

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Benjamin West R11345¹

Nancy

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State of Georgia, Hall County

On this the eighteenth day of December eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before John Nichols, Samuel Finly, & Thomas S. Tate Judges of the Inferior Court and now sitting as an Inferior Court Benjamin West Senr. a resident of Hall County & State of Georgia age seventy three 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein Stated. Deponent States that Some time in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy Seven he Substituted in the place of his father and Served a two months tour of duty under Capt McDoll [sic, probably Joseph McDowell] & Lieut. Nail the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colo. Bevard [sic, probably Hugh Brevard] that he lived in Lincoln County North Carolina at the time he went into Service and was marched to the head of the Catawba River against the Indians and at the expiration of said term of two months deponent enlisted for a six months tour under the above named Capt McDowell and marched to Guilford Court House North Carolina and from thence to the Kings Mountain and reached the battle ground about half an hour after the engagement was over. Deponent further States that the Regiment to which he belonged was attached to a Brigade Commanded by Genl. Clark [sic, probably a reference to Elijah Clarke of Georgia] having Served five months was discharged by Colo. Brevard which discharge is lost or destroyed. Deponent Says he was born in the State of Maryland Baltimore County.

That he has no record of his age that he has resided in South Carolina and Georgia ever Since the Revolutionary War.

¹ The "R" designation of this file makes no sense to me because both the veteran and his widow received their pensions. I found nothing in the file that indicated the pensions were ever suspended or revoked.

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That he has no documentary evidence & that he Knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except the affidavit annexed.

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

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Thos. S. Tate

S/ Benjamin West Senr., X his mark

[Standard supporting affidavit given by James Whitten, clergyman, and Joseph Kilgo, Jr.[?]]

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Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before me John Simpson who being duly sworn saith that he is well acquainted with Benjamin West Senior the applicant in the foregoing declaration and that he the deponent saw said applicant at different times during the revolutionary war and knows of his own knowledge that he served 2 tours of duty but cannot testify to the length of time said applicant was in the service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th day of December 1832.

S/ Thomas S. Tate, JIC

S/ John Simpson

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Amendment to Benjamin West's declaration

Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County Benjamin West Senior & after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. Sometime in the year 1777 I substituted as a private soldier in the place of my father who had been drafted this was a two months tour under Captain McDowell & Lieutenant Nail and was attached to Colonel Bevard's Regiment and marched to the head of the Catawba River where I remained guarding the inhabitants who were in the Fort at that place until my service ended at the expiration of said Service and at the Fort I enlisted for six months under the above named Captain McDowell who had been received a commission as I understood to enlist men for the United States Service. I was to have received forty shillings per month as bounty money and every thing furnished except our shoes but I never received any part of the money the Colonel assured the pavement when I was discharged but I never got it. I marched to Guilford Courthouse North Carolina & from thence to King's Mountain which place I reached a short time after the battle. I served five months in this tour, as a private militia man in the United States service, and in Colonel Bevard's Regiment we were also with a Regiment under the command of Colonel Clarke and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th of December 1833

S/ E. M. Johnson, JP
mark

S/ Benjamin West, Senior, X his

State of Georgia, Hall County

On the 25th day of March 1844 personally appeared before me David H. McCleskey a Justice of the Inferior Court for the County and State aforesaid the same being a court of Record Mrs. Nancy West a resident of said County and State aged Eighty four years who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the third day of March 1843 granting pensions to widows of persons who served in the Revolutionary war. That she is the widow of Benjamin West who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution in the North Carolina Militia and was a pensioner of the United States under the Act of 7 June 1832 at the rate of \$23.33 per annum in Hall County Georgia. That she was married to the said Benjamin West on the 12th day of June 1788 that he died on the 23rd day of November 1842 leaving her as his widow and that she is still his widow.

S/ Nancy West, X her mark

[fn p. 27: Family Record]

James West	born July 13, 1785
Mary West	" March 24, 1789
John West	" October 16, 1790
William West	" April 17, 1792
Benjamin West	" February 10, 1794
Elezebeth West	" August 20, 1796
Rebecca West	" August 20, 1798
Nancy West	" March 11, 1801

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]