

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas West S40667

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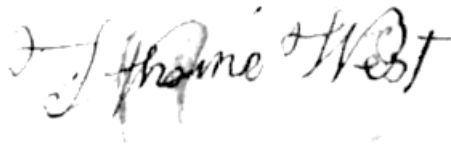
Fayette County Pennsylvania SS

Before me one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County Personally appeared Thomas West who being sworn according to law deposeth that he enlisted in Philadelphia during the war with Captain Bently [possibly Capt. William Bentley or Bently] of the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel House or Haws [possibly, Lt. Col. Samuel Hawes] of the Pennsylvania [sic, Virginia?] line, don't know the time, but was first stationed at Iron Hill in Jersey where he received a ball in the head by which he was confined seventeen weeks unfit for duty, afterwards he was wounded at the Germantown battle and made prisoner and so remained ten months and four days, after which he was ordered to the Carolinas under General Ware he was made prisoner at fort 96 [Ninety Six] in South Carolina being wounded in both legs, he was then paroled by the British Colonel Huger he thinks the name was and did not join his Company anymore. After the general peace he was discharged by the same Colonel under which he enlisted at his own house in Falmouth County Virginia he now carries in his thigh a ball he received in the battle of Germantown and on account of his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support and that he has been resident in this County for 27 years last past.

Sworn and subscribed before made this 6th day of May 1818

S/ James Finley

S/ Thomas West

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Thomas West". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

Fayette County in the State of Pennsylvania SS 14th judicial District

On this fourth day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for said County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Thomas West aged eighty-eight years on the 10th day of March next ensuing resident in Franklin Township formerly of Washington Township in the County of Fayette & Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare and say is that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, in the eighth Regiment Captain Bentley's company Pennsylvania line (the date of the original declaration not recollected) that he has received a pension on Certificate No. 4862. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain

persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

One cow is all that I possess – valued at \$8.

By occupation well digger – unable to pursue it – Family, a wife and one son – name of my wife is Elizabeth, of my son is John – my wife is afflicted so much as to be confined to her bed for near eight years and not probably if ever being better, the age of my son is 14 years – can begin to help may some.

[attested by John St. Clair, Prothonotary]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 6, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]