

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis King<sup>1</sup> W9495 Sally King f55SC

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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 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' 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 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Georgia County of Gilmer:

On this 4th day of August A.D. 1853 Before me One of the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Sally King aged 83 years a resident of the County of Gilmer and State of Georgia, who being cautioned and then sworn in due form of law declares that she is the widow of Francis King who was a Revolutionary Soldier of the State of South Carolina. That he served in the Company commanded by Captain Barnet [Jacob Barnett] in the Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Colonel \_\_ [Lt. Col. Henry Hampton] that he was in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].<sup>2</sup> That he was at the Siege of Fort Ninety-Six [May 21-June 19, 1781]<sup>3</sup> and that when he first entered the service he volunteered for ten months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of ten months. That he then enlisted for the term of three years or during the War, and that the said Francis King had a regular Certificate of discharge but his House was burned down and his certificate and everything else that was in it, that he died on or about the 20th day of December A.D. 1841,

She further states that she was married to the said Francis King on the 17th day of January in the year 1816 by one Joel Blackwell a Minister of the Gospel and that there is no record of the same. That said marriage was consummated in Spartanburg District in the State of South Carolina, and that her name before her said marriage was Sally Ferguson and That she was not married to the said Francis King prior to 1800, and that she is still a widow,

She furthermore, by these presents constitutes and appoints and fully empowers irrevocably and with powers of substitution William R. Query and Harry H. Walker of the County of Union and State of Georgia her true and lawful attorneys for her and in her name and stead to examine into prosecute and the man from the United States Government all her rights in any manner of claim for pension or arrears of pension or land as in right of law custom or equity she is or may be entitled as the widow of the said Francis King who died leaving the same undrawn. Hereby confirming her said attorney's legal acts in the premises. In testimony whereof she has on this 4th day of August A.D. 1853 hereunto set her name and affixed her seal.

S/ Benjamin C. West, JP

S/ Sally King, X her mark {Seal}

<sup>1</sup> BLWt73526-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

S/ William W. Kinney, JIC

[p 7: Thompson White and Matilda White gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of Francis King as a soldier of the revolution and the marriage of Francis King to Sally King.]

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State of Georgia, Lumpkin County:

On this 14 day of August 1855 before me a Notary Public within and for said County and State aforesaid personally appeared Sally King aged 89 years a resident of Forsyth County Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Francis or Frank King who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Barnett in the Regiment of South Carolina enlisted Dragoons or horsemen in the Revolutionary War. That her said husband enlisted at Thompson's Fort South Carolina during the latter part of the war for the term of ten months -- and served his time out and came home and a short time he enlisted again under the first Captain Burnett or Barnett for the term of five years or during the war. That he served under this Captain until the Captain was killed at the Battle of Eutaw Springs and she thinks then he served under the first Captain's brother. That he was honorably discharged in the Santee hills in South Carolina when peace was made. That he received written discharges but they were lost by the burning of their house.

She further states that she was married to the said Francis or Frank King in Spartanburg District South Carolina on or about the first of February 1788 by one Joel Blackwell a minister of the Gospel and that her name previous to her marriage was Sally Furgerson [sic]. That her said husband died in Spartanburg District South Carolina in the month of December 1847 and that she is now a widow.

She states that she has no public or private record by which he can prove her marriage or widowhood and his death only by decent witnesses who knew you her in South Carolina and moved to Georgia where she did and have known her ever since.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act of 3 March 1855 -- she states that she has not applied for or received under this or any other act of Congress any bounty land warrant or made any other application therefore.

S/ Sally King, X her mark

[p 11: Mary and George Fagans gave a supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Hall County

On this 25 day of November A.D. 1856 before me a Justice of the Peace in the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Wheeler aged ninety-eight years past entitled to truth and credit, a resident of Hall County in the State of Georgia and after being Sworn in due form of law makes the following Statements. That in the early part of her life she lived and was raised up in Union District South Carolina. That she well recollects the Revolutionary War and during the war she lived part of the time in Union and part of the time in York District and her home was near the line of the said two Districts. That a part of the time of the Revolution war she lived with her aunt who was the mother of Frank King. That during the latter part of the war said Frank King served under Captain Barnett and to the best of her recollection he served between two and three years. She states that she was well acquainted with Captain Barnett as she lived most of the time within six miles of him for a number of years. She further states that

said Frank King married his first wife in York District South Carolina and lived there until her death. That said Frank King married again in Spartanburg District South Carolina to a Miss Sally Ferguson with whom she was well acquainted before and after the marriage. That she believes that the said Frank King the above reputed Soldier and Sally Ferguson were lawfully married which is now Sally King of Forsyth County Georgia and that they were looked upon as husband and wife and believed by all their relations and acquaintances so to be. That she Nancy Wheeler is a pensioner of the United States for her husband's Service in the Revolution from Union District and York District South Carolina. That her husband William Wheeler<sup>4</sup> and the said Frank King she believes served a short-term together as she has heard them say – She further states that she has no interest whatever in the claim of Sally King.

S/ Nancy Wheeler, X her mark

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State of Georgia Hall County

On this 24 day of November A.D. 1856 before me a Justice of the Peace in the County and State aforesaid personally. Francis Whelchel age seventy-five years a resident of Hall County State of Georgia and known to me to be entitled to truth and credit and after being sworn in due form of law makes the following statements. That in the early as part of his life he lived in Union District South Carolina which District joins the District of York and that he lived near the line of York District and that in York District lived a family of Kings with whom he was well acquainted and in this same family was a Francis King commonly called Frank King and that said Frank King was reputed to be a Revolutionary Soldier and in the same Settlement lived a man by the name of Barnett who was always called Captain Barnett a title given him from his services in the Revolutionary War, and that he has heard Captain Barnett repeatedly say that he Barnett was Captain in the war of the Revolution and has heard Captain Barnett speak of the Services of Frank King as having served under him in said war. Said Whelchel further states that his father Francis Whelchel<sup>5</sup> was a Soldier of the war of the Revolution and that he has heard his father speak often of the Services of Frank King and Captain Barnett and the of their both being true Whigs and has heard his father speak more particularly of Frank King on account of his being young when he entered the service. Said Whelchel further states that he has always understood and has always believed that said Frank King who served as above stated married in Spartanburg District South Carolina to a Miss Sally Ferguson and that he was acquainted with both of them before marriage and has known them both sense and for a number of years before he moved from the State of South Carolina and that he has every reason to believe they were lawfully married as they were reputed to be by all who knew them. He further states that Sally King who he understands has made application for a Pension is the reputed widow of Frank King above mentioned.

S/ Francis Whelchel

[p 25: certificate dated August 24, 1857 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office which reads in relevant part as follows: "The only evidence appearing in this office being that of 10 Months duty as private her "Captain Barnett's Pay Roll"; -- and an indent issued to said "King" in Book M, 270 as private in Barnett's Troop, H. Hampton's Regiment, Sumter's Brigade State Troops for £94 Sterling."]

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<sup>4</sup> [William Wheeler W6485](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Francis Whelchel \(Welchel\)](#)

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State of Georgia Lumpkin County

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1857, before me a Notary Public in and for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths personally appeared Mrs. Sally King a resident of Forsyth County and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law to the following statements: In answer to the requisition of the Commissioner of Pensions that she should explain why her husband Francis King did not make application for a pension for his revolutionary services She says – That her said husband did make an effort to have his claim presented in the year 1836 or 1837 (this is the date as well as she can now recollect) and applied to a man by the name of Trimmier (she believes this to be the name) who lived at Spartanburg South Carolina and professed to attend to the collection of claims for Revolutionary Soldiers. But she thinks very little was done in the matter. She understood they sent to Georgia for the affidavit of one of her said husband's fellow soldiers by name James Clark But that about this time her said husband and family moved to a remote neighborhood from where said Trimmer [sic] lived, and her recollection of the matter is that said Trimmer required his fees or expenses paid if he went on and attended to the case. That her husband was poor, and unable to pay money to any one for attending to his claim – and that he soon thereafter became helpless, or so much disabled by age & infirmity that he was not able to go about the neighborhood. That he often spoke about his services in the revolution, and his claim to a pension and said that he ought to be drawing a pension, but that he was not able, and did not know how to go to work himself to get it and that there was no one that he knew of who could and would attend to the matter for him and so he gave it up and said he could be troubled no more about it and died without ever having his claim presented to the Pension Office.

S/ Sally King, X her mark

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Comptroller General's Office

Columbia South Carolina March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1857

I hereby certify that it appears by a "Pay Roll of Captain Barnett's Troop in Lt. Col. Henry Hampton's Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Brigadier General Sumter 14<sup>th</sup> March 1782" that "Fra<sup>s</sup>. King" entered said Troop 5<sup>th</sup> April 1781 and served 10 Months as a private in said Troop. Said Pay Roll being on file in this office.

Given under my hand

S/ W. M./ R. Huntt

Dep. Comp. Genl.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 per annum commencing February 3, 1853 for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina cavalry.]

[Note: I found nothing in this file to explain the discrepancy in the age of the widow as stated by her in her pension application and subsequent bounty land application. Nor could I find any explanation for the discrepancy in the date of her marriage to her husband as contained in those documents.]

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[p 2 : Printed form of Indent No. 270 Book M dated 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1785 “delivered to Mr. Francis King late Private in Barnetts Troop H. Hamptons Regiment in Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade of State Troops this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Ninety four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[pp 3-4: Multiple images of the reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by James Martin, Peter Bocquet, and Thomas Sumter Junior]

[p 5: Note: it is not clear the following two documents taken from pp 5 & 6 of this file relate to this veteran. These MAY relate to [Francis King W21523.](#)]

Mr. Francis King his Account of 56 days Militia Duty Amounting to £8 Stg. Sterling  
Not certified

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

S/ JS

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Slat [State] of South Carolina Datter [Debter]

To Fiances King 30 Days for Doing

hors mans Duty under Capt. Adams [Samuel Adams] £ S D

at 1 pounds pr Day 30.0.0

18 Days Doing hors mans Duty

at 1 pound pr Day 30 18.0.0

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8 Days hors duty Total 56 8.0.0

61 £8 Stg. [Sterling]

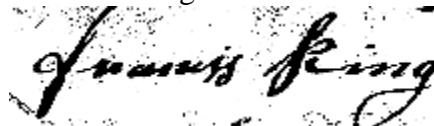
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Gentlemen/ Please to Deliver to James Martin my Indent Against the Public of South Carolina for Services Done as a private Soldier in Captain Barnett’s Company Belonging to General Sumter’s Brigade of State Troops it being for Value Received on this 15<sup>th</sup> June 1787

Witness

S/ James Powell

S/ francis king



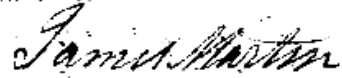
<sup>6</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The number behind the ‘pp’ indicates the number of pages in the file and the ‘Audited Account No.’ is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

To the Commissioners General Sumter's State Brigade

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Rec'd 19<sup>th</sup> March 1789 of Thomas Sumter the within Claim & 6 years Interest thereon.

S/ James Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Martin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ James Martin".