Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James King VAS1076
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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia]

[Note: All of the legible documents in this file relate to the annual administration of the pension granted to the veteran by the state of Virginia. Below is an example of the veteran's signature obtained from a power of attorney he signed in November 1821 as part of the annual distribution of his pension. Records in this file indicate that the veteran died January 20, 1828. His estate was administered by William King, but his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

James King

[Note: In Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874*, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011 444, Mr. Bockstruck notes that he veteran was pensioned in Rockbridge County Virginia on January 30, 1819. The veteran enlisted in September 1781 at the age of 16 and joined the Army at Yorktown. He was detached to Captain Charles Callaway's Company of militia and remained in service until the surrender of Cornwallis on October 19, 1781. He had his thigh broken and was awarded a pension of \$100 per annum.]

[From Digital Library of Virginia] Rockbridge County Legislative Papers

To the Honourable the Legislature of Virginia,

The petition of James King of the County of Rockbridge most respectfully represents. That your petitioner about the month of September in the year 1781 at the age of Sixteen years, joined the Army at Yorktown in Virginia, under the command of General Washington, being attached to Capt. Charles Callaway's Company of Militia and remained in the Army until the capture of the British forces under Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; where I was so unfortunate as to get my thigh broken, which renders me longer [sic] unable without great difficulty and pain, to provide a comfortable Subsistence, suited to my situation.

Therefore prays your Hon. body would provide that relief, never refused by the Legislature of Virginia, by granting me a small sum annually, together with a like sum for my

present use, which will render the few remaining days of my life more comfortable. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ James King 18th of November 1818

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[Reverse]
James King's Petition
December 12th 1818
Referred to Claims
Reasonable
December 22nd
Reported December 24th,
Bill January 1st 1819

May 8, 1818

This is to Certify James Team a resident of Rockbridge County (formerly of Bedford) Virginia served a Tower [tour] under me down to York & was at the Taking [of] Cornwallis in the year 1781 where he had his thigh broken. He was a man of good Character, and never was guilty of any misdemeanor as I knew or heard of. Given under my hand this 8 day of May 1818

S/ Charles Callaway Senior

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