

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Guthrie (Guthrey) R4395

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State of Georgia, County of Habersham

On this 20th day of April 1830, personally appeared in open court, (a) being a court of record (b) for the County aforesaid Francis Guthrey resident in said County, aged Seventy Eight years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Francis Guthrie enlisted (c) for the term of Six months on the ___ day of ___ in the year ___ in the State of North Carolina in the company (d) commanded by Captain James Purvines [James Purviance] and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] in the Line of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; and that he continued to serve in said corps & others until the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] – when he was discharged from the service at Yorktown in the State of Virginia – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the rolls of any State, except ___; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: (e) to wit that he was always disposed to live independent of any aid whether public or private until age, poverty & infirmities have compelled him to adopt this course – deponent further states that he served from the landing of the British at Wilmington until the end of the War.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (f) That, since the 18th of March, 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. (g) the mare is dead & the Cattle have been consumed in the support of his family, that he has a wife & two little Grand Children

Sworn to and declared on the 20th of April before (h) Augustine S. Clayton Judge of the Superior Court for the Western District State of Georgia.

I John T Carter Clerk of the Superior Court of said County do hereby certify, that it appears, to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said Francis Guthrey did serve in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months, on the one engagement, on the Continental establishment. I also certify, that the foregoing oath (or affirmation) in the schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the records of the said Court; and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of said Court, that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is \$58.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal there being no seal of said Court, on

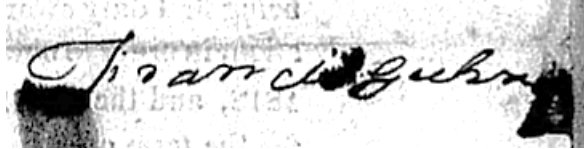
the 20th day of April 1830.

S/ John T. Carter, Clerk of the Court of the County Aforesaid
Schedule of property

On first of March 1818

Two Cows & calves worth each \$10 & 14	\$24.00
One Mare	14.00
Two Beds & furniture valued at	<u>20.00</u>
	\$58.00

S/ Francis Guthrey [last name in the signature is illegible]



The within & foregoing Statement made Sworn to & subscribed for me in open Court April 20th 1830 being a court of Record.

S/ A. J. Clayton, Presiding Judge of Said Court

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office 28th May 1830

Sir

I have carefully examined of the muster rolls of the line of this State in the revolutionary war, for the name of Francis Guthrie or Guthrey and do not find it; I have also searched the Warrant book to see if he had obtained any land for the services said to be performed by him, and do not find that anyone ever issued in his name, and am therefore of opinion he is not entitled to a Pension, not having served in the Continental line.

I am very respectfully your Obedient Servant
S/ Wm Hill

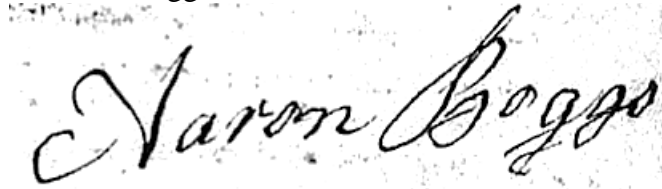
South Carolina, Pickens District

Personally came and appeared before me Frederick N. Garvin one of the Justices of the peace in and for the District aforesaid Aaron Boggs and being duly sworn saith on his oath that he knew Francis Gutrey [sic] in time of the revolution war and that said Gutrey did serve in said war for years immediately within his knowledge and he further saith that said Gutrey was in Colonel Neal's Regiment with himself for some considerable time and that said Gutrey was with himself in the battle at fishing Creek [August 18, 1780]¹ and also at the battle at Camden ferry and that they were both together at the battles of rights bluff [sic, probably Wright's Bluff or Fort Watson #1, February 24, 1781]² and the Congaree Fort and many other scrimmages and he further saith that said Gutrey came with a reinforcement to relieve General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter] Army at Orangeburg.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 7th of October 1829.

S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

S/ Aaron Boggs



¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

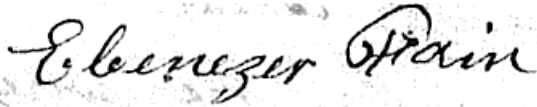
² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_1.html

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Appeared before me Ebenezer Fain³ aged 67 & being sworn saith that he was well acquainted with the applicant Francis Guthrie in the War of the Revolution that he served with him in several battles, that said Guthrie was where deponent was first acquainted with him under command of Colonel Charles Robinson of North Carolina, that he was with him at the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780],⁴ at Blackstocks [November 20, 1780]⁵ & at Guilford C. H. [March 15, 1781]⁶ besides many skirmishes – that he served with him about 2 years or more. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 20th April 1830.

Sworn to and Open court being a Court of Record 20 April 1830.

S/ Ebenzer Fain

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ebenezer Fain". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes.

S/ A. J. Clayton, Presiding Judge of the Supr. Court of sd. County

³ [Ebenezer Fain R3421](#)

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html