

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Guthery (Guthrie) S21793

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State of South Carolina, Union District

On this 6th day of October personally appeared before open Court before John B. O'Neill presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting in the District and State aforesaid James Guthery a resident of Union District and State aforesaid, aged seventy-six years 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 the 7th 1832.

That he was born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia in or about the year 1756, that he knows of no record of his age, unless it is to be found in the records of the Church in Hanover County which used to be under the care of Parson Henry – this applicant speaks of his age from the recollection of what he has been told by his mother. That he was living at the time he entered the service of the United States in Caswell County in North Carolina, & after the war about the year 1785 removed to South Carolina & settled in Union District where he now lives.

That he volunteered into the service of the United States in the year 1778 under the command of Colonel James Sanders [James Saunders], & chose for his Captain Robert Moore, but was soon afterwards placed under the command of Captain Goodman [William Goodman] in the Continental line, commanded by Major Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon], Major Armstrong [perhaps John Armstrong] & General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], & received \$30 bounty & continued in the Continental service from May 1778 until the 16th of August 1779, being about 15 months. When he entered the service he first marched to Paydensburg [?] in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia – thence marched back to Caswell County in North Carolina where we were discharged on furlough for six months but after the expiration of about three months we were called upon to give up the furlough, which he did & again entered the service. Thence he marched to Salisbury – thence to the ten mile branch near Charleston in South Carolina – thence to Purrysburg on Savannah River in South Carolina. Thence to a place called the Black Swamp – thence to Golphin's Mills on Savannah River – Thence to Charleston South Carolina where he was engaged in the defense of Charleston against the attack of General Prevost¹ some time in the spring of the year 1779 – Thence marched back near Stono, where he again joined General Lincoln, and soon afterwards was in the Stono battle [June 20, 1779] and was commanded in that engagement by Lieutenant Joel Lewis, & Major Dixon, this being about the 20th of June 1779 – Thence back to the encampment about 10 miles from Stono battle ground, where he was taken with the camp fever & confined to the hospital for 29 days – thence he was hauled to Bacon's Bridge – thence to Martin's Tavern where on the 10th of August 1779 he was discharged --. In or about the first of the year 1781, he fell in with General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army at Boyd's Ferry on Dan River, and after following the Army for 10

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_prevosts_march_1779.html

days was received into the Army and placed under the command of Captain Cole, Lieutenant Sanders, Ensign Barnet – thence marched to Rocky River – thence to Bell's Mills – thence back to General Greene's Army on the North side of Rocky River – thence to the fork roads near Guilford Court House where being sick, this applicant remained during the fight [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781], -- Soon after this battle the company to which this applicant was attached was dismissed without a written discharge.

This applicant had one discharge from the first tour of duty which he gave to his brother William Guthery in order to get for him about \$31 remaining due for his services, & has never seen said discharge since, nor the money due.

For the truth of the above declaration and the proof of his character as a man of veracity he refers to Henry Cogburn² who has known me in North Carolina, & the Reverend John Jennings who has known me long & well.

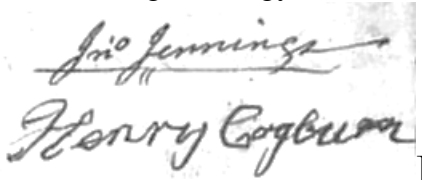
This applicant does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Guthery, X his mark

S/ Jno. B. O'Neill, Pres. Judge

[John Jennings, a clergyman, and Henry Cogburn gave the standard supporting affidavit.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "John Jennings" and the bottom signature reads "Henry Cogburn". Both signatures are written in a fluid, historical style.

State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally appeared James Guthrie before me & deposeth as follows in order to explain & make more explicit his application for a Pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

And saith that he volunteered under the officers as set out in his declaration & served from the 16th May 1778 to 10th August 1779, & marched as set out in his first declaration was furloughed for 6 months but before the furlough was out was called on again & I joined the Army again, on the first of November 1778, where I had the time to make up from 20th August 1778 to 1st November 1778, & then continued in the service & was discharged on 10th August 1779. In the month of February 1781, I again volunteered & joined the Army under General Greene, at the High rock Ford on Haw River, and remained with General Greene as set and my declaration & marched as therein set out, and was discharged on the 21st or 22nd of March 1781, making 5 weeks at least –and this deponent further saith that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services during the revolutionary war, during the same time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 26th August 1833

S/ D. Wallace, JP

S/ James Guthrie, X his mark

State of South Carolina, Union District

Before me the subscribing Justice personally a appeared James Guttery [sic], and maketh oath, that he served in the Army of General Greene between five and six weeks, and his last tour,

² [Henry Cogburn S21711](#)

that he went to the Army, and was taken in the service at high rock Ford on Haw River, and was marched from there to Rocky River, and from Rocky River to Deep River, and from it to a small stream called the Alamance, and from the Alamance to Guilford Court-house, and that he done this tour of duty under the command of Colonel William Moore, that he was at the battle of Guilford, but not in the action being sick and that he was discharged the day after the battle by General Greene sworn to this 16th of May 1833 before me

S/ Thomas Stribling, QU

State of South Carolina, Union District

Before me the subscribing Justice personally appeared Ruth Cogburn, and maketh oath that she was personally acquainted with James Guttery [sic] before the revolutionary war, and that he served 2 years in the same and that he was in the Army a considerable length of time, the first tour, and not so long the last time – sworn to this 16th of May 1833 before me

S/ Thomas Stribling, Q. U.

I do hereby certify that Ruth Cogburn is a resident in my neighborhood and is considered a kept woman of truth and veracity, and that full faith and credit ought to be given to her word. Given under my hand this 16th of May 1833.

S/ Thomas Stribling, Q. U.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and 4 days in the North Carolina Continental line.]