

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George West W6449

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[the handwriting of the scribe of the veteran's original application is very challenging and the following transcription doubtless contains more errors than I would wish.]

State of Tennessee Rutherford County: August Term 1832 of the County Court

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Henry Tutt, William Gilham & James L. Gella Justices holding said Court George West and aged eighty-two years and after being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the provisions of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he [indecipherable words] 1781 volunteered his services to the service of the United States in the County of Dobbs North Carolina, under John Grangier [sic, John Granger?], Captain and rendezvoused at Kingston [sic, Kinston], under the command of Colonel Richard Nixon -- there was no other Regiment there at that time. After he had remained here some weeks, he was dispatched by the deputy Quarter Master, stationed at that place, to take a wagon load of ammunition to General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], who lay at or near Guilford -- he proceeded with the ammunition, and his guard forty miles and met an officer coming for the ammunition, he gave it up, took receipts for it, and returned to Kingston, and there joined his Troop. The next morning after his return, the command was marched towards Halifax County -- there [2 indecipherable words], until he joined General Green -- at South Buffalo Guilford County North Carolina, he was then marched with his command in company with General Greene, to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River Chatham County -- in pursuit of CorWallace [sic, Cornwallis] -- Here General Greene went South and he was left under the command of General Butler [John Butler], Captain Joseph Sessions or Session ^{Major Anthony Sharp}. He thinks that a Colonel Read, and Major Webb marched with their commands with Greene, but whether they were volunteers, State Troops or regulars, he does not know -- He remained at this place until last of April 1781, and was then discharged by Major Sharp -- he Served in this campaign four months - - He returned home to Dobbs County, and at Kingston joined General Caswell as a volunteer Spy -- This was the first of May 1781 -- and he continued in this situation until peace was proclaimed

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-- During this period he was an Ensign in the Company, which was commanded by Captain Goodman -- during this Service he was frequently in Jones County, and Onslow [County] -- He never got any other discharge than the one from Major Sharp -- he thinks he was in service twenty months -- or more -- He recollects a Major Shepherd, while under the command of Caswell. He has lost his discharge -- He knows of no person by whom he can prove his services now living -- and he has no documents, to prove the same -- And there is no clergyman in his neighborhood, who knows his character, and his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution --

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 -- Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. R. Laughlin, Clk

S/ George West

[Moses G. Reaves and Solomon Beasley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- In the State of Maryland, in the year 1749

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- He has a record of his age, at home in his Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer -- he was living in Dobbs County North Carolina and then moved to Cartright County North Carolina [sic, Carteret County NC] -- then to Washington [?] County Virginia -- and then to Tennessee.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer -- He volunteered --

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- General Greene, Colonel Read, Major Webb -- Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee of the horse -- but he does not recollect the names of any of the militia Officers -- in 1781 he volunteered, and was marched to the place of rendezvous and was after marched to the head Quarters of General Greene near Guilford, and marched from thence to Ramsey's Mills -- and there was stationed until discharged and afterwards, he was appointed an Ensign by General Caswell in a Spy company and continued as such till peace was made --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer -- he had a discharge from Major Anthony Sharp, and he has lost it --

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- William Vinson, Azonal Kembs [?], George Rolah [?], Rolly Morgan, Jesse LyKesz [?], Daniel Alexander, H. Hamilton, John Medley, Henry Vinson, Daniel Medley

[fn p. 80: On March 13, 1838 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Mary Ann West, about 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of George West, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$173.33 per annum;

that she married him July 1, 1773 in Dobbs County North Carolina; that her husband died in Rutherford County May 17, 1837; and that she remains his widow.]

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George West Son of Levi West and Mary his wife was born Augt. the 27th Day 1749

Mary Ann Dillahunty dugter of John Dillahunty & Hannah his wife was born July the 3rd Day 1758

The above Couple were Married the 1st Day of July 1773

Anna West was born May 12th Day 1776

Salley West was born feby the ? Day 1779

Micajh West was born Oct ????

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George West son of Levi West & Mary his wife was bourn the 27th day of August in the year of our Lord 1749

Mary Ann Dillahunty daughter of John Dillahunty & Hannah his wife was bourn the 3rd day of July 1758

The above cople were marred to gether on the 1st day of July 1773

Anna West was bourn the 12th day of May 1776

Salley West was bourn the 6th day of Febuary 1779

Micajah West was bourn the 29th day of October 1781

Hannah West was bourn the 30th day of March 1784

Asa H. West was bourn the 18th day of October 1786

Logan D. West was bourn the 13th day of August 1789

Rachel J. West was bourn the 21st day of July 1792

Polly W. West was bourn the 10th [?] day of August 1796

? N. West was bourn the 22nd day of April 1799

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Betsy M. West was bourn the 27th day of October in the Y of Lord 1801

Rachel West ??? 8th day of September 1818 [could be 1808]

Micajah West departed this life on the ? day of ? 1805 [could be 1815]

?? West departed this life about the year 1819 or 20

Logan D. West departed this life in the month of May [?] about the year 1826 [?] [very faint]

?? West departed this life in the month of ? 1829

Sarah Harris Daughter of George & Mary Ann West Departed this life the 20th day of March 1835

George West Departed this Life the 17th Day of May 1837

[fn p. 422: On March 6, 1839, in Rutherford County Tennessee, Mary Ann West, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 stating that she is the widow of George West; that she married him in Dobbs County North Carolina July 1, 1773 as appears in the family record in the family Bible kept by her late husband which record was cut out and attached to her application; that her husband died in Rutherford County Tennessee May 17, 1837; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 435: On March 6 1839 in Rutherford County Tennessee Mrs. Hannah Roberts gave testimony that she is the daughter of George and Mary Ann West; that she was born March 30, 1784; that she has always understood that her parents were married July one, 1773 as reflected in the Family Register kept by her father.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$173.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 20 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private and as an Ensign.]