Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse King S5559

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State of Virginia Surry County to wit

On this 26th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid now sitting in Open Court, Jesse King a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged about 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Malitia of the State of Virginia in the month of February of 1776 under Capt. William Seward [William C. Seward] and marched to Williamsburg where he was stationed untill he was discharged and that he served abut six weeks at this time. That he next marched to Portsmouth from Surry Co[ur]t House in the month of June under Cap. John Watkins of the fourth Virginia Regiment and stationed under Colo. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] at which time he also served six weeks. That in 1777 he served two tours of duty on James River at different Places under Cap. William Bailey of six weeks each as a Corporal. That in the year 1778 he served one tour of duty on James Rivers under Capt. John H. Cocke of six weeks as a Corporal. That in the same year he marched to Cumberland Courthouse with [one or two illegible words] at which time he served three weeks as a Corporal. That in the year 1780 he marched from Surry Courthouse under Capt. Jacob Faulcon to the Burnt mills near Suffolk where he joined Gen'l. Mulenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] army and was discharged at Broadwater Bridge at which time he also served six weeks as Corporal. That at broad water bridge he enlisted under Capt. Wm. Bailey when he marched to Petersburg, from Petersburg to Chesterfield Courthouse from thence to falling creek Church, thence to the Cole pits beyond Richmond [probably Midlothian Coal Pits about 10 mi W of Richmond] where Capt. Vaugh took command - thence to Richmond at which Time Gen'l. Layfaett [sic: Lafayette] joined with Gen'l. Mulenburg [late Apr 1781]. Thence to bottoms bridge towards Wm.burg and various other places and was discharged at Ground Squirrel Chappell beyond Richmond [Ground Squirrel Chapel about 20 mi NW of Richmond] at which he also served six weeks That he then served a Tour on James River under Capt. Wm. Baily on James River at Col. Browns[?]. That he served about four weeks. That he next marched to a place called Babbs old field near South Kee [probably South Quay now in Suffolk City] under Capt. John Lucas at which time he also served six weeks that 1781 he was stationed at Swans point [sic: Swanns Point on James River opposite Jamestown] ten weeks and for his various services he never has been compensated and [illegible word] his whole services is about one year and three months and three weeks

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] Jesse King

NOTE: On the pension certificate is a note that King died on 27 Jan 1846.