Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Guinn (Gwin) S37970 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State and District of Virginia Hampshire County Sct.

Before me the subscriber Presiding and sole Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County in the State aforesaid on this 26th day of October in the year 1818 personally appears Andrew Guinn aged between sixty and seventy years, resident in the said County, state and District who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late 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". That sometime in the month of June or July in the year 1776 in the County of Augusta in the State aforesaid he enlisted as a private Soldier in a Company of Virginia troops on the Continental establishment commanded by Captain Michael Boyoo [?]¹, but at the time as he believes attached to no particular Regiment to serve for two years, and was at first ordered to the mouth of the Little kenhaway [Little Kanawha River]. That in the Spring 1777 his company was attached to the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel James Wood and ordered to join the main Army in New Jersey. That at Winchester in the County of Frederick in Virginia aforesaid on his march to the Northward he agreed to extend his enlistment to the time of three years. That he continued to serve with said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the expiration of his said term of enlistment when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia. He is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for a support. That he has lost his discharge and has no other evidence of his said services, But expects he can get the Certificate of Edward Williams who was an Ensign in the said Regiment, and who resides in Hardy County –

Sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robt. White [Robert White]²

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Me Mall Boyon In a latter document, the veteran refers to him as Michael Bowyer.

² Robert White S7893

Hampshire County Virginia

I Robert White Judge etc. as aforesaid do hereby certify that on this day the above named Andrew Guinn produced to me the annexed certificate of Edward Williams who was to my knowledge and Ensign in the said 8th or 12th Virginia Regiment to which I myself also belonged. That it appears to my satisfaction that he, the said Andrew Guinn did serve in the Revolutionary War more than 9 months as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, and further that I am satisfied as well from my own knowledge as from respectable evidence given before me that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his Country's aid for a support. And I do now transmit the proceedings and testimony had and taken before me to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the directions of the aforenamed Act of Congress. In testimony of all which I have hereto subscribed my name above the seal of said County this 29th day

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I do hereby Certify that the bearer hereof Andrew Gwin Served as a Soldier in the twelfth Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary war to the best of my recollection to Campaigns (to wit) 1777 & 1778. Given under my hand this 13th day of November 1818

S/ Edw. Williams formerly an Ensign in the 8th Virginia Regiment

I do hereby Certify that Edward Williams came before me William Heath a Justice of the Peace for Hardy County and made oath that the above Certificate contains the truth to the best of his knowledge. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of November 1818

S/ William Heath

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Upon reflection it appears to me that Edward Williams aforesaid was a Sergeant in the 12th Virginia Regiment and was, after the regiments were reduced and consolidated, commissioned as an Ensign. I am however perfectly certain he was an Ensign.

S/ Robt. White

he is now one of the most worthy and respectable man in Hardy County and clerk of the court. S/ Robt. White

On this 22nd day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record Andrew Guinn aged sixty years resident in Hampshire County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia aforesaid about the summer of the year 1776 as a private Soldier in a company commanded by Captain Michael Bowyer and belonging to the 12th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment which was attached to Scott's [Charles Scott's] Brigade, that he continued to serve in that Corps as in the service of the United States until the expiration of three years, the term of his enlistment when he was discharged, that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], and the White horse [White Horse Tavern, Malvern Pennsylvania, September 16, 1777], in which last Battle he was severely wounded, as will more fully appear by his Original declaration filed in the war Office and dated about the 26th day of October 1818 upon which he has received a certificate of pension Numbered 13017 and did solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed viz. one horse worth \$30 the following all the debts he owes, to David Gibson \$1.27, to John McDowell \$1.98, to John Jack \$2.71, to Thomas Blair & Co. \$13.55: That his occupation is that of a laborer and that in consequence of a wound he received in the arm he is unable to pursue it so as to make a livelihood, that he has no family

I John B. White Clerk of the County Court of Hampshire do hereby certify the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the record of the said Court and I further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is \$30 and the amount of the said declarant's debts \$19.81. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this 6^{th} day of July 1820

S/ John B White

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 26, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]