

### **Pension Application for William King**

S.29274 William died May 28, 1842, leaving surviving children, Eunice wife of Jeremiah S. Finch or Rose in Wayne County, NY; Barbara wife of John Harmon of Saratoga County NY; Charity wife of George Wilson of Saratoga, NY; and William King Junior of NY City.

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On the [blank] day of [blank] in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Chancery, now sitting at Saratoga Springs William King a resident of the Town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga & State of New York aged seventy two 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born in the Town of West Greenwich in the County of Kent in the State of Rhodeisland [Rhode Island] January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1760 he has no record of his age, but has been informed by his parents that it was recorded in the Town of [?] of west Germain aforesaid. He is known to Doctor Samuel Davis, Aaron Noah Calvin, Calvin Calkin, William Kingsley, James McCrea & Jesse Robertson Esquires of the Town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga & State of New York who can certify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

That at the commencement of & during the Revolutionary War he resided at the Town of Clifton Part & Ballston in the then County of Albany now Saratoga, in the State of New York where he lived until the year 1780 when [he] removed to the Town of Lee in the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts where he continued to reside about 5 or 6 years when he removed to the Town of Clifton Park in the County of Saratoga and State of New York where he continued to reside until the year 1813 when he removed to the Town of Ballston in the said County of Saratoga where he has continued to reside ever since where he now resides.

He resided at the Town of Clifton Park in the then County of Albany and State of New York when he enlisted and entered the service of the Revolution as a private soldier into the company commanded by Captain Samuel VanVeghten in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Cornelius Wynkoops being the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the New York Line in the month of March 1776 for the term of nine months, that he enlisted in the Town of Clifton Park so called at the time aforesaid and immediately repaired to Albany City and joined his company and Regiment and did duty as a private on guard for a few days & from there marched to Fort George under the command of the aforesaid officers & there did duty as a private on guard &c for several months & from there he with the said Regiment marched to Ticonderoga and continued there doing duly on guard &c.

And from there he was detached with other soldier to assist to convey the Continental stores to St. John's in Boats & then returned to Ticonderoga after

delivering the Military Stores as aforesaid, that immediately after the American Troops retreated from Canada he with his Regiment marched to Skeensborough now White-Hall.

He was at Ticonderoga taken sick and returned into the Hospital that when he recovered and was taken off the sick list, on an alarm he with his regiment was called & marched back to Ticonderoga on account of Burgoyne's appearance on the Lake our Regiment staid there only one or two days and then marched back to Skeensborough and continued there doing duty as aforesaid until the expiration of his said Enlistment, and was dismissed by Colonel Wynkoop of the aforesaid service he has no documentary evidence. At Skeensborough there were a number of Militia & Continental Regiments but does not recollect the names or names of any as he was sick the most of the time at the hospital. He recollects Genl Schuyler.

There was no Continental or Militia Troops connected with or near the Regiment to which he belonged except at Fort George, Skenesborough where then were other troops but does not recollect the name or names of any of the officers either Field or other commissioned officers except as above stated.

That Immediately after being dismissed as aforesaid he at Skeensborough enlisted for during the war, into the company commanded by Captain Van Ness, in the first New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick of the Continental line of the State of New York and marched to Albany where he mustered on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1777—that he served as follows that immediately after his said enlistment he with the said Regiment marched from Albany to Fort George in order to keep guard. He was with the said Regiment under the said Colonel VanSchaick, there were other troops at Fort George does not recollect the number of troops but recollects that General Schuyler commanded & was there building shipping that on Burgoyne's approach our shipping Barracks and other buildings were destroyed by our people in order to keep them from the enemy—and the American Army retreated from Fort George to Stillwater then after a few days marched to Fort Stanwix under General Arnold sometime in July in order to relieve Fort Stanwix from the enemy which place was much infested by the British and Indians.

The regiment to which he the said applicant belonged, then under the command of Lieutenant Colonel VanDyke remained at Fort Stanwix in order to keep garrison until October then marched to Albany and then returned to Schenectady for winter quarters & were Billeted out amongst the Inhabitants.

That in April 1778 the said regiment marched from Schenectady to a place on the Delaware River called East town and there crossed the River—in Boats from there through Bethlehem to a place called Cuckold town in the State of Pennsylvania and there was Billeted out amongst the inhabitants—continued there until June following—

General Washington Army were at Valley Forge 2 or 3 miles off, he recollects General Lee, Major Fish reviewed our Regiment at Cuchold town—Marched from Cuchold town to Monmouth in Jersey arrived there 17<sup>th</sup> June 1778, on the same day was engaged in Monmouth Battle—continued on the Battle ground a few days,

marched through Brunswick from there marched and crossed the Hudson to White Planes [Plains] – there a part of our Regiment was detached into what was called the Flying Army—in order to keep guard on the lines—he does not recollect the name or names of any officers except Capt Grayham of our Regiment who was also detached, continued until October on the lines scouting & then was returned to our Regiment at Peekskill—f

From Peekskill to Albany 1<sup>st</sup> December from there to Schenectady from there to Fort Stanwix & continued there through the winter—and was detached a part of our Regiment under Col. Willet and went to Anandagua & destroyed Anadagua Castle—the Indians escaped except a few killed and taken, then returned to Fort Stanwix and remained there until November 1779 and he was taken sick and sent to the Hospital at Albany continued about one month when he obtained a pass or certificate from Doctor Steeter Surgeon of the Army who was then at Albany by which pass he was permitted to return to his Mothers at Ballston in Albany County and did not return to the army until spring of 1781, when he was taken up as a deserter & conveyed to the American Army at West Point & there tried before a Court Marshal and found guilty, but on the Intercession of Major Graham of the same Regiment (to which he belonged), received a Pardon and was restored to his Regiment under Colonel VanSchaick in Captain Bleeker's Company at West Point in April 1781 in which company he continued to do duty as a private as follows.

He with his said regiment under the command of the aforesaid officers marched to Dobb's Ferry continued there a few days had a skirmish with the enemy, below Dobb's & took 14 horses from them, captured a number of Hessian Cavalry with one Hessian officer & returned to West Point after they had delivered the Horses & Prisoners—he then from there marched to Saratoga they were delivered to Shelden's Cavalry & from there back to Albany, then to West Point from there to the Head of Elk & from there by shipping to James River and there landed and marched to York Town & was in the York Town Battle on the 19 October 1781, from there to Puncton & there took our Winter Quarters & that he continued at Puncton doing duty as a private aforesaid until March 1782 when he procured Philip King as a substitute to serve the remainder of my term of Enlistment aforesaid which said substitute was accepted by the officers of said Regiment & that he received a discharge signed by the officer named below, dated at Puncton aforesaid on or about the [blank] day of March 1782, signed by Capt. Blaker, Colonel VanDyke & Colonel Courtland, his discharge was on condition that the said Philip should continue to serve to the end of the war which said discharge has been long since lost.

1. Where, and in what year were you born?
2. Have you any record of you age; and if so, where is it?
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or where you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.
6. Did you ever received a discharge from the service; and, if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

That in answer to the Interrogatories propounded by this Honorable Court the applicant says in answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> question.

1<sup>st</sup> He was born in the Town of West Greenwich in the County of Kent in the State of Rhode Island January 22d 1760.

2d He has no record of his age but has been informed by his parents that his age was recorded in the Town Books of West Greenwich aforesaid.

3. When called into service he lived in the Town of Clifton Park in the (then) County of Albany now Saratoga & State of New York, since that time, he has lived in the Town of Ballston in said County from there he removed to the Town of Lee in the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts where he continued to live 5 or 6 years when he removed to the Town of Clifton Park aforesaid where he continued to live until the year 1813 when re removed to the Town of Ballston in said County where he has continued to live ever since & where he now lives.

4<sup>th</sup> He was enlisted twice as above stated at (E).

5<sup>th</sup> At Fort George there were other troops, recollects that General Schuyler was there as stated above [?] and the recollects Genl Lee & Major Fish stated no. (2) the same circumstances.

6<sup>th</sup> That he received one discharge signed by VanDyke, Colonel Aforesaid & it has been lost many years ago.

8. He is known to Doctor Samuel David, Aaron Nash, Calvin Calkins, William Kingsley, James McCrea Esqr & Jesse Robertson Esqr of the Town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga and State of New York who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. (Signed) William King

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, in open court. E. Cowen.