

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Guey (Gui, Guy) R4377

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State of Ohio Harrison County SS

On this 12th day of August in the year of our Lord 1839 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting in and for the County of Harrison and State of Ohio, John Guey a resident of Harrisville in Harrison County in the State of Ohio, aged eighty-eight years on the 10th day of October ~~last~~, who being 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 and served as herein stated. This Declarant first entered the service in the spring of the year (thinks) 1777 under Captain John Leech Lieutenant William Shelton, Ensign William Brunt, Major Prior, Colonel Crouchfield, General of his Regiment he does not now recollect, but he recollects perfectly well that General Washing [sic, Washington?] was in Dumfries shortly after this declarant volunteered and the declarant's Grandfather came to the said General and begged him to let this Declarant off. General said he was in need of men and could not spare this deponent, This Deponent first entered the service at Dumfries in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia, the Army stayed there one week and on Sunday morning we marched Direct to Hampton stayed there about two months. A few days after we left Hampton the British came to it as I heard. From Hampton we marched to little York stayed there but a short time till we marched down the Bay and back and forth for some time we then went to New York and after we stayed there about one month the British came and fired on us for the best part of three days and nights off at home, one day we say three British Barges and one night the British came to shore to get water and we took eight Barges and 35 men. After we stayed there about two months we marched to the Day some distance below Baltimore and there we attacked the British in their vessels they immediately sailed off and we stayed there about one month the British frequently sailed in sight of us during the time sometimes in gun shot of us. From this we went to Hampton while we were at Hampton about one mile from the Town we had a battle with the British, the British was on the land and we killed it was said five or six hundred, in this engagement my Captain Leech was killed, he was shot in the forehead three of my messmates was also killed to wit Thomas Forsyth, David Smith and Thomas Smith, I was then put under Captain William Farrow. The British in Maryland had got possession of a great many sheep & cattle we were marched after them near Port Tobacco Town on the Potomac we overtook British first as they were ready to get into their barges we took all the sheep and cattle from them and three of their barges, the British men all made their escape. This declarant states that he was at the battle of Bunkers Hill [June 17, 1775], we were there about three weeks when

the British came and landed just before the Town, the British got in the Town and the next day we banged them out, we stayed there a considerable time expecting them to come back but they went down the Bay and landed and erected a Fort and done a great deal of mischief in the neighborhood we were marched down there and beat them out of the Fort and we followed them a great distance down the Bay. This declarant was also at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. I was placed in an old cornfield where there had been corn the blood ran down the cornrows it was very warm weather and the maggots was in the dead soldiers before we got them buried. I was also at the Battle of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], fought he thinks about two days off and on, and the battle ended and the British went away. I was lying sick among the sick soldiers at the time of taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. The latter part of this declarant service he was under Luke Cannon. This Declarant volunteered and as soon as one tour was out he volunteered again until he stayed in the service for five years and five months during that time he came home but once and state about two weeks. This declarant cannot now recollect in the order in which he was marched about nor can he recollect the length of times he was at different places he served, in addition to the above named officers under Major Yates or Ates, and a Major Prim, he this deponent got a written discharge from the service but has lost it and he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his service in the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ Thomas C Vincent, Clerk

S/ John Gui, X his mark

The following are the Answers to the interrogatories propounded by the court to the Applicant
I I was born in Prince William County in the State of Virginia on the 10th day of October in the year 1750

II I have no record of my age

III I was living in Prince William County aforesaid when I was called into service. From thence I removed to Stafford Virginia 2 years after the war, Stayed there 23 years From there I removed to Harrison County of Ohio where I now live

IV I was a volunteer all the time I was in the service

V General Washington, General Ates, General Wayne, Colonel Crouchfield, Major Prim, Captain Farrow, Captain Leech

VI I did receive a discharge which is lost General Washington to be the discharge I slept many a night at his mark-kee [marquee] he was a particular acquaintance of my father's I always understood that General Washington's Father raised my father

VIII [sic] John White, John Thompson, James Patton, Samuel Moore, John Yost, Michael Yost, the Reverend John Mercer – And 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.

S/ John Guey, X his mark

[John Mercer, a clergyman, and John Tribby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On August 31, 1853 in Belmont County Ohio, David Guy executed a power of attorney in which he states he is the only surviving heir of John Guy a soldier of the revolution. He signed this document with his mark.]