

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel West S32583

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State of Illinois Lawrence County: SS

On this 18th day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William Wilson Judge of the Circuit Court of Lawrence County now sitting Nathaniel West a resident of said County of Lawrence & State of Illinois aged 82 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 in the militia & served as herein stated. That he was drafted under Lieutenant Thomas Polk in the fall of the year that Forts McIntosh was built. That he then resided on the borders of Cross Creek at that time in Virginia but when the line was run was found to be in Pennsylvania. That he marched to join General McIntosh then at Pittsburgh, that Colonel Crawford was in command of the Regiment, that after remaining a few days at Fort Pitt he marched down the Ohio River to the mouth of Big Beaver and there built a fort called for McIntosh, from there he marched to the Tuscarora River, built another fort there and remained there until ordered back to Fort McIntosh & there discharged. That his discharge was signed by Colonel Crawford. There was a Regiment of regulars there but cannot remember the number or any of the officers.

In the spring following he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Matthew Richie others not recollected, Captain Crawford ordered out the men but was not out himself. There were three companies out, one stationed at Pittsburgh & one at Wheeling and the other at Holliday's Cove. He was at Holliday Cove. That he resided as above & did duty as a Ranger. He was out three months.

That in the following spring he was in the same duty at same place under same officers and out the same length of time.

That in the spring following he was also in the same duty at same place under same officers and out same length of time. That at the expiration of each of the above tours his discharge was signed by Captain Richie. That he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to his services.

That he was born in Baltimore County Maryland May 6, 1750. Has no record of his age. That he resided in Virginia about seven years after his last discharge that he then removed to Madison County Kentucky – lived there 18 or 20 years – then removed to Gibson County Indiana at that time however in Knox but during his residence Knox was divided & he fell into Gibson, cannot now remember the number years he resided there he has resided in this County about five years. His discharges were all burnt soon after he removed to Gibson County Indiana. That he cannot recollect any regular officers or regiments. That one Joseph Johnston and Josiah Selby all persons residing in my present neighborhood and will testify to my character for

veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

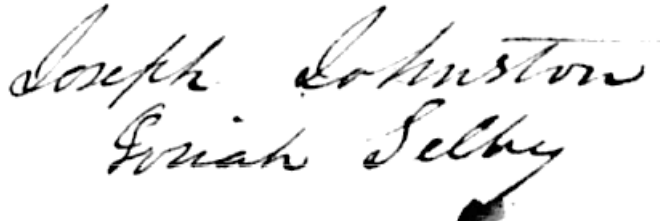
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ J. M. McLean, Clk

S/ Nathaniel West, X his mark

[Joseph Johnston and Josiah Selby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



Handwritten signatures of Joseph Johnston and Josiah Selby in cursive script. The signature of Joseph Johnston is on the top line, and the signature of Josiah Selby is on the bottom line. A small black mark is visible at the end of the bottom signature.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]