Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward King S38895 Transcribed by Will Graves f36NC/SC 1/3/08: rev'd 4/17/16

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State of Tennessee: June 10th 1819

Edward King a citizen of the State of Tennessee Bedford County represents that during the American revolution he enlisted as a soldier in the Continental establishment in the first South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] and served in the Company of Captain Drayton [Glenn Drayton] and was regularly discharged by the commanding officer of said Regiment in the year 1780 – 1781 after the expiration of his term of service having served about two years, he afterwards enlisted in the year 1781 in the first Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle and in the company of Captain Joseph Thomas Rhodes in the Continental establishment and continued to serve in said Regiment until he was discharged at the close of the war, both of his discharges, he has lost by time and conduct so that he cannot now produce either of them, he was discharged in South Carolina, after the close of the war he returned to North Carolina his place of residence & resided there for some time & then removed to the West Country where he has resided about twenty-two years, he represents that he is about Sixty-one years of age and he is a poor man: he is dependent on his bodily labor for his support and is so infirm from age and disability of body that he cannot support himself without much difficulty and stands in need of the aid of his government and desires a pension agreeable to the provisions of the late act of Congress on that subject, he has heretofore never received any pension from his government & releases every claim he might have to a pension under any former law.

S/ Edward King, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed the day & date above. S/ Parry W. Humphrys

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Murfreesboro Tennessee August 27, 1818

This may certify that Edward King Served 18 months in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary war; and that the said Edward King served in the State of North & South Carolina: in Captain Joseph Thomas Rhodes' Company of the first Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Archibald Lytle, in the year 1782 and 1783.

Attest: S/S. Streeter S/Will Lytle, ¹ Capt. Revolutionary Army

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¹ Will (William) Lytle S46228

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[Attested in Rutherford County Tennessee by Benjamin Smith on June 3rd, 1819] [p 26]

Corrected Declaration

District of West Tennessee

On this 9th day of December 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for the said State personally appeared Edward King aged 61 years, resident in Bedford County in said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Edward King enlisted for the term of two years on the __ day of July in the year 1775 in now Caswell County in the state of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Glen Drayton of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles C Pinckney in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the month of October 1777, when he was discharge from service in Charles Town [Charleston] State of South Carolina, and that he was not in any battles during this term of service he was a considerable time in Garrison, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except Captain Lytle's Certificate enclosed. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid S/ Parry W. Humphreys S/ Edward King, X his mark

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District of West Tennessee, Bedford County: January Quarter Sessions 1821

On this 4th day of January 1821 personally appeared in open court, and the court of pleas & quarter Sessions, for the said County of Bedford (the same being a court of Record), Edward King, aged sixty-two years, resident in the County of Bedford in the said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. In the year 1777 he enlisted for two years in Captain Glendraden's [sic, Glenn Drayton's] company in the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Pinckney in the South Carolina line, on the Continental establishment & was discharged from the service in October 1779 in Charleston South Carolina. He again in the year 1782 enlisted for 18 months in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes in the first Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve the eighteen months in said Corps, when he was discharged in South Carolina. He made an original declaration on or about the 10th of June 1819 & obtained a pension certificate the number of which is not recollected, he having lost or mislaid the said certificate accidentally out of his possession.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of An Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed:

A schedule of property belonging to Edward King – 4th of January 1821

	FFJ		
1 horse	\$50	1 case of knives & forks	\$1.00
9 Head Cattle	50	6 Spoons & 1 tin pan	1.00
23 do hogs	15	1 pail 1 piggen	.75
2 Pots Dutch			
Oven & skillet	4	1 Churn	.50
1 Pewter dish & 4			
Pewter Plates	1.75	9 saucers 11 Cups	1.25
4 Earthern Plates	.50	1 old saddle	1.00
1 Cotton Wheel			
& Cards	1.00	1 coffee pot	.50
1 Flax wheel	1.50	notes due to him	\$300.00
2 tin buckets	1.00	12 fowls	.75
			\$431.50 ²

S/ Ed King

Ed King

The said Edward King further declares on oath that he is a farmer by occupation; but that he is now so old & infirm that he cannot pursue his business with such success as to ensure a necessary & competent support. He has a wife living with him named Sarah aged sixty-four years, also a grandchild five years old named Harriet McIntosh, who is under his care, support & protection.

Sworn to & declared in open court on this fourth day of January 1821.

S/ Jas. McKissick, Clerk

S/ Ed King

[p 15: On October 14, 1829 in Bedford County, Tennessee, Applicant also filed under the 1828 act giving a confused version of the above statements, saying he served under Lytle and Rhodes in the South Carolina [sic, North Carolina] line.]

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Revolutionary Claims Treasury Department, 30 October 1829

Edward King of __ in the County of Bedford in the State of Tennessee has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Rhodes's Company, in the_Col. Lytles_ regiment of the N. Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated

² This amount of property exceeded the War Department's definition of indigency and therefore would have disqualified veteran for a pension under the terms of the 1818 and 1820 pension acts.

by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department, Third Auditor's Office, 31st October 1829

It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to Edward King in the North Carolina line

It further appears that Edward King is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

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Personally appeared before me James Brittain an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee, William McElyea, ³ a soldier of the American Revolution and now a citizen of the County of Franklin State of Illinois, who made oath that Edward King the above petitioner for a pension from the United States Government was a soldier of the American Revolution & that he is the same person and that he was in the service of the United States at the close of the war and was discharged under Captain Rhodes at the ten mile House this side of Charleston in South Carolina.

Sworn & subscribed the 20th day of September 1829.

S/William McElyea

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S/ James Brittain, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 10, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line. That pension was suspended in 1820 because the veteran owned more property than was permitted under the 1818 and 1820 acts. The pension was reinstated based on the reapplication the veteran made in 1829.]

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³ William McElyea S33084