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Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas West VAS4925  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file has records pertaining to two different captains named Thomas West: one from Loudoun County who died in service, and the other from Fairfax County.]

I do Certify that Captain Thomas West of Loudoun County in the state of Virginia was appointed a Captain in Colo. Hugh Stephenson's [Hugh Stephenson VAS4479] Regiment Sometime in the Summer of 1776. That he Raised a Company of Riflemen and Joined the said Regiment some days previous to the Surrender of Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776], that the said Thomas West was afterwards placed in the Corps Commanded by Colo. Daniel Morgan and marched under his Command toward Saratoga & that he Died as I was informed while on that Command sometime in the year 1777. Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1806.

Henry Bedinger [S8059] formerly  
Captain of the 5<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't on  
Continental Establishment of the  
Revolutionary Army



To All whom it may Concern  
[change in handwriting]

The heir is young lady niece of Capt. West      Rob't. Carter of Jefferson Ct'y

I do Certify That Thomas West of Loudon County Virginia, was some time in the summer of one Thousand seven and seventy six appointed A Captain in Colonel Hugh Stephenson's Regiment of Riflemen, and that he acted as such under my Command as Lieutenant Colonel of the said Regiment. That his officers and some of his men were made Prisoners with me at the surrender of Fort Washington – that Capt. West at this Time was up the north River and was not Taken Prisoner. The Garrison surrendered some time in November the same year. That I Remain'd A Considerable Time in Captivity. That after my Return home I did not join the army again so that I cannot say what went with Capt. West.

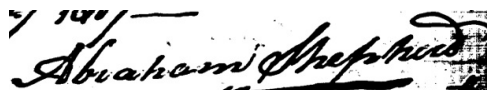
Given my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1807.

Moses Rawlings [VAS683]



I do hereby Certify that the within Statement of Col. Moses Rawlings is correct – that I commanded the first Company in the Reg't aluded to, that I was well acquainted with Capt. Thomas West of the said Reg't and that [three lines illegible] of said [several undeciphered words] given under my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> day of Jan'y 1807.

Abraham Shepherd [W19343]  
Formerly Capt. in the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Virg'a Reg't on Contiennal  
Establishment



[The following pertains to a different Capt. Thomas West.]

Fairfax County Feb'y 18<sup>th</sup> 1833.

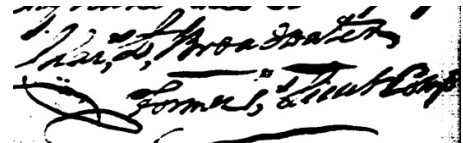
Sir      [several undeciphered lines]

During the Revolutionary War I have always understood that he was appointed a Captain and John Coffey [VAS3047] his first Lieutenant, Charles L Broadwater [Charles Lewis Broadwater S8096] his second

Lieutenant & Thomas Pearson [S5910] his Ensign all of Fairfax county. How long he served I know not but there are two men in my neighbourhood who can give [undeciphered] testimony on the subject, they are Charles Lewis Broadwater his second Lieutenant & William Henderson [X344] one of his Soldiers. Those men are now very old so the sooner their Deposition or affidavits are taken the better. If neither your Grandfather nor his heirs have not obtained any bounty land, there must be something considerable due for his services, & it behoves you to make application for it immediately, before the quantity of Land appropriated by Congress for the [undeciphered] of Revolutionary Officers & Soldiers is taken up. If you will ride down to my house either [illegible] or my sons will shew you where those persons live. Moreover I can direct & give you a letter of introduction to a Mr. Edmond Brook of George Town D. C. who will readily undertake to prosecute & obtain any just claim you may have either on the State of Virginia or General Government, he being at this time engaged in that business & may be depended upon. [several illegible words]/ I am your Obd't Serv't/ Jno. C Hunter

I do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Capt. Thomas West Dec'd Late of Fairfax County Virginia that he Receiv'd the appointment of Capt. early in the year 1776 & was Attached to the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't Gen'l George Weedon's [sic: George Weedon BLWt2418-850] Brigade on Continental Establishment & that he remain'd in actual service while I staid in service, which was about the Last of Apr'l or the first of May 1778 when I resign'd & left the army & returnd home I was a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut in Capt West's Comp'y & am under the Impression & Verily believe that Capt. West held his Commission to the close of the war in 1783 & that he acted as a supernumary Officer as many others did at the close of the war given from under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833.

Char's L. Broadwater  
Former 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut [undeciphered]



I do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Capt. Thomas West dec'd Late of Fairfax C'y Virginia. The said West Enter'd the Army of the American Revolution Early in the year 1776 and in the year 1780 I was call'd into Service and at that time Capt. West was in Actual Service and I always understood & verily Believe that Capt. West Remained in Service untill the End of the war 1783 Given from under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833

Wm H Munroe [William H. Munroe S9433]



I do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Capt. Thomas West dec'd late of Fairfax County Virginia being a Soldier. That he Enlisted Early in the year 1776 and know that his Company was attach'd to the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't Commanded by Gen'l George Weedon & was with the said Capt. Thos. West at the Battle's of German Town [Germantown 4 Oct 1777] Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and fought under him at the several Battles at the Battle of Monmouth I got wounded & was sent home but I always under [several illegible words] till the Close of the War in the year 1783 given from under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833

William hisXmark Henderson

I hereby Certify that I knew Major Thomas West of Fairfax County intimately & that he entered early into the War of the Revolution as a Captain, my brother Simon [Adams] enlisted with one his officers in the month of May 1777 at that time Capt. Thomas West had marched to the Northward. Captain Thomas West never resigned his commission but held it to the close of the war as I have understood & believe. [22 August 1833]

Edw'd Adams [Edward Adams]

Fairfax County to Wit: [22 August 1833]

Jemima Adams of Fairfax County Virginia appeared before me and made oath that she well knew Major Thomas West of said County that he was an own Cousin of her's. That she lived in the same Family with him, that he entered into the Army early in the Revolutionary War as a Captain, that he returned home before the close of the War as a supernumerary officer but never resigned his commission, of course continued an Officer to the end of the War. This affidavit subscribed with her own hand

[signed] Jemima Adams

Upon being questioned respecting my knowledge of Major Thomas West of Fairfax County, I hereby certify that I was intimate in the family of Mr. John West, the Father of Major Thomas West, from my childhood & after the Revolutionary War equally intimate in the family of Maj'r Thomas West for years, with whom I went to school when a boy in the Town of Alexandria[?] though he was much older than myself. In the year 1775 my Mother & Family were driven out of Alexandria by the little fleet of Lord Dunmore & we removed to the forest of Fairfax County, where I still reside, of course my intercourse with Mr. West's family was somewhat interrupted until I grew up to manhood, at the time above mentioned I was fourteen or fifteen years of age. I have always understood that Major Thomas West was appointed a Captain early in the War of the Revolution & I believe the fact. how long he served, I do not know certainly, but as he was a young man it is probable that he continued in service until the close of the War, however, as before observed, this I do not know.

Given under my hand this 22 day of August 1833.

Jno. C Hunter