

Pension Application for Clement King

W.24849 (Widow: Mary) Married December 28, 1780. Clement died December 18, 1835.

State of New York

Erie County SS.

On this 7th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Erie aforesaid Clement King a resident of the town of Aurora and County and State aforesaid aged 76 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 entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born in the State of Rhodeisland [Rhode Island] in the County of Providence and town of Gloucester on the 15th day of March 1756. He has no record of his age and knows of none. He was living in the State of Rhodeisland in the County of Providence aforesaid and in the town of Smithport where he first entered the service and when he returned from this his first tour he went to live in the State of New York the County he does not remember the name of both the Town and was called Little Britton about 60 miles above New York City.

He removed from there (Little Britton) into the State of Pennsylvania to the Town of Rethany Wayne County and from then into the Town of Geneva County of Cayuga and State of New York and from there (Geneva) into the Town of Aurora County of Erie aforesaid in the State of New York where he now resides.

He enlisted as a volunteer (he thinks) in the State Troops of the State of Rhodeisland in the year 1776 in January he lived at Smithfield aforesaid but enlisted on the Island for one year, does not remember the number of the regiment but it was called Col. Lippetts Regiment, the Majors name was Bkirlle (he thinks) the Col. was Christopher Lippetts, the Lieut Col. was Bowine, the Capt. was Nathaniel Blackmar the Lieut was Nehimah Randall, the Ensign was William Rawson. He served the whole year under the above named officers except Nehemiah Randall who resigned, and his place was supplied by William Rawson and he thinks Joseph Bowen supplied his (Rawson's) place as ensign.

He enlisted on the Island and staid there until about July following when they marched into New Jersey passed through Morristown from thence through a place called Plickumin from Pluckumin to Princeton from Burlington to Princetown again from Pluckumin to Chatham in New Jersey where he was discharged after serving his year out on the 18th day of January 1777 by Capt. Dexter who signed the discharge in their Captains name who was at that time sick.

His discharge he kept during the war and until he moved to Little Britton aforesaid where he let his brother in law have it and has never seen it since. He was in the Battle of Princeton in New Jersey in the year 1777 about the 3d or 4 of January. He thinks the above officers took out Continental Commissions about the month of

July 1778 and he continued to serve under them as aforesaid until his year expired on the 18th of January 1777.

The next time he was out was in the year 1777 he thinks he volunteered at Little Britton where he lived, into the Militia of the State of New York for one month he thinks it was July under Capt. Humphrey does not remember his first name nor can he recollect any of the other officers names that he served under during this month he served the month out at Fort Clinton on the North River and was dismissed by Capt. Humphrey at the fort.

He served the month out at Fort Clinton on the North River and was dismissed by Capt. Humphrey at the Fort has no written discharge nothing more than a verbal dismissal. He was not in any Battles during this month.

He thinks the next time he was out was for one month and was a draft in the Militia of the State of New York. He served his month out and then was a substitute for another month for one Stephen King and served this out and there was no substitute for another man another month his name he does not remember he served the 3 months last above stated at Fort Clinton aforesaid and under the same officers but does not remember the names of any except Capt. Humphrey before mentioned he was dismissed at the Fort by Capt. Humphrey and nothing more than a verbal dismissal and returned home to Little Britton.

The next time was in the year 1778, He thinks he was drafted for one month in the Militia of the State of New York in the fore part of the season he is not positive what month it was month he served under Capt. Newkirk does not remember his first name and Lieut Matthew Nely does not remember any more of the officers names had no battles he was dismissed by Capt. Newkirk verbally at a place called Peenpack in Ulster County when he served the month out.

The next time was in the year 1779 (he thinks) he was drafted for one month it was in July or August and he was not positive which into the Militia of the State of New York he lived at Little Britton and served the time out at a place called Baskins Land under Capt. Nicholas does not remember his first name nor the names of any of the rest of the officers had no battles and was dismissed verbally at Baskins Land by Capt. Nicholas.

He was drafted again for one month is not positive which it was in the year 1779 or 1780 in the Militia of the State of New York and served most of the time out at a place called [Hunk?] in the State of New York but went during the month to a place called Papackton and then returned again to Hunk and was verbally dismissed by Capt. Van Culer his being the Capt of the Company does not remember any more of the officers names these were out at this time.

He served several months more in Militia Regiments at different times and under different officers but it being so long since and not expecting to get anything he has not taken any pains to keep it in his recollection and on account of his age and ill health his memory has become so much confused that he cannot remember the particulars of each months service and therefore omits to mention them or to mention them more minutely.

He has no other or documentary evidence excepting which is hereunto annexed and such as now in the pension office.

And this deponent further says that there is no clergyman residing in the immediate vicinity of this deponent.

H hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any other state.

And he further states that from his bodily infirmity he is unwell & unable to attend at Buffalo where all the Courts of Record of said County are held for the purpose of making the above declaration & submitting to the examination required in such cases. (Signed) Clement King

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 7 day of November 1832. Edward Paine one of the Judges of Erie County.

Letter in folder dated December 30, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Clement King, who lived in Rhode Island, served in the Revolutionary War and was allowed pension while residing in Erie County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.24849, based upon the military service in that war of Clement King.

Clement King was born March 15, 1756, at Gloucester, Providence County, Rhode Island. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Smithfield, Rhode Island, Clement King volunteered in January, 1776, served as private in Captain Nathan Blackmar's Company, Colonel Christopher Lippett's Rhode Island Regiment, served in Rhode Island until July, following then the regiment went to New Jersey, soldier was in the battle of Princeton and was discharged at Chatham, New Jersey, January 18, 1777.

After the termination of the above noted service, Clement King moved to Little Britain, New York, volunteered there in July, 1777, and served on monthly tours, one month as a substitute for Stephen King (no relationship shown), entire length of this service, four months, as a private in Captain Humphrey's Company, Colonel McClaughrey's New York Regiment, was stationed a part of the time at Fort Clinton and was in several skirmishes: he enlisted early in 1778, served one month in Captain Newkirk's New York Company and did scouting duty: enlisted in July or August, 1779, and served the month in Captain Nichols' New York Company and in 1779 or 1780, served one month in Captain VanKeuren's New York Company: he stated that he served, also, on several other monthly tours, dates and names of officers not stated.

After the Revolution, Clement King moved to Bethany, Wayne County, Pennsylvania; then to Geneva, New York; thence to Aurora, Erie County, New York, where he was living when he was allowed pension on his application executed November 7, 1832.

He died at said Aurora, December 18, 1835.

The soldier married December 28, 1780, at Shawangunk, New York, Mary Woodward, date and place of her birth and names of her parents not shown. They were married by the Reverend Nathan Kerr, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen, Orange County, New York, and their marriage was recorded on the record of said church.

Soldier's widow, Mary was allowed pension on her application executed December 23, 1839, at which time she was a resident of Aurora, New York and aged eighty years.

The following names of children are given:

Sarah King.....wife of Thomas Carney, in 1840, aged 57 years and a resident of Sardinia, Erie County, New York, who stated that she was the oldest daughter of the soldier and his wife.

Darius King..... born Ma—30, 1796.

Elisha Kingborn July 30, 1798.

Lucretia King.....born July 25, 1800.

In 1840, John Woodward, lived in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and stated that he was present at the marriage of his sister, Mary Woodward to Clement King. He did not give his age.