

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas West S37512

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District of Kentucky

On this 17th of July 1818 before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for the Comweith [Commonwealth] afsd, personally appeared Thomas West aged 62 years resident in Scott County and district afores'd who being by me first duly sworn according to Law Doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress intituled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war. That he enlisted in the service of the United States as an enlisted soldier in the year 1775 or 1776 in Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Wm Dark [William Darke] in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Scott a part of the line he was in said Regiment and Remained in service for two years and seven months and was honorably Discharged at White Marsh in Pennsylvania, 6 miles from Philadelphia that he was in the battles of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] at which he was taken prisoner by the British but soon made his escape and joined his comrades - Charles Town [Battle of Sullivans Island near Charleston SC, 28 June 1776] - and Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]

That he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

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The additional declaration of Thomas West made in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war that s'd. West being first duly sworn before me one of the Circuit Judges for the State afores'd. deposes & says That when he made his former declaration he did believe that the 8th Virginia regiment was commanded by Col Scott when he enlisted, but on reflection & conversing with his former companions in arms he is now satisfied that s'd. regiment was commanded by Col Mughlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] & that the last year of his service the brigade to which s'd. regiment belonged was commanded by s'd. Scott who was a brigadier general & that he was discharged by s'd. Scott & in that way he was led into the mistake. And he further states That the 8th Virginia regiment belonged to the Virginia line on the Continental establishment.

Also Capt John Byrd [pension application S35807] states upon oath that in the years 1776 & 1777 he was acquainted with Thomas West the applicant & he knows that in those years s'd West was a private soldier in the 8th Virginia regiment commanded by Col. Mughlenburgh & belonged to Capt Dark's Company That he saw s'd. West frequently during the years & in fact served in the same regiment with him & he believes that s'd. West served for two years at least in s'd. regiment.

Also Thomas Ravenscraft [S1248] being sworn states upon oath that in the year 1776 he served in the 8th Virginia Regiment with Thomas West the applicant & that he saw him frequently during that year & he believes that s'd West served in s'd. regiment during the whole of s'd. year. The s'd. Byrd & Ravenscraft both also made oath that they are well acquainted with the circumstances of s'd. West & that from is reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support as he is about 64 years of age is very frail & has little or no property

Sworn to & declared before me this 30th day of March 1819 by the s'd. Thomas West, John Byrd, & Thomas Ravenscraft