

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William West S42060

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State of North Carolina }

Rowan County }

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held for the County of Rowan at the Court House in Salisbury on the Third Monday of August anno Domini (1818) one thousand eight hundred and eighteen the following record was made to wit, This day personally appeared in open court William West aged sixty three years or thereabouts, resident in Rowan County, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions, made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war; That he the said William West in the month of April 1778 enlisted in the State of Maryland for nine months in the company Commanded by Captain Benjamin Brooks of the 3^d Regiment in the Maryland line, Colonel Gumby [sic: John Gunby]; That about the expiration of the nine months service he further enlisted for the term of three years in the State of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Rash Clagget [sic: Horatio Clagett] 3^d regiment of Smallwoods [William Smallwood's] Brigade; that he continued to serve in the said Corpse or in the service of the United States to the expiration of his term of enlistment that is to the 12th of January 1782 when he was honourable discharged from service in the State of South Carolina, Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] commanding. The said William west further declares that a few years since he had the misfortune to have his house burnt down at which time his discharge was consumed with his other effects. He further declares he was in the battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], at Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], at the Eutaw Spring [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]; and that he received a wound in his side in the battle near Camden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] – he was also at the Siege of Ninety Six [SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] that from his reduced and necissitous circumstances he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services: and Lewis Beard and Adam Srote Esquire appeared in court who being duly sworn depose and say that that they are well acquainted with the Deponent William West – that he is in such reduced circumstances as to stand in need of the assistance of his country for support: [certification by court not transcribed]

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, May 26th 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that William West enlisted as a Private in the Third Maryland Regiment, on the Fifth day of June 1778 and was Reinlisted the 9th Jan'y 1779 and 1st Nov. 1780 present Thos. Karney Aud. S. M.

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Rowan County } August Sessions 1820

On this 25th day of August anno Domini 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, for the County of Rowan William West aged sixty three resident in the County of Rowan aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, that these services were set forth in his original declaration under date of the 20th of August 1820, and that a pension certificate No 11, 123 was granted him – and he does further 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

My wife's Dower in 136 acres of land viz $45\frac{1}{3}$ acres an interest during my wife's life, which land in fee is not worth more than \$2 per acre as will appear by reference to the assessment

	\$90.68
Two horse Beasts	60.
Three Cows and two Calves	30.
Eighteen Hogs	20.
Farming Utensils	10.
Debts due me	<u>12.50</u>
	\$223.18

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate states that West died on 28 Aug 1837.