyer was taken prisoner and paroled the British went down the River, and made a stand in Little York, the horses were sent home, and the men continued service to answer that tour, and he John King among others stayed, he do not know one man that served with him in the Revolutionary war, Living in this State.

Sworn to and subscribed before [us] in open court the 6<sup>th</sup> November 18 [32]

S/ Joseph Hampton, JIC

S/ [other signatures run off at the bottom of the page]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John King". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 11: On September 22, 1843 in Jackson County Georgia, Eleanor King, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of John King, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum; that she married him May 17, 1792 and that he died June 22, 1840. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 4: On March 17, 1855 in Jackson County Georgia, Eleanor King, 85, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John King. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 2: family register:

John King was married to his wife Eleanor Me 17<sup>th</sup> 1792 by whom he has issue

Jenny McDowell King born February 13<sup>th</sup> 1793

John king born February 5<sup>th</sup> 1795

Peggy King born September 30<sup>th</sup> 1799

David Kerr King born December 20<sup>th</sup> 1801

Abigail King born 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1804

James King born March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1806

Dovey King born May 24, 1808

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[Facts in file: Veteran married Eleanor Kerr, daughter of David Kerr of Coddle Creek Settlement, Rowan County North Carolina on May 17, 1792; in 1832 the veteran sister, Jane McCutchen gave an affidavit in support of his claim while living in Hall County Georgia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]