

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William West ¹ W26372 Margaret Richards² f94NC[sic, SC]
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District of South Carolina

I William West, do hereby Swear and affirm, that during the American Revolutionary War, I belonged to the first Continental Regiment of South Carolina commanded by Colonel Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, that I was a private in the same, and in the company commanded by Captain Felix Warley -- that I enlisted therein, the latter part of the year 1782, and served to the end of the Revolutionary War -- When I was regularly discharged -- I further swear & affirm that I fought under the said Captain Warley in General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army against the British at the Battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] in this State: & that I have lost the discharge which was given me: which prevents me from affixing it hereto - - Also, that I received at present no pension from the United States, nor have received -- -- and, that from my reduced Circumstances, I need the assistance of my Country for support.

Charleston March 17th 1820

Sworn to & Mark affixed in my presence

S/ William West, W his mark

S/ John Drayton, District Judge South Carolina

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Schedule

District of South Carolina

On this 3rd day of March 1821, personally appeared in Open Court, for the above district, William West, aged 58 years, resident in Spartanburg District in the above first mentioned district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit, in the first Continental Regiment of South Carolina, commanded by Colonel Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, that he was a private in the same, and in the company commanded by Captain Felix Warley -- That he enlisted there in the latter part of the year 1782, and served to the end of the Revolutionary War -- when he was regularly discharged -- Also that he fought under the said Captain Warley and General Greene's Army against the British at the battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs] in this State as are particularly specified in his petition accompanied with vouchers to that effect to the Secretary of War, under date of March 17th 1820.

¹ B.L. Reg. 27938-1855

² Former widow. She also filed for a pension as the widow of [Joshua Richards SINC151](#)

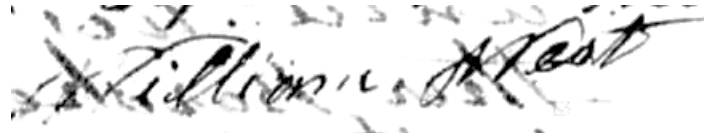
And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 to wit: I have no land's Ford Negroes. I have one horse, three cows and calves, a sow and four pigs -- Bedding a few common white oak bottom chairs, a few wooden tables, a few articles of kitchen utensils, no debts owing to me in any way -- Owe to my creditors about \$120 which I am unable to pay: my Occupation is a farmer, I live on a tract of land belonging to one of my sons my health is giving way. I have a wife named, Bersheba, I have eight children, named, Robin, Priscilla, Henry, Polly, William, Bersheba, Sally and Sampson, Robin is about 30 years of age has a wife & 3 children, Priscilla 34 years old, is married and has 5 children, Henry is 24 years old has a wife & child, Polly is about 22, is married, has no children, William is about 19 is single, Bersheba is about 17 is single -- Sally is about 14, single, Sampson is about 12 years old -- The married ones can hardly support themselves and therefore cannot aid me, the single boys help me to farm, I am in indigent circumstances, as stated in my petition to the Secretary of War.

Sworn to and declared on the 3rd day of March 1821 in open Court before me
S/ John Drayton, District judge South Carolina

S/ William West, W his mark

[p 9: On April 7th, 1855, Margaret Richards filed a claim under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Joshua Richards who was a pensioner at the rate of \$42 per annum; that she is the former widow of William West who was a pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum which he continued to draw until his death in Spartanburg District South Carolina March 15, 1841; that she married Joshua Richards in Spartanburg District South Carolina in August 1832 or 1824; that her maiden name was White; that she was unaware that she could claim the higher benefit by virtue of her first husband's services and now claims such higher pension; that she has no record of her marriage to William West nor of the births of her seven children by him; that she married William West in Spartanburg district and was married by "Ostand Shand, Esqr."]

[p 11: On August 29, 1855 in Spartanburg district South Carolina William West, aged 54, gave testimony that he is the son of William and Barsheba West late of Spartanburg District; that his father was a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum which he drew up to the time of his death; that his mother died May 14, 1820; that his parents had seven children five of whom are still living, to wit, William, Robert, Barsheba Lamaster, Sarah Hewitt and Priscilla Johnson, all of whom are over twenty-one years of age; that shortly after his mother's death, his father married Margaret White by whom he had seven children; affiant was not present at the wedding but understands that his father and Margaret were married by Austin Shands, Esquire; that Margaret is now the widow of the Reverend Joshua Richards who was also a pensioner for his service in the revolution.



[p 15: On August 29, 1855 in Spartanburg District South Carolina Martha West, 51, gave testimony that Basheba West was the widow of William West a revolutionary war pensioner; that she died May 14 18 20 or 1821; that shortly after her death William West married Margaret Richards who still survives. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran and/or his widows is not stated.

Martha West]

[p 16: On August 28, 1855 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Claremont Lancaster, 79, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with William West shortly after his marriage which took place in 1792.

Clair Lancaster]

[p 6: On May 9, 1857 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Elizabeth Guinn, 29, gave testimony that she is the daughter of William and Margaret West now Margaret Richards; that her father was a Revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that her mother Margaret Richards is a pensioner under the 1853 act and has received a warrant for 160 acres of land as of March 3, 1855; that she makes her declaration for the benefit of her sister Louisa West and brother John P West both of whom are still living and under the age of 21 years and for whom she claims bounty land. She signed her affidavit with her mark. Her affidavit was attested by Isaac T. Smith and Thomas D. Guinn [whose signature looks more like "Thomas D. Groin"] whose relationship to the affiant is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 17, 1824 one year's service as a private in the South Carolina line.]