

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander West W18328

Hannah West NC

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 24 July 2019.

State of N. Carolina } This day personally appeared before us Lewis Pain and Jesse Brown & Isaac E.
Burke County } Bradburn Acting Justices of the peace in & for said County & State Alexander
West Sr. who after being Sworn upon the Holy Evangelist in order to obtain the Benefit of an act of
Congress passed June 7th 1832 for the Relief of Certain Cirviving Officers & Soldiers of the Revolution,
in order to obtain a pension doth on his Corperal oath say That he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary
War in the N Carolina Militia and entered the cervis as a voluntier under Insign Alison in Captain
Hartgraves Compeny in Wilks [sic: Wilkes] County N. Carolina against the Cherokee Indians, and
served some months which he dose not now Recollect. But he is certin not less than Two monthes, and
that at the Experation of his tower [sic: tour] he was dismist, Said West Further swars That the next
service he Rendered was in the year 1780 in which year he was drafted as an Infantry Soldier for three
monthes under Captain Peter Oneal in Col. Porterfields Regiment No. of the Regiment forgotan, in
Genl. Gaseses [sic: Horatio Gates's] army in which cervis he was Rondevoused at Guilford ford, Court
house [sic: Guilford Courthouse] N. Carolina where he remained for some time from which place he was
marched some ten or twelve miles to Col Paiselys [sic: John Peasley's] whare he was ingaged for some
eight or ten days in Casting balls – from thence he was marched to Salisbury N.C, under the Command of
Genl. [Griffith] Rutherford Thence by Jacob Egners to the mouth of big Rocky River where a small
ingagement took place between the american army & a party of tories at which time Genl. [William Lee]
Davidson Received a mortal wound. [See endnote.] from Thence he was marched to the M.Kay
Settlement near the Cheraw Hill S. C. where he was stationed a short time from there a Circuitious march
through the Country to the Cheraw hills and after Remaining in Cheraw some 8 or 10 days he was
marched in pursuit of Lord Raden [sic: Francis, Lord Rawdon] to Rudgeleys [sic: Rugeley's] Mill, on
Richison Creek [sic: Grannies Quarter Creek] S. Carolina, and was at Genl Gates Defeat [Battle of
Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and was then with two or three soldiers from long feteague was taken sick
after the Battle, and was left in the Waxsaw [sic: Waxhaws] neighborhood for some five or six weeks
untill he regained his strength. While being again able for duty went to Guilford Court house N. Carolina
at which place he was honorably discharged by Captain Peter Oneal The said West further swears that
he was again drafted in the North Carolina Melitia in the year 1782 and placed under the command
Captain Pendleton Isbell in Col. Cleaveland [Benjamin Cleveland] Regiment, but at the time he was
drafted said Regiment was Commanded by Col. Elisha Isaacs [Elijah Isaacs] and rendevoused at
Wilksboro [sic: Wilkesboro] N. Carolina, & marched through the Salem to Bells mills on Deep River in
Randolph County N. C. From thence to various places through the western part of N. Carolina on pursuit
of Tories Commanded by Col. Fanan [David Fanning] without meeting with any metiarial ingagement
only to take prisoners and confine them untill the time of his being discharged by said Col Isaacs
aforesaid at the expiration of his term of cervis which was three months. Said West further swears that
the several discharges given him are either lost or mislaid and that he does not know of But one Purson
now Liveing by whome he can prove his cervises, Viz Thomas Carlton who now Lives in the County of
Wilks . Carolina

all of which was duly sworn to & subscribed before us this 6th day of January 1834

Alexander hisXmark West

After which the following Interogetorys were propounded

1st When and Whare was you born answer in in Orange County N. Carolina in the year 1751

2nd Whare did you Live when you first entered the servis of the U.S.?

Answer in Wilks County NC.

3rd name some of the principle officers under which you served during your several campaigns – Answer

Genl. Gates Genl Rutherford and Genl Davidson

4th Why did you not go before one of the Courts of your county to make your Declaration.

Answer Because I am unable to walk the Distance I am Liveing From the Court house as also owing to my infirmetes & dimness of sight I would not feel my safe or Justifeable in riding to the Court House. and I was informed I could make make it before megistrets. Sworn to & subscribed before us

Alexander hisXmark West

State of North Carolina }

Burke County } Personally appeared before me the undersignd one of the Justices of the peace in and for s'd County Thomas Carlton who being duly sworn deposseth & sayeth that Alexnder West Sen'r. was a Soldier in the united States Service in the Revolutionary War in the year seventeen hundred & eighty two & that I said Thomas Carlton was in the Campaing with s'd Alexander West and that he was a true Whig Sworn & subscribed to before me this 4th of December 1832

Thomas hisXmark Carlton

State of N. Carolina } SS

Burke County }

Whare as this day pursanally apeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County & State Alexander West Sr. who maid the anext Declaration in order to obtain a pentian under an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 & produced a Letter from James L Edwards Commeseaner of Pentions shewing that his Declartion maid on the 6th day January Last was Returned to him for the purpose of Suplyng some omissions in said Declaration. Said West therefore after being Dully sworn saith on Oath, that the first serves he Renderd in the Revolutionary war was as a volunteer against the Cherokee Indians was in the year 1779 to the best of his Recolection and that During that serves he was not under the com'd of any Leagle Col But was Commanded by Majr. Hartgrave [sic: Francis Hargrove] a portion of the time in scouting & pursewing the Indians & the Balance of his time he was stationed at Fort Defiance to gard said Fort under the Comand of said Insign Alison as mentioned in the former Declaration The other two towers which said West served he has fully set forth in his original Declaration to gather with his age viz. He was born in the year 1751. Said west further swares that he is not now nor never has been on the pention Roll of the General Government or any of the State Governments or Agencys there of and that he hereby Relinquishes all Claim to any pention or annuity except the present Swore to subscribed before me this 18th Day of March 1834

Alexander hisXmark West

[On 25 July 1834 Hannah West applied for the pension of Alexander West, who died while his application was pending.]

After which the following interogatorys ware propounded to said Widow Hanah West

1 Where & in what year was you born

Answer in the year 1749 October

2nd When was you maried to your husband the said Alexander West Dec'd

Answer I do not Rcolect the presise time but I think something like 54 years ago.

3rd Why Did you not go before a court of Record to prove your Widowship to the said Alexander West Dec'd.

Answer because I am and has been for the last seventeen years purfectly Blind and through oald age and sevar affliction my being almost intirely hepless and Residing as I do Twenty miles from the court house of my County [Burke] Render it entirly imposable for me to prove my widowship before a court of Record

4th how long has your husband been Dead

answer he Died on the 28th day of March Last 1834. Sworn to & subscribed before us this 25th Day of July 1834

Hannah herXmark West

State of North Carolina }
Caldwell County } Court of pleas and quarter Sessions July Term 1852. This 30th day of
July one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, personally appeared in open court Thomas West,
Administrator of Hannah West Deceased, Widow of Alexander West Deceased, Who being sworn in due
form of law declares and says, that he believes from report and the ages of his brothers and sisters that
his father Alexander West was married about the year 1777 or thereabout to Hannah Langley and of
Orange County by which marriage was born Bathia in 1778. Margaret 1781. Alexander 1783. Elizabeth
1786. Thomas 1788. Mary 1791. – of Whom This affiant is one. That his father Alexander West died on
the 28th of March 1834. That after his death, Hannah West widow of said Alexander West, drew pension
of sixty or seventy Dollars, being the amount due said Alexander West under the act of Congress of
1832. He further states that his Mother Hannah West died on the 5th day of May 1839 and that she was
the identical person named in the declaration heretofore filed among the archives of the war department
having charge of pensions and that said Hannah did not in her life time receive any pension money, or
benefit from the several Acts of Congress making provision for the widows and Heirs of Deceased
soldiers of the army of the revolution, nor has the widow or heirs, or the survivors of them received of
the government any compensation, whatever under the several acts aforesaid. your affiant Therefore
prays that he the Administrator of Hannah West Dec'd Widow of Alexander West Dec'd that whatsoever
he might legally claim as the Administrator of Hannah West Dec'd. Widow of Alexander West Dec'd to
be paid to him the papers heretofore filed in the pension office substantiating the claim of Alexander
West as a private soldier in Capt Onails company at the Battle of Camden under Genl. gates were filed in
the year 1832 or 1833 and sent back to the pension office by Hannah West after the death of said
Alexander West in 1834. The Regiment to which said Alexander West was attached was from North
Carolina the name of the Col not recollected that he served also under Genl Lee Davidson of North
Carolina [signed] Thomas West

NOTES:

Gen. William Lee Davidson was killed in battle at Cowan's Ford on Catawba River in North
Carolina on 1 Feb 1781, not at the mouth of Rocky River before the Battle of Camden.

The file contains the family record transcribed below. On the other side of the paper is written,
"1790/ Amos Tuttle his Bi[ble] for his instruction."

Bethiah west was Born march the 18th 1779

Margret west was Born march the 8th 1781

AlexanDer west was Born the 23rd of December 1783

Elizebeth West was Born [the] 8th of March 178[last digit hidden]

Thomas West was born the 23rd of Sept 1788

Mary West was Born June the 18 1791