

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph West W6446

Eleanor

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State of Virginia, Taylor County. To wit

On this 26th day of May 1845 personally appeared in open Court Eleanor West, a resident of said County aged 83 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, Entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Joseph West deceased, who was a Soldier of the War of the Revolution.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph West on the 9th Day of December, in the year 1783 by the Reverend Mr. Majors at Little River Meeting house in the County of Loudoun in State aforesaid, that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph West, died on the 10th day of October in the year 1809 in the County of Harrison, State aforesaid to which place he had moved about the year 1803, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, to wit at the time above stated.

S/ Eleanor West, X her mark

Virginia, At a County Court held for the County of Taylor on the 23rd day of September 1850.

On this day it was proved in said Court as appears by the records thereof, that Eleanor West, widow of Joseph West deceased, died on the 9th day of October 1846: that she then left six children who were then and are now living: and two children been dead her heirs at law: James West, Samuel West, Joseph West, Thomas West, William West, and Elizabeth West then and now living as aforesaid and Jane West and Benjamin West who are dead: and that the said Eleanor West died intestate: and thereupon on motion of William West the son of said Eleanor West he qualified as the Administrator of said Eleanor West deceased and executed bond with surety, and thereupon certificate was granted by said Court to said William for obtaining letters of Administration in due form.

Test S/ C. W. Newton, Clk.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of said Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 21st day of April 1783, in the name of Joseph West as a Soldier of Infantry for £102.1.1, which Certificates appears to have been delivered to Colonel Powell and was given for services prior to the first January 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 4th day of December 1844.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor

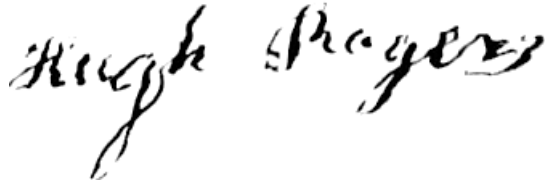
Jas. Devers of the County of Taylor in Virginia who has been called upon to testify in relation to the revolutionary services of Joseph West and his marriage with Eleanor Battson – Deposeth as follows

I am aged eighty-eight years. I became acquainted with Joseph West in Loudoun County Virginia when we were both boys he at that time lived with old John Crupper of Loudoun. We were intimately acquainted with each other until he enlisted in the Revolution. I was not in the Army with him but I saw him when he came home on furlough and was well acquainted with him. After he had served out his five years Tower [tour] & returned home until he removed to West in Virginia & I never heard it doubted by any person neither have I a shadow of doubt but he did serve a five years Tower in the Revolutionary war.

I became acquainted with Eleanor Battson who was afterwards the wife of the above named Joseph West when she was a young girl. I was well acquainted with her father and mother until she was married to the above named Joseph West – which was shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war – I was not at the marriage myself but heard they were married at Little River Meeting house Loudoun County I have not a shadow of doubt but Joseph West did serve a Tower in the Revolutionary war & that he was legally & lawfully married to Eleanor Battson

S/ James Devers, X his mark

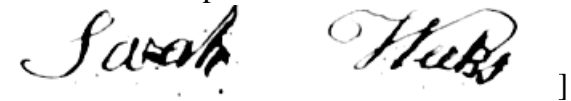
[fn p. 23: On November 2, 1844 in Loudoun County, Virginia, Hugh Rogers, 77, gave an affidavit similar to that given by James Devers but adds that the widow was usually called Nelly Battson before her marriage to Joseph West.



Hugh Rogers

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[fn p. 24: On November one, 1844, Mrs. Sarah Weeks, about 74 years of age, resident of Loudoun County Virginia, gave an affidavit similar to that given by Devers and Rogers except that she adds that her brother Joseph Hampton was one of the waiters at the marriage of Milly Battson to Joseph West.



Sarah Weeks

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[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years.]

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Addendum to Joseph West W6446

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 9 February 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certifie that Joseph West was enlisted as a Soldier in Colo. William Grayson's [BLWt366-500] Regiment of Continental Troops about the last of February 1777. That he continued a Soldier in the army of the united States untill March 4th 1782 when he obtain'd his discharge from His Excellency Gen'l. Washington and that the said West was, at the time of his enlisting a Citizin of the State of Virginia and is so at this time. Certified under my hand this 19th day of April 1783.

Leven Powell late
Lt. Colo. of s'd Reg't

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leven Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "L".