

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Guthrey S8642

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Virginia, to wit;

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting: John Guthrey a resident of said County aged seventy two 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the service of the United States in the month of May 1780. and marched from the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia, in a company of drafted Militia, which was commaned by Capt. Charles Balloo [Charles Ballow], Lieutenant Robert Anderson and Lieut William Balloo [William Ballow], crossed Stanton [sic: Staunton] River at Bibb's ferry, went through the County of Halifax, crossing Dan River at Boyd's ferry into the State of North Carolina, and was stationed at Hillsborough four or five weeks, & was attached to Colo [George] Stubblefield's Regement, in Genl. [Edward] Stevens' Brigade. from thence we marched to Deep River from thence to Massie's ferry [or Mask's Ferry] on Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River, from thence the main army under the command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, marched to, or near, Camden - but I was left at Pedee as a guard to the bagage waggons &c. About ten or twelve days Gen'l. Gates being defeated near Camden [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] his Army retreated and came back to Pedee and from there we marched back to Hillsborough, where many of the men deserted, from thence we went to New Garden in Rockingham County [sic: Guilford County]. We were under the command of Colo. [Ralph] Faulkner at that place about fifteen days when we were discharged by Colo. Faulkner in the month of October 1780. the whole time of service rendered in this tour, including the time of travelling home, was at least six months my discharge is lost and cannot be found, but the service rendered is proved by William Hubbard who was a soldier with me at that time, and is now on the pension list.

I again entered the service of the United States being drafted about the first of February 1781 and marched from the said County of Cumberland in a company of Militia which was commanded by the said Capt Charles Balloo, Lieut. Robt[?] Anderson & Ensign Samuel Williams to Moor's Old Ordinary in the County of Amelia, from thence we marched through the County of Lunenburg, crossed the Roanoke River at Taylor's ferry entered the State of North Carolina, passed Hillsborough went to the high rock, from thence to Guilford Courthouse, where we joined Genl. Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army remained with him until after the battle was fought near that place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1781. I was in the said Battle in Colo. [Beverley] Randolph's Regiment, & in Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson's Brigade. the Americans were defeated & rendezvous'd again at Troublesome Iron works, near Haw River, from thence we marched to Ramsey's mill on Deep River, where many of the militia were discharged, but we marched from there to South Boston or Boyd's ferry in the County of Halifax, Virginia, where we were discharged. the whole time of service rendered on this tour was six weeks. I have no discharge in my possession. I know of no person living that was in service with me on that tour, but can prove that the service was rendered by George Allen who lived a near neighbour to me, and knew of my being in the service. I again entered the service of the United States about the first of September 1781. as volunteer, and went with Benjamin Wilson who was a Commissary, with a parcel of Beeves by order of Colo George Carrington from the said County of Cumberland to the lower end of the State of Virginia and was regularly engaged with the said Commissary, Benjamin Wilson, nine weeks, when I was discharged soon after the surrender of lord Cornwallis at Little York [19 Oct 1781] which cleared me of a three months tour. the Beeves drove were for the use of the Army. I know of no person living that was in that business with me. I have lost my discharge and it cannot be found

I was born in the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia in the year 1760. my age was recorded in my fathers family bible from which I have taken an extract that is now in my possession. I resided in the said County of Cumberland when the War ended. I lived in that County about ten years after the War ended then moved into the County of Halifax Virginia, and

have lived in that County ever since

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.                      John Guthrey

Halifax County to wit,

          This day William Hubbard a revolutionary soldier came before me Richard Thomson a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that himself and John Guthrey entered the service of the revolutionary war under the command of Capt. Charles Balow of Cumberland county Virginia and marched on together as far southward as Pedee at which place he was detained as a guard to the baggage waggons after that time I do not recollect seeing him any more during the war given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832