

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George West R11338

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: On the 5th day of March in the year of our Lord 1836 personally appeared before me John Lathim one of the acting Justices in and for the County aforesaid George West Resident of said County and State aged about eighty-four, five or six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he is an unlettered man and that he cannot recollect dates that he believes it was in the year 1779 or 80 he went a volunteer from Bute County in the State of North Carolina under Captain William Hill and at Norfolk in Virginia joined Colonel Joseph Sowell [Joseph Seawell?] Regiment and in a few days was marched to Ninety Six from there to Augusta from there they were marched to the Edisto River from there to Maclengurgh [sic, Mecklenburg] Court house and there discharged by Captain William Hill after being in the service three months he then moved into Lincoln County in said State and was there drafted for three months and served under Captain Robert Alexander and was employed in guarding the frontier settlements of North and South Carolina from Seneca Fort to the Pleasant Gardens and served there as a soldier three months and was discharged and Captain Alexander's company relieved from service by a company under the command of Captain Samuel Martain [sic, Samuel Martin] that shortly after this he enlisted in the Army of the United States at Lincoln County North Carolina for the term of one year and that he enlisted with Captain John Moore from where he was enlisted he was marched to Seneca Fort on the Savannah River and from there he was marched to Mumford's Cove then back to Seneca Fort there we were employed in guarding the frontiers on the Ogeechee and Oakmulgee [sic, Okmulgee] Rivers our Colonel's name Bouey [sic, John Bowie?] Our General's name was __Williamson [Andrew Williamson], at the head of Kettle Creek¹ we had a battle with the Tories and Indians we were there commanded by Major William Ross who was there wounded and afterwards died with said wound in Augusta from that battle we were marched to Augusta where we joined General Greene and were attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Houston from Augusta we were marched to Savannah then back to Augusta and then from Augusta I was marched to Seneca Fort from that Fort we were marched to Hills Iron works² in South Carolina from there we were marched into Mecklenburg County in

¹ February 14, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kettle.htm>

² <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hillsironworks.htm>

North Carolina and there discharged by Captain John Moore after being in the United States service twelve months and twenty-four days and after he returned from 8 or 10 days he joined a volunteer Company commanded by Captain William Chronicle he says his Colonel was by the name of Joseph Dickson and was marched to St. Augustine under General Wade Hampton then returned and joined Colonel Dickson at Lincoln old Court house at or near [illegible name interlined] Ford on the Catawba River we had some shooting at the British in which scrimmage Major Davison [sic, General William Lee Davidson] was killed from there we were marched by the Moravian town we were marched round to Guilford Court house about 4 days before the battle at that place from there this deponent and others were sent back to help take care of some sick soldiers and was in hearing of the battle at that place about three weeks after the Battle at Guilford Courthouse he was discharged by Colonel Joseph Dickson after serving about three months and fifteen days and that some where about nineteen years ago he had his house burnt and all his household property burnt together with his discharges.

Q1

Where and in what year were you born

Answer} -- I am no scholar and have no register of my age but from my this recollection I am 84, 85 or 86 years of age and from information I was born in Bertie County in North Carolina

Q2 Where did you live when you went into the Army of the United States

Answer. I lived in Bute County Lincoln County North Carolina

Q3 Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. Ever since the war I have lived in South and North Carolina and in Virginia except the last nine years which said nine years past I have lived in the State of Tennessee and I now live in said State in Grainger County

State the names of some of your neighbors that will vouch for your arrest of the and their belief in your being a revolutionary soldier -- John Sams, George Barnard, Lewis Collins, Jonathan Barnard, Jeremiah Young, Robert Grissom, Thomas Cocke Esquire, Starling Cocke Esquire, General John Cocke & Gabriel McCraw Esquire, James Latham

and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State whatever.

S/ George West, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date first above written.

S/ John Lathim, JP

[Charles McAnally, a clergyman, and Green Bundron gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Correspondence in the file indicates that this veteran's claim was rejected for failure to provide sufficient proof of service as required by the law.]