

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Vest<sup>1</sup> W26617

Nancy

f47VA

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[f p 8]

State of Kentucky County of Boone: Scctt [sic]

On this 7th day of January in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Boone County Court now sitting it being a Court of Record George Vest a resident of said County of Boone & State of Kentucky aged seventy-three years in May next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated.

In the year 1776 & month of March he entered the service of the United States as a private militiaman in the County of Pittsylvania & State of Virginia where he then lived under Captain Thomas Dillard & marched under Colonel Andrew Lewis against Lord Dunmore, down in Middlesex on the Paquanketank [Pasquotank] River & was there when Lord Dunmore was driven away & then returned & very soon marched again under Colonel Christy [William Christian] against the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee & continued in service until November of that year being in all at least eight months engaged in that year, in the service of the United States – and afterwards in the month of March in the year 1777 he joined a company as a private commanded by Captain Thomas Dickson & with said company under Colonel Evan Shelby to a treaty with the Cherokee Indians on Holston [River] & continued there until the treaty closed & then joined a company of Captain Evans Shelby Junior & continued in that part of the country in the service until the November following in guarding the frontier & then returned home after serving eight months more – & then in February of the year 1778 he again joined a company of militia as a private commanded by Captain Thomas Dillard & [one or more indecipherable words or symbols<sup>2</sup>] Company under General G. R. Clark [George Rogers Clark] to Kentucky & continued in the service for at least three years & was taken sick & remained sick until the fall & then returned home.

He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt24983-160-55

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[could be "Smith's"]

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ George Vest, X his mark

[Lewis Conner, a clergyman, and Abner Gains gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p 5: certificate dated March 3rd, 1845 by the Boone County Court that George Vest departed this life February 22, 1845 and that at the time of his death he was a pensioner of the United States holding pension certificate numbered 4338; that he left a widow named Nancy Vest.]

[f p 6: certificate dated May 30th, 1855 from the clerk of the Boone County Court that George Vest and Nancy Oneal [Nancy O'Neal?] were legally married November 19, 1829 by Michael Rouse a Minister of the gospel.]

[f p 10: On September 3, 1855 in Boone County Kentucky, Nancy Vest, about 60 years old, declared that she is the widow of George Vest, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$63.33 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him November 19, 1829; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Oneal; that her husband died in Boone County Kentucky February 22, 1845; and that she has not intermarried since his death. She filed this declaration in order to obtain the bounty land due her as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 12: on the same day, she also filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 19 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]