

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Guthrie R4396

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

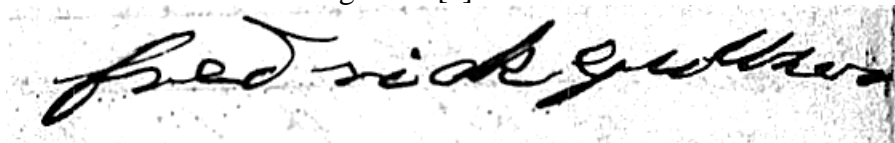
On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1845 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary for said District now sitting Frederick Guthrie a resident of Spartanburg District & State of South Carolina aged about 83 or 84 years who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated --

The Captain was Jacob Vinzant [Jacob Vanzant]-- & Colonel John Earle from Loss of Memory he cannot State precisely the time that he entered the service but the believe said it was in the year 1780 or '81. That he lived at the time in the County of Rutherford & State of North Carolina that he was drafted for a tour of three months which time he served fully out in the Western part of Rutherford County as aforesaid that he was stationed at Earle's Station & Nebell's Station under the command of Colonel John Earle his Captain as above stated was Jacob Vinzant, that he has no documentary evidence of his service but can prove the same by Burwell Blanton<sup>1</sup> now living in Cleveland County North Carolina – he further says that he cannot from loss of memory State the time that he left the Service – that when his time was out his commanding officer Sent him home without giving him any regular discharge he further states that he was acquainted with \_\_\_\_.

He further states that he was afterwards drafted and served a tour of Ten days in the said County as his first tour – then under the command of the same officers, that 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/ fredrick guthrie [?]



S/ R Bowden, Judge of the Court of ordinary

[Drury Scruggs a clergyman and John Martin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Quest 1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

Ans: in Edgecombe County NC in the year 1763

Quest 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have the record in a Bible at home

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

<sup>1</sup> [Burwell \(Burrell\) Blanton BLWt59093-160-55](#)

Ans: I was living in Rutherford County North Carolina and lived there till I moved to my present place of abode in Spartanburg SC

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

Ans: I was drafted

Quest 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

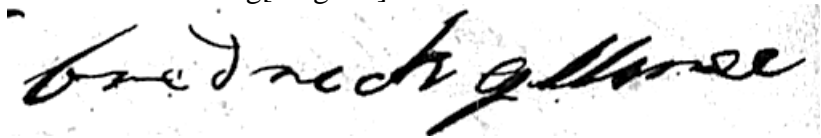
Ans: Colonel John Earle

Quest 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?

Ans: I had no regular discharge from the service

Quest 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Reverend D. Scruggs Captain John Martin Jesse Scruggs &c.  
S/ fredrick g[illegible]



S/ R Bowden, Judge of the Court of ordinary

[Richard Scruggs and Ezekiel Dobbins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Burrill Blanton and makes oath in due form of law that at and during the revolutionary war he lived in the State of North Carolina & County of Rutherford (now that part called Cleveland) that he was personally acquainted with Frederick Guthrie the applicant in this case that they both served in the War of the Revolution together that he knows that the said Frederick Guthrie served one Tour of Ten days and that afterwards he was drafted for the Term of three months which time he served fully out that he the deponent was with the said Guthrie both Trips that they were Stationed at Earle's Station and Nebell's Station in the County of Rutherford that this deponent can't say (from loss of memory) what time it was that he served but thinks it was in the latter part of the Revolution --

Sworn to and subscribed before me November 20<sup>th</sup> 1845

S/ Burwell Blanton



S/ Durham Hicks, JP

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate for the District aforesaid Solomon Abbitt [sic]<sup>2</sup> and made oath in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with Frederick Guthrie the applicant in this case and that it comes within his personal knowledge that the said Guthrie was drafted and served a tour of three months as he alleges in his Declaration & that he served several Ten days Trips in addition there too [sic]. That the said Guthrie lived in Rutherford

<sup>2</sup> [Solomon Abbott S17806](#)

County during the War of the revolution & that he the deponent lived in Spartanburg District which District joins that of Rutherford County NC that He frequently saw the said Guthrie before and after the time he was drafted and that he understood he served under Colonel John Earle in the Western part of Rutherford County and that he was regard[ed] as a True friend to his Country --

Sworn to and Subscribed before me December 18<sup>th</sup> 1845.

S/ H. Hicks,

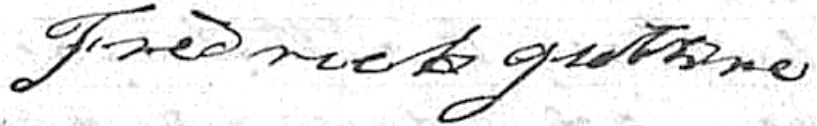
S/ Solloman Abbett, X his mark

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate for the District aforesaid Frederick Guthrie who being duly sworn deposed and saith that in addition to the three months & 10 days service as a soldier in the war of the Revolution set forth & proved in his first declaration He Served as a Volunteer for the Space of three months & a half at a Fort called Seneca Fort & on a Stream then called Savannah that from extreme old age and loss of memory he cannot say what year the service was done in but from the best of his recollection he believes it was in the year of 1777 or 1778 – that he entered the service under Captain Richard Tutt [sic, probably Benjamin Tutt] his Colonel's name he cannot now recollect – that after having been at the Fort three months & a half he had a permit to go home for a short time & while he was absent a Fort was taken & broken up by the British & Tories & that he did not go back anymore & consequently has no regular discharge from his officers – this Service was rendered & performed in the Western part of South Carolina – That in addition to the foregoing He was drafted to go to a place called Cross Creek in North Carolina that he was out 8 days when they got orders by an express to return -- & that he served 6 days at a place called Britton Meeting House – in Rutherford County NC in guarding Prisoners and that the reason he did not put these services in his first declaration he was advised to put in none but what he could then prove – He not knowing at the time of the Testimony now offered which has been since found and for such Service I now claim a Pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1846.

S/ Frederick Guthrie



S/ H. Hicks, Mag.

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate for the District aforesaid Patrick Saunders Senior & made oath in due form of law that at, and during, the War of the Revolution he lived in the County of Rutherford & State of North Carolina, that He was personally & intimately acquainted with Frederick Guthrie the applicant in this case, that himself & the said Frederic Guthrie Volunteered to serve a tour of six months in the Militia – that they were stationed at a Fort called Seneca Fort in the upper part of South Carolina – that there commanding officer of the Fort was Captain Tutt – that when they had been there about four months as he believes they got a permit to come home – and that shortly after they left the Fort it was taken and broken up by the British and Tories and that they never went back and that consequently they had no regular discharge from their commanding officer – that this was all the Service that He the said Patrick Saunders performed in the revolution – that he cannot recollect what year it was in but thinks from the best of his recollection it must have been in the year 1777 or 1778.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1846

S/ H. Hicks, Mag.

S/ Patrick Saunders, X his mark