

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Arthur King R5934

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State of Tennessee, Lincoln County: County Court April term 1835

On this 24th day of April 1835 personally appeared before the Justices of our said Court now sitting Arthur King a resident of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

I was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia on the 25th day of February the year 1752 according to an entry made in my father's family Bible, but I do not know what has become of it and I have now no record of my age. I was living in Wake County in the State of North Carolina at the time I entered the service. I volunteered for a three months tour in a company commanded by Captain John Rochelle & Lieutenant Lewis Bledsoe in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Folsten (or some such name) and we were under the Command of General Clinton. I think it was some time in the month of August that I entered the service and in the year 1777, but from the long disease, old age and the consequent loss of memory I cannot be certain as to the year – we were principally engaged in pursuing the Tories, during this tour. We marched from Wake into Chatham [County], & then through Orange and to Guilford & Rockingham Counties – we then returned into Moore County & after marching about there some time we were marched down through Cumberland & Sampson Counties into Duplin County where we fought & defeated a body of Tories consisting of two or three hundred at a place then called the Marsh Swamp. We then continued to march about for a short time until my three months was out. I then received a written discharge, which is now lost & went home. Some time in the spring of the year succeeding the tour just above mentioned I again volunteered in a company whose Captain I cannot now recollect, but I think his name was Bryant and under the command of the same Colonel and for another three months tour. In this tour we again marched about through the neighboring counties for a few weeks after the Tories, & finally we were stationed at Fayetteville North Carolina where I think I remained nearly 2 months until my three months were out. I then also received a written discharge which is now lost & went home. I was afterwards frequently engaged in small scouting parties against the Tories sometimes for three or four days at a time & sometimes for a week or more, all of which would amount to at the least one month but I cannot speak definitively as to the length of time – in these scouting parties last mentioned we had no organized companies & were no regular officers, but we would go out voluntarily when we heard of any Tories in our neighborhood. I received regular discharges from both my three months tour[s] as above mentioned, but I cannot now recollect by whom they were given. I continued to live in Wake County N. C. until 1811 when I moved to Darlington District South Carolina. In 1827, I moved to this State, Bedford County & about two years since I moved to this County where I now live. I have no documentary evidence, nor do I know of any person by whom I can prove my service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and I declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ F. L. Kincannon, Clk by his

S/ Arthur King, X his mark

Deputy S/ C. Boyles

[John Webb, a clergyman, and John Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]