

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Guy R4399

Sarah Guy

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions December Term 1833

On this 6th day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court before said Court now sitting James Guy a resident of said County 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (viz.) He entered the service early in the spring of the year 1780 in a company of volunteer Light Horse under the command of Captain James Wright this was in the County of Duplin in this State he volunteered at this time for twelve months that he served only eight months. He was discharged early in the winter following this company was attached to Colonel Dickson's [sic, Dixon's?] Regiment of Militia. Immediately after my discharge in the month of December 1780 I entered the service for a tour of three months in a company of Light Horse commanded by Captain James Love of which Harman Blount was Lieutenant that from Duplin County where he entered the service he was marched to South Carolina near Camden from there he was marched to Guilford North Carolina but was not in the battle, an express having arrived that Colonel Craig [James Craig] of the British Army had attacked & taken the town of Wilmington [January 28, 1781].¹ General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] was dispatched with his troops to that place to protect the surrounding Country from their depredations Captain Love being attached to General Lillington's Brigade was also marched to that neighborhood, the day before we left at Guilford this Declarant & six others took a double fortified six pounder (Brass) which had been thrown into a Creek by the British for want of a carriage & carried it within the American lines, that after his arrival in the neighborhood of Wilmington our troops had a battle with the British under the command of Craig & was defeated by them. Just after the battle Captain Love was killed at a house in the neighborhood he being surprised by a party of the British in the Battle which we fought Colonel Brown [probably Thomas Brown] of the militia was wounded he was discharged in March or February following by General Lillington after serving out his tour aforesaid Immediately on his return home to the County of Duplin there being a call for men he again entered the Service in the month of March 1781 in a company of volunteer Light horse Commanded by Captain William Kenan for a tour of three months was marched from Duplin County to the town of Wilmington where stationed for three months except two weeks during this service General Lillington had the Command of the troops stationed at Wilmington who discharged the Declarant. In the latter part of the summer 1781 he again entered the service as a volunteer Light horseman under the command of Captain Page [Thomas Page] who was under Major Molton

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_wilmington_1.html Love

[John Moulton] in the County of Duplin from where we were marched to the County of Sampson in pursuit of the Tories. We had a fight [Rockfish Creek, August 2, 1781]² with them at old Captain Williams' where we took 7 prisoners who were carried to a Present in Duplin County called the Bull Pen and confined them. He believes he served during this service two weeks. After which he was discharged. He would here remark that during his second tour above set forth he furnished his own Horse. That he served as orderly Sergeant under Captains Love and Kenan. That in his other services he was only a private soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Guy, X his mark

Test: S/ A. McLean, Jr., Clk

The following Answers were returned to the Interrogatories directed to be put by the War Department

1. I was born in the County of Duplin this State on the 19th day of February 1761.
2. I have not.
3. I was living in the County of Duplin. Since the War I have lived in that County 15 years Since which time I have lived in the County of Cumberland where I now reside
4. I volunteered
5. I recollect General Green [Nathanael Greene] Colonel William Washington of the Light Horse Captain Coleman Lieutenant Becoats [sic, probably Peter Bacot]. I have already stated the circumstances of my service as well as I can recollect.
6. I did but have lost them I have already stated from whom I received them.
7. I would refer to Enoch Jarrott, Theophilus Guy the Reverend Mister Dupre.

[John Dupre, a clergyman, and Josiah Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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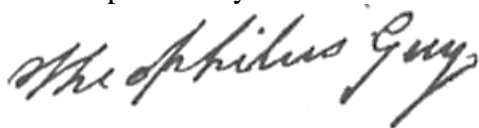
State of North Carolina Cumberland County

This day Theophilus Guy of the County of Cumberland maketh oath that he is well acquainted with James Guy an applicant for a Pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 – that he knows said James Guy was in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War under Captains James Love & William Kenan, though Affiant does not know the length of time he served under them respectively. Affiant is sixty-four years of age.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7th of December 1833

S/ Joshua Jessop, JP

S/ Theophilus Guy



[p 30: On March 8, 1855 in Cumberland County North Carolina, Nancy Coleman filed an application for a pension in which she states she is the only child of Sarah Guy, the widow of James Guy, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that James Guy died in Cumberland County on February 16, 1837; that the applicant's mother Sarah Guy died as a widow on September 28, 1837; that her mother died as the widow of her father; she states that she is about 70 years of age. She signed her application with her mark.]

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_rockfish_creek.html

[p 31: on March 8, 1855 in Cumberland County North Carolina, John Guy and Alex Guy gave testimony that they were well acquainted with Sarah Guy during her lifetime; that she was the widow of James Guy, a revolutionary war pensioner; that James Guy died February 16, 1837; that his widow, Sarah Guy died September 28, 1837; and that Nancy Coleman is aged about 70 years; that James Guy died when about 76 years of age; that they always understood that James and Sarah were married prior to 1800 and from Nancy Coleman's age that must be so. They both signed their affidavit with their respective marks. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his wife is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]