

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander West W6450                      Mary West      VA  
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Lewis County to Wit  
To the General Assembly of Virginia

Your Petitioner begs leave respectively to state – that some time about the year 1778 – he enlisted as a Ranger under the command of Captain James Booth in that part of the Western Country composed now of the counties of Harrison [sic: Harrison] – Wood – Tyler and Lewis – but was at that time included either in West Augusta or Monongahalia [sic: Monongalia] – this Petitioner does not know which – and served thirteen months – your Petitioner further states that Captain Booth was killed by the Indians [16 Jun 1778] shortly before his term of service expired – on Booths Creek in Harrison county – the Creek derived it name from that circumstance – in consequence of which neither your Petitioner, nor anyone belonging to the said Company did ever receive a discharge – your Petitioner believes that no roll or return was ever made of said Company by any officer belonging to it – certain not by Captain Booth – such were the difficulties – and I may add the almost entire want of men acquainted with the means to obtain their just rights – that not one man belonging to the said company did ever receive their pay – your Petitioner has learned that David W Sleath [sic: David W. Sleeth, pension application S6111] a Ranger in Captain Booths Company for the same service – did by an act of the last Legislator, receive his pay for the service aforesaid – your Petitioner Being now old and infirm – cannot doubt – that your Honorable Body will do to him equal Justice – your Petitioner further states that John Cutright [W6626] – David W Sleath and himself – are the only persons now living – that belonged to said Company – your Petitioner prays that an act may pass allowing him his pay for thirteen months service as a ranger in Captain James Booth’s company November 20<sup>th</sup> 1832                      Alexander West

[In different handwriting]  
Dec’r 12<sup>th</sup> 1832 ref’d to Claims  
Dec’r 20<sup>th</sup> 1832 Reasonable  
21<sup>st</sup> Reported  
31 Bill drawn

Lewis County to Wit  
this day John Cutright appeared before John McWhorter a Justice of the Peace in and for Lewis county and made oath that Alexander West served as a Ranger under Capt James Booth thirteen months about the year 1778 in the part of the Western Country then Mongahelia but now the counties of Harrison, Randolph – Wood and Lewis – this affiant served in the same Company thirteen months at the same time – for which the Rangers never did received any pay Capt Booth being killd shortly after by the Indians near his own House – this affiant knows of but three now living that belonged to the same Company – Alexander West David W Sleath and this affiant given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1832

John hisXmark Cutright  
Sworn to before me the day & year above written                      John McWhorter

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On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September [1832] personally appeared in open court before John McWhorter Jacob Laurenly[?] Robert Young Abbott the court of Lewis county Alexander West a resident of Lewis county Virginia aged seventy two years who being first 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated. He the said Alexander West enlisted in a company of rangers commanded by Capt James Booth some time in the month of may in the year 1777 in the county of monnongahalea then but now in the county of Lewis Virginia and served thirteen months under said Booth as a Ranger in the Western part of virginia comprising now the counties of Mongahalia Harrisson Randolph Wood and Lewis, but then all included in the county of monnongahalia. Said Booth was killed by the Indians near his own house on Booth Creek and never gave to West a discharge for his term The said Alexander West volunteered under the command of Captain George Jackson in May in the year 1781 in the county of monnongahalia then but now the county of Lewis and marched under said Jackson to fort pit [sic: Fort Pitt in present Pittsburgh] – Where the said West and the Jackson with the company under his command joined the Army commanded by G Clark [George Rogers Clark] – after staying sometime at fort pit Genl. Clark then descended the Ohio River in Boats with the troops under his command to the falls thereof now called Louisvill [sic: Louisville KY] and served seven months – and then received a discharge signed by Genl Clark – Which was torn to peaces by the Indian some time in the year 1785 at which time they killed his father, Brother, and Brothers Wife and destroyed all their papers – but can prove his service by David W Sleath [see endnote] and Jacob Bush [W24685] — he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever 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 Alexander his Xmark West

Questions by the court. first

Where and in what year were you Born

Answer

I was Born in Accomack county in the State of Virginia on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1760.

2<sup>d</sup> have you any record of your age; and if so where is it

Answer – I have the record of my age left in my fathers Bible in his own hand writing now in my possission—

3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer – Where I now live – then in the county of Monnongahelia but now the county of Lewis – and have resided on the same place ever since —

4 How were you calld into service. Were you drafted – did you volunteer – or were you a substitute – and if a substitute for whom

Answer I enlisted as a Ranger and volunteered under Genl Clark

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and malitia Regiments as you can recollect – and the general circumstances of your services

Answer I do not recollect the names of any of the Field officers while under Genl Clark but himself – served under Captain Booth as a Ranger thirteen months.

6<sup>th</sup> did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it.

Answer – General Clark gave me a discharge for the seven months signed by himself which was torn to pecies by the Indians in the year 1785 Capt Booth was killed by the Indians on Booth creek near his own House, and never gave to me a discharge

7<sup>th</sup> 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 of your services as a soldier of the revalution

Answer David W. Sleath and Jacob Bush

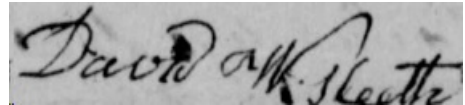
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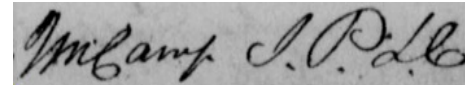
Lewis County }

David W Sleath this day personally appeard before James M Camp a Justice of the peace in & for

the County of Lewis & Commonwealth of Virginia and made Oath that Alexander West a Resident of Lewis County who is an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress pass'd June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 served with this affiant thirteen months in the years 1778 & 1779 in a Company Commanded by Capt. James Booth. – The sum of one Hundred & four Dollars was by an act of the Last Leislation of Virginia Directed to be paid to this affiant for his services aforesaid – this affiant further states that the said Alexander West Volunteer'd under the command of Capt. George Jackson in the year 1781 and march directly to fort pitt under said Jackson and was there attach'd to the forces under the Command of General George Clark and with him descended the Ohio River to the falls thereof now call Louisville and served the Term of seven months  
Given under my hand this 14 Sept. 1832



Sworn to before the subscriber on the Day above mentioned



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Jacob Bush personally appeared before John McWhorter a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Lewis and State of virginia – and made oath that Alexander West volunteered in monnonglia county then but now the county of Lewis in May in the year 1781 under the command of Captain George Jackson and marched to fort Pit and was there attached to the forces commaned by Genl George Clark from thence descended the Ohio river in Boats to the falls therof and served the term of seven months in Company with this affiant given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Septemberr 1832

Jacob hisXmark Bush

Sworn to before the subscriber the day and year above mentioned                      John McWhorter JP

NOTE: On 14 Dec 1850 Mary West, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married Alexander West on 24 Jan 1796, and he died in June 1834. The file contains a copy of the minister's return for the marriage between Alexander West and Mary Strayley in Harrison County by Rev. Joseph Chevrouit D.M.E.C (Deacon? of the Methodist Episcopal Church). On 27 July 1852 Nicholas Alkin, son of Mary West, wrote to inquire about payments to his mother.