

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Guilford S8640

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State of North Carolina, County of Beaufort: SS

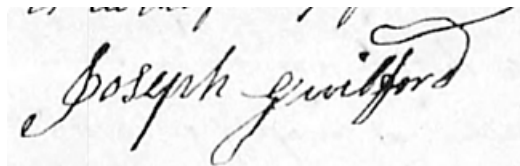
On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, now sitting, Joseph Guilford, resident of the County of Beaufort & State aforesaid aged Seventy years, three months and six days, who being first 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. First. 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. He states that he was born in the County of Pasquotank, now Camden, State of North Carolina – at the age of seven was removed to the County of Pitt where he continued to reside until he volunteered in the Company of Captain Samuel Barrow of the North Carolina Militia in the year 1780 about the last of the month of June in the County of Pitt – then marched to the town of Kingston [sic, Kinston] on the Neuse River, when he marched to Hailey's ferry on Pedee River, by the way of Wake Court House, thence into South Carolina, thence to Salisbury in North Carolina thence to Charlotte, thence driven back to Salisbury by Cornwallis, thence to Chatham Court House, thence to the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin [River], thence into Rowan, was placed in the hospital from which he was discharged by Doct. North; making in the whole four months. He understands that Seawell [Benjamin Seawell] was their Colonel and Sumner [Jethro Sumner] their General.

He was next in the service for three weeks for the purpose of meeting the British who were said to be at Wilmington – marched, took five British prisoners returned home understanding they had evacuated Wilmington.

In the latter part of July 1781, he volunteered under Captain John Godley for the purpose of marching against the British forces then at Newbern [sic, New Bern] under the command of Major Craig [James Craig] – he marched to fore Creek Mills & threw up works to await the enemy if he should come – was sent on the picket guard – fired at the enemy advancing, ran & was at length taken by a flanking or plundering party – was thence sent prisoner to Wilmington, thence to Charleston where he remained a prisoner on board of the prison ship Esk [sic, *Eske*] till after the battle of York [Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown on October 19, 1781] when on November 6th, 1782 [sic, probably November 6, 1781] he was exchanged & returned home after an absence of about sixteen months. In this service James Gorham was the Colonel. He was at Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] camp between Ashley ferry & Bacon Bridge [sic, Bacon's Bridge] immediately after the exchange – he received no written discharge or paper writing of any time. The certificate or discharge by North given at Rowan he has lost. The record of his age he presumes is in the family of his uncle at the place where he was born in Pasquotank.

S/ Joseph Guilford



Sworn to & subscribed in open Court by Joseph Guilford Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions 1832
S/ Wm Ellison, Clk

John Nobles¹ makes the oath that he is in his seventieth year of age – that he has known Joseph Guilford from their youth – remembers that Joseph Guilford was in service at the time Craig was at New Bern – was at that time taken prisoner as he has always understood & continued a prisoner till peace.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court by John nobles August term 1832
S/ Wm Ellison, Clk

S/ John Nobles, X his mark

[Briton Edwards gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Beaufort, North Carolina, Joseph Guilford, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades – For one year, eight months and twenty-one days I served as a private – that is to say in the service first mentioned in the foregoing declaration that I served four months – and the next service three weeks – in the last, one year & four months, making altogether twenty months & three weeks; & for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Joseph Guilford

Sworn to and subscribed before me May 20th 1833
S/ Richard H. Bonner, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$69 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 20 months & 21 days in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [John Nobles S8922](#)