

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Night Knight S31194

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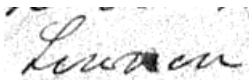
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State of Kentucky Christian County: SS

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Benjamin Shackelford now sitting Sole Judge of the Christian Circuit Court for said County -- Knight Knight aged about Eighty-two years a resident of said County -- who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 --

That he enlisted in the Revolutionary Army of the United States for and during the War -- at Charleston South Carolina near about 2 years before the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], he believes in the year 1777 -- in the 6th Regiment of regular troops commanded by Colonel Anderson [Robert Anderson] -- Major Holston in the company commanded by Captain Buchannon [John Buchanan] -- Lieutenant Brown [Benjamin Brown] -- does not recollect the Ensign's name -- He remained at Charleston under the command of the same officers nearly one year after his enlistment and from thence he marched he believes in the year 1778 under the command of Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] to Tyga Light House from thence to Purrysburg upon Savannah River where we made a halt of about one month from thence he crossed the Savannah River and marched to Savannah where we had an engagement with General Clinton and we lay there from 2 to 3 months and from thence he marched a forced march back again to Charleston where he only remained a few days and the 6th Regiment being much broken was added to the 1st Regiment of Regular troops commanded by Colonel Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] & Major Pinckney [Thomas Pinckney] (Brothers) -- and he was then under the command of Captain Serven [Charles Skirvin? James Turner?]¹. He then went by water from Charleston nine miles to Sullivan's Island and remained there -- had an engagement and still remained on the Island while the British passed the Island to or near Charleston during the Siege of Charleston commanded by Sir H. Clinton [Henry Clinton] -- When the Siege of Charleston commenced we again went by water to Charleston, -- He was in Charleston during the Siege² -- He fought night & day for twenty-eight days -- When the City of Charleston was surrendered by General Lincoln to Sir H. Clinton -- we were surrendered prisoners of war -- all the Virginians were put in the Barracks and the South Carolinas [sic, South

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² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

Carolínians] after they were enrolled -- had the liberty of the Town -- on about eight days He ran away from them (the British) and went home -- and was not again called for -- he received no written discharge he remained in & served in the regular Army of the revolution about two years that he is now about Eighty-two years of age -- he is poor and not able to labor.

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 any agency of any State of the United States --

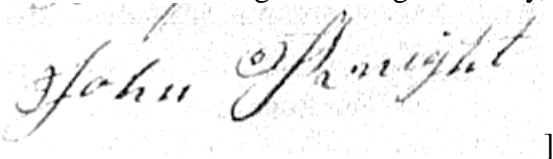
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Night Knight, X his mark

[p 36: [very faint document] On October 20, 1837 in Christian County Kentucky, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Kentucky agency to the Illinois agency because he is about to removed to Morgan County Illinois and desires his pension to be payable there. He signed this document with his mark.]

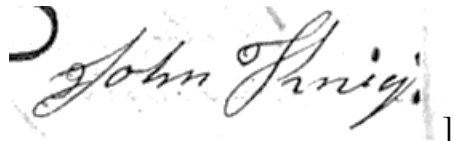
[p 37: On March 6, 1838 in Christian County Kentucky, the veteran filed an affidavit stating that he had abandoned the idea of removing to Morgan County Illinois and wished his pension to still be payable at the Lexington Kentucky agency. He signed this document with his mark.

[p 15: Application dated July 2, 1839 for a transfer of pension filed in Morgan County Illinois by Night Knight, his having moved to be with his children. This application was supported by an affidavit of John Knight of Morgan County, Illinois.



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[p 12-13: On June 5, 1841, John Knight, son of Night Knight applied in Christian County Kentucky for a transfer of his father's pension pavement from Illinois to Kentucky to which his father had returned in 1840. John Knight states that he is applying on behalf of his father since his father is unable to attend court.



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[p 9: On February 5, 1843, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension from Kentucky to Illinois, his having removed to Brown County, Illinois "to live among my children who now reside in said Brown County"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]