

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Benjamin West SC3383
Audited Account No. 8365

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[No.] 3772

No. 114

[Book] X

22 September 86 [1786]

Benjamin West for Militia Duty in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment since the fall of Chs: town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£182</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£26.0

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Restatement of the information relating to the veteran service as set forth above but in a different format]

Received Columbia 1st December 1790 from the Commissioner [of the] Treasury and Indent No. 3772 Book X in full for the above account per order.

£26

S/ James Martin



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pay to James Martin all the Claims belonging to Benjamin West Deceased against the State of South Carolina. Value Received this 3rd November 1790

Witness

William McClain

S/ Jane West, X her mark, Administrator

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[pp 4-6: Receipts, the first of which is dated June 7, 1819 and the last of which is dated June 9th, 1821 reflecting annual payments to Jane West of \$60 as an annuitant of the Revolutionary War]

[Note: After transcribing the documents appearing in red type below, I determined that they must have been filed for a claim by a man named Benjamin West who died from disease during the war of 1812. Given the date of the documents, they could not relate to claims arising from the Revolutionary war as the orphans of any veteran of that war would have been well into their majority by the mid-1810's]

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Petition of James West Administrator of Benjamin West Deceased praying for arrearages of pension due to the Orphan Children of said Deceased
Spartanburg District

Colonel Isaac Smith States he made application to the Department of War for Pensions, in the Case of the Applicants, and was refused the benefits of the Act of Congress, on account of the Deceased not Coming within the provisions of said act.

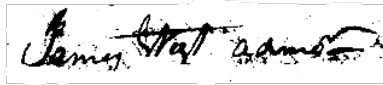
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To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the house of Representatives –

The Humble petition of James West Administrator of Benjamin We has Deceased. Sheweth That the Legislature of South Carolina in the year 1815 passed an act entitled an act for the relief of Widows and orphans of such persons who died or were killed or who have died by disease contracted in the late war between the United States of America and Great Britain – by which Act the orphan Children of the intestate were provided for but by an act of Congress, passed in 1816 taken upon the General Government (in part, the provisions in the said act embraced) the said orphan Children of Benjamin West have been suffering, and prevented from drawing (as by the Act of this State authorized) to the amount of forty-eight Dollars annually for five years. Your petitioner further shows to your Honorable body that he has applied to the United States government (for and in behalf of said orphans) for the five years pay, and have been rejected by that government, on the grounds (that the deceased Benjamin West did not die an actual Service, or by wounds received in actual Service –

Your Petitioner therefore pray your Honorable body that the orphan children of the said intestate may be entitled to receive the arrearages of forty-eight Dollars for five years – annual petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ James West Admr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James West Admr.", enclosed in a rectangular box.

[p 11: Same petition as above except it is addressed to the Senate of South Carolina]

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The Petition of the legal representatives of Jane West Deceased praying for arrears of Pension
Pensions

Granted

John W Smith Spartanburg

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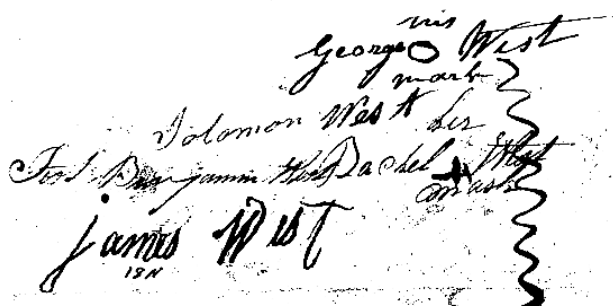
To the Legislature of the State of South Carolina

The petition of the undersigned being the legal representatives of Jane West Deceased humbly Sheweth

That the said Jane West has been for many years entitled to a pension from this State as will appear by reference to the pension list, but that in consequence of her death four days previous to the time on which the order for her last year's pension became due she did not receive the annuity allowed her by the state, and in consequence of which the debts contracted for necessities during the last year of her life remain unpaid. And as the said Jane West Deceased left no property by which such debts can be paid. In order therefore that the said expenses incurred for necessities to support her in the last year of her life, may be settled we the undersigned petitioners do pray that you will grant us the undrawn pension, or such part thereof as your Honorable body may think proper &c

S/ Solomon West George West, X his mark Rachel West , X her mark S/ James West

Test Benjamin West



The image shows four handwritten signatures in cursive ink. At the top is 'George West' with a circled 'O' and an 'X' mark below it. Below that is 'Solomon West' with an 'X' mark. To the right is 'Rachel West' with an 'X' mark. At the bottom left is 'James West' with '1831' written below the name. There are some scribbles and a wavy line to the right of the signatures.

[p 22: Identical petition as transcribed above but this one addressed to the Senate of South Carolina]

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Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of the representatives of Jane West deceased

In the house of Representatives December 7th 1830

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report

Ordered that it be Sent to the Senate for concurrence

By order of the House

S/ R Anderson CHR

In Senate 14 December 1831

resolved that Senate do concur ordered to be returned to H. Of representatives

by order of Senate

S/ Jacob Worley, C. S.

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was Referred the Petition of legal Representatives of Jane West deceased

Report:

That it appears the said Jane West had been for you Years previously and was at the time of her death a regular Pensioner of this State – that she died four days before the first of March 1829 when one years annuity would have been due to her & that satisfactory evidence of this fact was exhibited to the Committee by the order of Thomas Harrison Esquire Treasurer of the Upper Division drawn in favor of the said Jane West but never paid – which order was submitted to the Committee. They therefore recommend that the Treasurer the authorized to pay to the Administrator or Administratrix of said Jane West the amount of one years annuity due to her at her deceased.

S/ Peter J Shand, Chairman