

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert West R11347

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State of Illinois, Gallatin County: SS

On this 3rd day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Circuit Court in and for said County, now sitting, Robert West, a resident of the said County of Gallatin, aged sixty-nine 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, 1832.

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

That he was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1765, and has no record of his age, the family Bible in which it was kept having been, with all the other household property of his father's family, plundered by the Tories during the war of the revolution. He was living in the state of North Carolina, near Kings mountain, on a Creek which he thinks was called King's Creek, but the name of the County or district he does not now remember, at the time he entered the service of the United States; in the fall of the year 1780, he volunteered as a private under Captain William Twitty, in the Regiment of Colonel Grimes. He volunteered and served for a tour of one year, during which time the company of Captain Twitty was engaged in scouting in the states of North & South Carolina. They had no engagement with the enemy, nor were they attached at any time to the Main Army, though occasionally the company fell in with detached portions of it stationed at different points, he does not remember the names of any of the commanders of these portions of the Army as he had no opportunity to become acquainted with them, nor does he now remember the names of any of the officers of the Regiment to which he belonged except those of his Captain and Colonel, already given. After performing this tour of twelve months duty, Captain Twitty and his company including this affiant were dismissed at Lincoln County in North Carolina by Colonel Grimes. During this period this declarant was engaged in no civil pursuit, but entirely in the military service. He did not get a written discharge, his company being discharged verbally by the Colonel.

After remaining at home about a year this affiant again volunteered for one years tour of duty as a private under Captain Joseph Humphreys, in Colonel John Lindsey's Regiment of South Carolina militia, the family of this declarant having then removed to Newberry district in South Carolina. During the greater part of this time the company of Captain Humphreys and another of the same Regiment commanded, according to the applicant's best recollection, by

Captain Wilde [?], were engaged in scouting, and protecting the most exposed settlements from the attacks of the Tories, Captain Cunningham, a notorious Tory had perpetrated sundry outrages upon the undefended inhabitants, and to observe and counteract his movements and operations was the principal object to which Captain Humphrey's company was directed. The district (or Counties) of Newberry and Lawrence [sic, Laurens] were the parts of the country to which principally the protection of the two companies was afforded. This species of service was that in which this applicant was engaged for several months of this tour, during which time he knew none of the officers of the Regiment except the Colonel, his Captain & company officers, and the Captain whose name he thinks was Wilde. While thus engaged in scouting the company had no engagement, though they put to flight several small parties of Tories. After several months had been consumed in this scouting service Captain Humphrey's company was ordered to join General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], on the Wateree Creek. Colonel Lindsey with his Regiment joined Sumter on that Creek. In a few days after Colonel lines he joined General Sumter, the latter with his whole force, composed of about 2000 men, took up the line of march to Rocky Mount in North or South Carolina, in which of the two this applicant does not now remember. At the Rocky Mount General Sumter attacked a body of British troops and Tories, stationed there, in houses provided with port holes and fortified in many respects. In the attempt of General Sumter to force the enemy from his position, he was unsuccessful, and was obliged to retreat. From thence General Sumter led his men to the Hanging Rock, in North Carolina where another body of British was posted: General Sumter attacked this force, with as unsuccessful a result as in the former case. The Americans were overpowered, and compelled to retreat. After this General Sumter proceeded with a view to join General Gates at Camden, but before he reached that place an express informed General Sumter of the defeat of Gates. Colonel Lindsey then conducted his Regiment to Newberry district, where they were held in readiness to rejoin General Sumter, but Captain Humphrey's company was again engaged in scouting, as at first. In this service they continued until after the peace between Great Britain and the United States, a number of the Tories still resisting, and rendering it necessary to retain some armed force to compel them to submission. At the end of this term of one year, during the period of which this applicant engaged in no other pursuit, but that of arms in the service of his country, he was, with the rest of his company honorably discharged from service in Newberry district, by the Captain, no written discharge being given. While Captain Humphrey's company was under General Sumter this applicant does not remember the names with certainty of any of the officers, except those before named, his Captain, and company officers, and Colonel Lindsey.

After the close of the revolution this applicant moved from Newberry District to Pendleton district, South Carolina, where he continued to reside until last March, when he started for Gallatin County, Illinois, where he now lives. He has no acquaintance in this state, who is a clergyman, and rendering resided in it so short time, but he believes that David Wilson and William D. Clay, who are both credible man, his neighbors, the former living in Hamilton & known to him for many years and who know him, will testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution -- the said Wilson having known this declarant in South Carolina is the reason why he is selected from a foreign County.

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, or if any only on the state pension roll of this state of South Carolina, the benefit of which he hereby wholly relinquishes. He has no documentary evidence of the foregoing fights nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

S/ Robert West, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Leonard White, Clerk

[David Wilson, a resident in Hamilton County Illinois, and William D. Clary gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Illinois, Gallatin County: SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace in and for the said County of Gallatin, Robert West, who 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 his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, for one year I served as a private in Captain Twitty's company in Colonel Grimes Regiment of North Carolina militia; having four times during the said year entered the service for a tour of three months each, under the same Captain, and in the same Regiment: For another year I served as a private in Captain Joseph Humphreys' company, in Colonel John Lindsey's Regiment of South Carolina militia having, as before, entered this service during the year four times, on tours of three months each under the same Captain and in the same Regiment: and for such service under eight different engagements, and making to entire years service, I claim a pension.

S/ Robert West, X his mark