

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard West S16574

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State of Kentucky Calloway County

On this 23rd day of October 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before Rezin Davidge Judge of the Circuit Court for Calloway County, now sitting, Leonard West a resident of the State of Kentucky and of the County of Calloway aged 72 years [could be 78] and 2 months, 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 7th, 1832.

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

He the said Leonard West states that he in the fall of 1780 the month nor day thereof not recollected he was a resident of Lincoln County North Carolina & that during that fall he volunteered and went out against the Tories who at that time were very troublesome. That he went out for a term of 3 months and under the Command of Captain Shockey [Isaac Shockey]. That he continued the 3 months. He states that he was engaged during this service in quelling the Tories & the greater part of said service was rendered in the County of Burke and State aforesaid. He states that there were no other superior officers over him at this time. He would further state that he was in no general engagement with the Tories -- but was in frequent skirmishes. He further states he furnished his own horse. He knows of no person he can prove this service by nor does he recollect of having ever received a written discharge -- and if he did he has lost the same.

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He would now state that after his discharge from this 3 months tour -- to wit in the spring of the year 1781, he does not know the time precisely he joined the company of Captain Godfrey Adams in the State of North Carolina, that he marched with his said company to Camden in the State of South Carolina where he joined the Army of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. That after marching to Camden, Captain Adams was considered a supernumerary officer and he was attached to the company of Captain Francis More [sic, Francis Moore] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Middleton [Charles S Myddelton]. He states that he served in said company ten months the term of his enlistment. He states that after having served out the said term he was discharged at Four Hole Bridge about 40 miles above Charleston or at New Market.

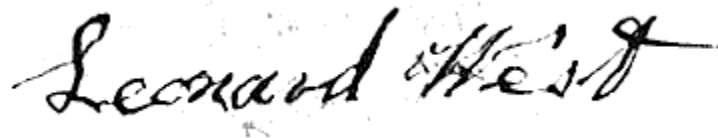
He cannot be positive whether it was in February or March 1782; He was in the battle at

Juniper Springs¹ & no other. The Army to which he belonged was designated by General Sumter State Troops of South Carolina. He states that for the proof of this last term of service he knows of no person by whom he can establish the same except by the Evidence of Joshua Murray² whose affidavit is made a part of this declaration and accompanies the same. -- Thus I served in the Army of the Revolution the Term of 13 months inclusive. He states that he was born on the 12th day of August 1760 in Granville County North Carolina according to the time of his birth as recorded in his father's family Bible -- but he does not know where the said Bible is or who has the possession of the same. He states that he lived in Lincoln County North Carolina when first called into service -- afterwards removed from North Carolina to Sumner County Tennessee & resided there 3 years thence he removed to Logan County Kentucky where he remained about 35 years, thence he removed to Calloway County where he now resides. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, he received a written discharge for his 10 months service but has lost the same. For the 3 months he thinks he never had a written discharge.

He has stated the names of the officers particularly recollected. He states that these all the particulars of his service as at present recollected. He states that he is known to the following persons in his neighborhood (viz.) James Martin, H. Milliken, E. Heath, Edmond Curd, & William Curd & Henry McGuaid.

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 agencies of any state whatever.

S/ Leonard West

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonard West". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Morgan Williams, a clergyman, and John B. Graham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Logan County: Sct.

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of the County aforesaid Joshua Murrah made oath, that he the said Joshua Murrah served as a soldier in the Army of the revolution having joined the Company of Captain Godfrey Adams in the State of North Carolina, that he marched with his said Company to Camden in South Carolina where he joined the Army of General Sumter; that after joining the Army of said General Sumter at Camden he became acquainted personally with Leonard West now of Calloway County, Kentucky who belonged to & served in the same company that after marching to Camden Captain Adams was considered a supernumerary officer & he the said Joshua Murrah and also the said Leonard West were attached to the Company of Captain Francis Moore in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Middleton. The said Joshua Murrah further maketh oath that he served in the said Company 10 months the term of his enlistment and that said Leonard West likewise served during the term aforesaid of 10 months the said Murrah recollects said West the more distinctly because they frequently messed together during their said term of service. He further states on oath that after having served out the said term they were discharged at Four Hole Bridge about 40 miles above Charleston New market the affiant cannot be positive which in February or March 1782. That the Army to which they belong was designated as General Sumter

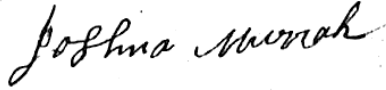
¹ June 18, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mydeltons_ambuscade.html

² Sic, [Joshua Murrah W1063](#)

State Troops of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 3 September 1832
S/ Wm H. Wilson, JP

S/ Joshua Murrah



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 13 months service from 1780 in the North Carolina and South Carolina militia as a private.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Leonard West AA 5
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8371

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I do hereby Empower Jacob Nichols to Receive my pay Due to me for Serving ten months in South Carolina under General Sumter in Colonel Middleton's Regiment Captain Moore's company for value of him Received.

Witness my hand this 18th of April 1782 and likewise the pay for my Clothing

Witness Present

S/ Francis Lock

S/ Leonard West



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Gentlemen

Please deliver to Captain John Reid the claim of Leonard West which he has assigned to me December 27, 1786

S/ Ja Nichols



³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.