

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph West S18275

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State of South Carolina Sumter District: On this Thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting Joseph West a resident of the District and State aforesaid in his seventy seventh or eighth year who being sworn on oath makes the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the act passed June 7th 1832. Deponent was born in North Carolina near New Bern about the year 1755 and in about 10 or 12 years old moved to Sumter District South Carolina where he has lived ever since. He volunteered in the service of his country under the command of General Richardson went the Snowy Camp Tour -- in the year 1776 enlisted under Colonel Sumter -- while under him had a very severe engagement with the Indians in Tennessee -- served about 18 months -- after our return to the State had several skirmishes with the Tories. Afterwards volunteered under Colonel Richard Richardson -- was with him in the Battle of Stono. About 1780 and '81 joined Marion -- had several skirmishes -- was in no engagement where an officer of the regular Army commanded. In the latter part of 1781 and '82 served as a stock drover for Greene's Army. I received part of my pay while performing service under Sumter. For my other service I have not received one cent. And I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to an annuity or pension except the present one -- and do declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph West, X his mark

S/ B J Earle, Presiding Judge

State of South Carolina Sumter District: I Jesse Hilton¹ [could be Jesse Wilton -- handwriting extremely challenging] a soldier of the revolution residing in Sumter District and State aforesaid have known the above deponent from boyhood. I was engaged with him in the campaign of the Snowy Camp. I know of his enlisting under Colonel Sumter -- and having returned to the neighborhood at the end of 18 months. He volunteered under Colonel R. Richardson and was at the Battle of Stono. I have also seen him with Marion. Sworn to and subscribed on the 30th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832.

S/ Jesse Hilton, X his mark

¹ I could not find a veteran died either name who filed for a federal pension application.

South Carolina Sumter District: Colonel Evan Benbow makes oath that he resides in the District in State aforesaid that he is acquainted with the deponent Joseph West for many years -- that he was quite young during the Revolutionary war and knows deponent to have been in the service of his country -- that the deponent is a respectable man and entitled to full credit.

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ Evan Benbow

S/ B J Earle, Presiding judge

State of South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared before me Josiah J. Crosby a Justice of the quorum for the district aforesaid Joseph West who after being sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God makes the following statement. Deponent was born in the State of North Carolina near the town of New Bern and as he supposes some time in the year 1755, that when he was a boy (able to ride on horse alone) he moved with his father to what was then called Craven County now Sumter District in the State of South Carolina That in 1775 he volunteered in a company of horse as a private under the command of Captain Richard Richardson, that with said Company he went under the command of General Richardson (given name not recollected) what was called the Snowy Camp Tour the object of which was to suppress a body of Tories under the command of a Colonel Fletcher [sic, Colonel Thomas Fletchall] who had assembled in the upper part of this State on the Broad River, that he remained in the company of Captain Richardson about 6 months, that when the said company returned home, he remained not exceeding one week, when he enlisted in a company of riflemen under the command of Captain Henry Richborng [?] who after the fall of Charleston joined the Tories attached to Colonel Thomas (after General) Sumter's Regiment. That he enlisted for eighteen months as a private and served out the full time for which he enlisted, that while with Sumter about August or September 1776 he was in a hard fought battle with the Indians and Tories in the State of Tennessee, that General __ Williamson [Andrew Williamson] commanded the American forces on that occasion -- that afterwards he was engaged under the immediate command of Colonel Thomas Sumter in several skirmishes with the Tories and Indians in Florida & Georgia, that in 1779 he volunteered in a troop of horse under the command of Colonel Richard Richardson (a Captain in 1775) that this Troop was afterwards under the orders or command of General Lincoln, that in about June or July 1779 he was as a private with the troop of horse last mentioned when an engagement took place between the forces under General Lincoln and the British on Stono River in South Carolina, but that he was not engaged in the action, his company being stationed about a mile from the scene of action as a picket guard -- that he served in said troop about 5 months when the whole company returned home -- that after the fall of Charleston in 1780 he joined General Frances Marion's brigade, that he remained with Marion about 12 months a part of the time in the company of Captain __ Snipes [Henry Snipes] and the remainder of the time under the command of Captain John Nelson, that while with Marion he was then frequent skirmishes with the Tories but most important of which occurred near Georgetown South Carolina when a good many Tories were killed & taken prisoners that from the time General Green arrived in South Carolina up to the time he left the State, deponent was engaged as a stock driver to Greene's Army -- for which he never received any pay. Deponent states that only minister of the Gospel living in his immediate neighborhood died about 2 years ago, that the Reverend James Parsons whose affidavit is here with annexed resides in the village of Santee ville about 14 miles from deponent and lives nearer to him than any other minister.

Sworn to before made this to November 1833

S/ Joseph J. Crosby, JQ

S/ Joseph West, X his mark

[James Parsons, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service as a private in the revolution.]