

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Guest W21239

Anna Guest

f86NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

On this 11th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pickens now sitting William Guest resident of the state of South Carolina in the District of Pickens aged 70 years the 30th the December past 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 June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated (viz.) in June 1775 he enlisted in the Militia under Captain Elijah Isaacs for three months in Colonel Benjamin Cleveland's Regiment, rendezvoused on the Yadkin River Wilkes County North Carolina where they remained in guarding the Fort for the term of service, does not recollect the name of the Fort, was discharged at said Fort by the Captain. In March 1779 enlisted under Captain Moses Guest in a company of Mounted Infantry in the Regiment before mentioned and continued under said Captain until October 1781, rendezvoused at Wilkes Court House, was reviewed by Colonel Cleveland during this service we generally on scouting parties were marched to Watauga twice and near to Long Island on Holston [River], once after returning from said place went in pursuit [of] Colonel Moore [Lieutenant Colonel John Moore] who commanded the Tories at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780]¹ from thence went in pursuit of Colonel Briant [Samuel Bryan] who commanded the Tories but hearing he had been defeated by General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] we returned to Wilkes in June, from June until October we were employed in breaking up Tory camps in different parts of the Country, we were then marched under Colonel Cleveland to Kings Mountain [Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780],² defeated Colonel Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson], were marched as a guard in taking the Prisoners to Moravian Town, from this I was sent by order of Colonel Cleveland after Joseph Reid who was wounded at Kings Mountain and left at Dr. Dobson's Burke County with orders to bring him to Wilkes and wait on him until he recovered from his wounds, about the last of May joined the company again in Wilkes, was marched over the Mountains to Holston River East Tennessee in pursuit of robbers and Tories which had fled from Moore's defeat, returned back to Wilkes then was marched to the head of Catawba where we remained three or four weeks waiting for supplies when we were discharged in October 1781 – that he has no

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except the affidavits of Moses Guest³ and Thompson Epperson⁴ which is hereto annexed who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes 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 in open Court.

S/ William L. Keith, C. C.

S/ Wm Guest, X his mark

[Anthony W. Ross, a clergyman, and John C. Kilpatrick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatory

1st . Where and in what year were you born

A. I was born in Frederick County Virginia 1762

2nd . Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

A. I lived in Wilkes County North Carolina when called into Service. I removed from there and 1785 to South Carolina and now live in Pickens District South Carolina.

4th [Sic]. How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

A. I first enlisted for three months after which I volunteered and remained until the close of the war

5th . State the names of some of the Regular officers who were [with] the Troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Services

A. We were never under the Regular officers at least none was with the Troops where I served, we were under Colonel Cleveland, Colonel Lewis, Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Colonel Williams [James Williams] and Lacy [sic, Edmund Lacey] joined us at the Cowpens and was with us at Kings Mountain.

6. Did you ever received a discharge from the service and if so when was it given and what has become of it

A. I received a discharge from Captain Moses Guest at the head of the Catawba left with Captain Joel Lewis and do not know what has become of it.

7th. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

A. Colonel J. C. Kirkpatrick, General J. H. Whitner, Colonel R. Anderson and Captain D. Sloane can vouch for my character.

[p 50, On September 18, 1832 in Franklin County Georgia, Moses Guest and Thompson Epperson testified that they knew William Guest in the Rev. War and saw him in the North Carolina militia in Captain Guest's Company of Light dragoons.

³ [Moses Guest W11072](#)

⁴ [Thompson Epperson \(Epposon\) W7115](#)

Moses Guest
Thompson Epperson
mark]

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The State of South Carolina

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for Pickens District in the State aforesaid Captain William Guest of said District, who being duly Sworn, deposeth and saith, That he does not know of any living Witnesses who can prove his services except Guest & Epperson, whose affidavit was sent with his application. That he did not know it was necessary to have a certificate of credibility. That they are credible & respectable & if he was able to go to them again the Magistrate would no doubt Certify. That the Certificate for the Clergyman & Citizen is erroneous in that it states them to reside in Anderson, when Colonel Kilpatrick lives in Pickens District – And the Certificate of the Judge is defective as it does not say the Clergyman & Citizen are respectable these omissions were made in the hurry at Court as the judge had got through all the business and was waiting for the application & presuming no doubt the Certificates were full signed them in great haste. These explanations are made to show how the errors were committed – And this deponent can produce any respectable Citizen of the neighborhood in which he has lived for the last forty-seven years to Certify to his credibility & good moral Character. And this deponent doth also declare that he served not less than 3 months in the year 1775 as it is stated, only it is said he Enlisted when the fact was he volunteered, which was also an error of the man who drew up his application. This deponent further saith that he Served not less than 2 years and 4 months in actual Service under his Enlistment in March 1779, and was by Colonel Cleveland ordered to take the wounded man Joseph Reid & nurse him, which deponent did for the space of about 3 months – and was discharged as is stated. And further Moses Guest whose affidavit is with his application was for several years a Justice of the Peace until he got too old to serve – And Thompson Epperson was a Captain of the Militia – these matters are mentioned by way of explanation – This deponent cannot write nor can he read writing otherwise he believes his papers would have been corrected as they were read over to him in haste & perhaps read as they should have been written, which he is sure was neither intended by the writer or directed by this deponent.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 9th day of August 1833

S/ John Myers, JP

S/ William Guest, X his mark

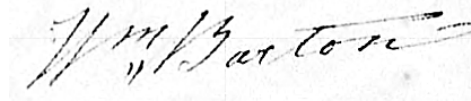
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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

Personally appeared before me F. N. Garvin a Justice assigned to keep the peace in and for Pickens District and State aforesaid William Barton Esquire and made oath in due form of law and on his oath saith that he is well acquainted with Captain William Guest who has applied for a Pension and has been acquainted with him and that from his own knowledge he knows that many of the facts stated by William Guest is substantially true and believes the whole is true as he lived in the same neighborhood that said Guest did during the war and that Moses Guest was a Captain and a brother to the applicant William Guest.

Sworn to before me this 10th day of March 1834.

S/ Wm Barton



S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

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State of South Carolina Pickens District} Personally appeared before me F. N. Garvin a Justice assigned to keep the Peace in and for the District of Pickens and State aforesaid William Guest and made oath in due form of Law and on his oath saith that by reason of old age and consequent Loss of memory he cannot Swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the Best of his recollection he served not less than the period stated below and in the following grades, to wit a private he entered the service in the summer of 1777 under Captain Elijah Isaacs in North Carolina Wilkes County and was garrison[ed] at Fort Isaacs in Wilkes County North Carolina and Served there three months guarding the Fort whilst the North Carolina troops were on Expedition against the Indians, he next entered the service in March 1779 under Captain Moses Guest a volunteer meet [sic, met] at Wilkes Courthouse North Carolina and was there reviewed by the field officers of that county Colonel Cleaveland and Major Herndon and was in the service until June 1780 which was one year and three months during that time he was not at home more than seven days at any one time and not more than twelve times he thinks, that he was not at home so much but is certain not more, in June 1780 he returned home and stayed not more than ten days, he was then marched to the Catawba [River] and their joined Colonel Benjamin Cleaveland and continued in actual Service until October, was in the Battle of Kings Mountain from there he was sent by Colonel Cleaveland with his mess mate Joseph Reed that was wounded to a Doctor on the Catawba he then joined the Army and march[ed] on to the Moravian town – with the prisoners and stayed there three weeks when he was ordered back to take care of Joseph Reed his wounded mess mate he then took him home and waited on him and nursed him until June 1781 he was ordered out by Colonel Cleaveland under Captain Guest after the Tories and was six weeks out in that tour he then was at home about two weeks he then was ordered to joined General McDowell [Charles McDowell] in an expedition against the Indians and was quartered at Cathies' Fort on the head of the Catawba six weeks, they could not get supplies and was there discharged[.] for [For] want of education – he cannot recollect dates precisely but the facts are as above stated as nearly as he can recollect.

Sworn to before me

this 10th of March 1834

S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

S/ William Guest, X his mark

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State of South Carolina, District of Pickens

On this 9th day of March 1835 personally appeared before the Honorable Richard Gantt one of the Associate Judges of the State of South Carolina in open Court at Pickens Court House, William Guest a resident of Pickens District and State aforesaid aged 72 years 30th December last – who being first duly sworn according to law – doth on his oath make the following – Additional Declaration by order of the Commissioner of Pensions in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That in June (as well as he recollects) 1777, he was then 15 years of age Captain Isaacs of Wilkes County NC applied to him to volunteer to build & Guard a Fort on the head of the

Yadkin [River] near to General Lenore's [sic, William Lenoir's] House. He turned out volunteer for 3 months and did go with the said Captain Isaacs & did help to build the Fort & guard it by order of Colonel Cleveland who commanded the Militia of Wilkes County. He was discharged at the end of 3 months sometime in September and he was paid for these 3 months service. That afterwards in March 1779 he turned out a volunteer in what was called the Minute Service a Corps ordered by the Legislature of North Carolina in 1778 to be raised on the Frontiers one company in Wilkes County of Mounted Infantry of which Company Moses Guest a brother of Declarant who was 12 years older was appointed Captain. And in the month of March 1779 they rendezvoused at Wilkesboro in said County and had their horses &c appraised, inspected & mustered in the service. The service was against the Tories, Deserters, outliers and enemies of the United States, and they were ordered into the service & continued in it Continuously from the Month of March 1779 till June 1780 not less than 10 months; during all the time he followed no regular business except as a Soldier. It is true he was some days during that time permitted to visit his family and he was some days occasionally at home by leave of his Officers, but many times he has left home at night often late to join his Company. He does not at this late day now distinctly recollect all the incidents of the Tours & services of that period of 15 months but he does know that his wife made the crops during that period & did nearly all the work in the field.

In June 1780 he volunteered or was yet considered & in the Minute Service and went under Captain Guest with Colonel Cleveland & all his effective force to Ramsour's Mill against Colonel Moore who had 800 Tories stationed there but before Cleveland's Army arrived General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] defeated Moore. He was then marched under Captain Guest – Major Micajah Lewis Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, to go to Hanging Rock against Tory Colonel Bryant, but before they arrived at Hanging Rock the Battle was fought [Battle of Hanging Rock, August 6, 1780]⁵ – They then returned home or rather by Home & was marched into the lower part of Burke County and was there stationed on the Catawba River about 2 or 3 weeks – when Colonel Cleveland ordered Captain Moses Guest with his Company of mounted Infantry to cross the mountains & to Watauga in (what is) perhaps what is now Ashe County. They took some prisoners & returned to Wilkesboro, there joined Colonel Cleveland again & was ordered to keep the Tories under as much as possible as Ferguson was then approaching the Mountains. In September or first of October having heard that Colonels Campbell, Shelby & Sevier were coming over the Mountains, Colonel Cleveland collected all the men he could and joined Campbell on Mud Creek, head of the Catawba in Burke County and went on with them overtook Colonel Ferguson at Kings Mountain was in that Battle Early in the Engagement one of his messmates was wounded in the thigh who asked him if we gained the Battle not to leave him on the ground. After the Battle was over he went & found the wounded man & was directed by the Captain & Colonel to take him & the other wounded to Doctor Dobson's in Burke County. Afterwards was ordered to collect Beef & take to the Army at Wilkesboro which he did and went as one of the guard to Moravian Town – was then ordered by Colonel Cleveland to go back to Doctor Dobson's and take Reid the wounded man home & to nurse him till he got well which he did for 4 months which was in June 1781. -- In June 1781 he was again a volunteer with Captain Guest Lieutenant Ferguson to go to the Long Island on Holston [River] against the Tories and they took 4 or 5 prisoners & on the return took one deserter who was hung – Was out not less than 3 weeks this tour – In August 1781 was called out as a volunteer & Colonel Heron [perhaps John Herndon of the Wilkes County militia] who had the command appointed him Lieutenant but he got no commission – that he recollects – went with him to Cathey's Fort on the head of the

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

Catawba rendezvoused there remained about 3 weeks & a supply of ammunition could not be procured to go against the Indians & most of the men returned home. He was out not less than 4 weeks this time. He is certain he was in the Service not less than

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| Three months, in the year 1777 – | 3 months |
| Ten months in the year 1779 & 1780 (June) | 10 do |
| Six Months from June 1781 to Jany. 1781 | 6 do |
| From January to June 1781—four mo. | 4 do |
| June & July – 1781 3 weeks | 21 days |
| August 1781—4 weeks | 28 days |
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He has again repeated to the best of his recollection His Services, and would have as a reason why there may be some discrepancy between the Statement of him & his old Brother, Captain Guest, that they were not together in the year 1777 and some of the other Services – And that the Gentlemen who took his testimony for Moses Guest would not put in any of the services as a minute man – which was much [?] and arduous and which he believes he is as much entitled to pay for, as any other part --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State except the State of South Carolina which Certificate he now here with returns to the Department.

Ans:

1. He was born in Frederick County Virginia 30 December 1762
2. He has not now any Record of his age.
3. He lived in Wilkes County NC during the War of the Revolution & till 1785 He moved into Pendleton & has lived in it & Pickens ever since
4. Volunteer at all times
5. Does not know that he was ever under any Regular Officer was with such Militia Officers as named & does not recollect any others.
6. He thinks he got one does not certainly know he had a written discharge at all --
7. Colonel JC Kilpatrick, Colonel Robert Anderson, Colonel Joseph Grisham have known me for many years & I can appeal to them as witnesses for my character as an honest & credible person.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William L. Keith, C. C.

S/ William Guest, X his mark

[Benjamin D. DuPre a clergyman and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the District of Pickens Captain William Guest who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and 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 and in the following grades viz. a Private he this deponent entered the service in the year 1777 a volunteer under Captain Elijah Isaacs, in the month of June he thinks and was attached to Colonel Ben Cleveland's Regiment and served 3 months and was dismissed in the fall of the year after having guarded a Fort on the Yadkin River which he cannot recollect

the name of he then returned home and there remained until March 1779 when he volunteered under Captain Moses Guest in a Company of mounted Infantry and was again under Colonel Ben Cleveland and was marched to Long Island on Holston and Watauga and took some deserters who had deserted from our Army and some Tory prisoners and served not less than 7 months he thinks more he then went home but a short as the times were so troublesome he could not stay at home he again in the year 1780 sometime in the early part of the spring turned out under Captain M. Guest and joined Colonel Campbell's Regiment after having been on several scouting parties after the Tories, and was under him that Ferguson's defeat at King's mountain he thinks in October of the same year and from there he went to the Moravian town to where he remained guarding some prisoners until some time in the latter part of December or 1st January 1781 he served in that time of service not less than 9 months he then was sent from there by Colonel Cleveland to take care of James Reid who was wounded which he did and carried him home and attended on him for 3 months by which time he so far recovered that he left him in June 1781 turned out a volunteer again under Captain Moses Guest and was marched to Long Island on Holston and was there for some time employed in quest of Tories he then after having stayed about one month he was marched back to the Catawba and there was discharged in October he thinks after having served not less than 3 months, he is so infirm in body and mind that he cannot state the facts with more precision than what he has done he is of opinion and believes that there is errors committed in his original declaration in consequence of the great haste in which it was Drew up he or the writer has erred in the date of the year in which he first entered the service making it 1775 in place of 1777 he further saith that from March 1779 until October 1781 he was not employed in any civil pursuit whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 October 1833.

S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

S/ William Guest, X his mark

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Fair play October 25, 1838

My Dear Sir

After my Very best respects I wish you to examine my papers when you get to Washington as they give all the information or nearly so that I can give respecting my Pension – Captain Moses Guest was the captain who I served under – I was about the first on the roll. I served all the time he did and he (Moses Guest) drew a pension as long as he lived (and of course I should). I got indence [sic, Indents] of my Service and I sold them to Colonel Jones before I left N. Carolina. I have done all I can do about it And if you can do anything for me it never would be forgot by your old friend and well wisher and pay you for your trouble

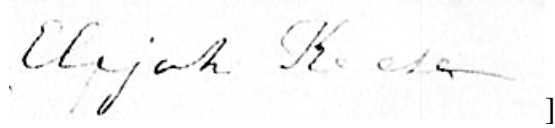
respectfully yours

S/ William Guest

[Note: the envelope shows no addressee for the above letter]

[p 8: On September 4, 1845, in Pickens District, SC, Anna Guest, 81 or 82, filed for a widow's pension stating that she married William Guest on July 29, 1779, in Wilkes County, NC, the ceremony performed by John Barton, Esq.; has a record of the births of her children and perhaps of her marriage in a family Bible, but it is now in the possession of her son, Squire Guest who lives in Greenville District, SC; and that her husband died July 8, 1841. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On September 4, 1845 in Pickens District South Carolina, Elijah Keese, 79, gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of William Guest and Anna Allen which took place in the house of John Keese in Wilkes County North Carolina; that they were married by John Barton Esquire a lawful Magistrate; that the marriage took place in the year 1779 as well as he recollects.



Elijah Keese]

[p 14-15, Substantially illegible Bible record which probably gives birth dates of their children. According to records in the file (p 20), however, the war department was able to discern that the records show that Squire Guest was born April 14, 1780, Susanna was born September 3, 1782, Mary was born November 17, 1784, Allen was born October 13, 1785, John was born March 30, 1787 and Nancy was born April 15 (year illegible).]

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William Guest South Carolina

Act 1832 \$50 pension

Date of death or last payment

Pension office

St C. W.

December 11, 1846 Died 18th July 1851

Paid to his Death

S/ BLB

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State of North Carolina

Comptroller's Department

I George W Brooks Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made to sundry soldiers of the Revolutionary war, as follows viz.

William Guest

Indent No. 959 £13.10 Specie Salisbury District allowed in the year 1782

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said office at Raleigh in this the 31st day of October 1856

S/ Geo. W. Brooks

Comptroller

{Seal}

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing September 4th, 1838 for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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War Department
Pension Office
January 9th, 1835

Sir:

After a re-examination of the papers of William Guest, I am convinced that his claim was admitted for a larger amount than the evidence in the case would justify.

This opinion is strengthened by an examination of the papers of Moses Guest, under whom William alleges to have served. He will therefore return his certificate to this office in order that the error, if one there be, may be corrected. He will also forward a new declaration, stating, distinctly his various tours of actual Service, bearing in mind that the laws of North Carolina, did not require the militia to serve a longer period at any one time than three months – hence the allegation of having served double or triple that time continuously must have originated in a misconception of what is properly deemed Military Service.

The further payment has been suspended –

I am Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

S/ J. L. Edwards [Federal Commissioner of Pensions]

Col. Joseph Grisham
Falls P.O. South Carolina

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To the Honorable Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of William Guest of Pendleton District respectfully represents – That he was seven years since a pensioner of this State – that he applied in pursuance of the law of the State to the General Government, & was, from the evidence produced, deemed worthy of a pension from the United States, & was placed on the roll – that after having made two semi-annual draws, from some cause not fully known to him, he was stricken off – that he again applied agreeably to instructions, but was not successful in being reinstated. He therefore prays to be placed again on the pension roll of South Carolina, & to be allowed to draw from the time he was stricken from the roll of the United States, two years ago. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ William Gist

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Gist". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a small number "17" written at the end of the signature.

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

⁷ I doubt this is the genuine signature of the veteran as the handwriting matches that of the body of the petition and we know from the federal file that William Guest was illiterate and unable to sign his own name.

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South Carolina Pickens District }

Personally appeared before me William Gist and made oath in due form of Law that he was once a pensioner of this State and applied for a pension from the General Government and was successful, that he continued to draw for one year, and for some cause unknown to me I was stricken all the pension roll, I have since made application and was rejected. The reasons was that my services was of a local nature –Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th of October 1836

S/ William May, J. Q.

S/ William Gist, X his mark

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to William Guest
Audited Account No. 3173A

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Transcribed by Will Graves

1/11/22

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The petition of William Guest praying for a pension
House
Pensions
Granted
Joseph N. Whitaker

[p 3]

To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of William Guest respectfully Sheweth that your petitioner entered into the Service of his Country as a volunteer in the year 1779, and remained in it until the evacuation of Charleston by the British [December 1782]. During that time he was subjected to many hardships and privations, and to all the dangers incident to a State of War. After the close of the War he was again engaged in the service of his Country for some years, first as a spy on the Frontiers when the Indians were occasionally doing mischief and afterwards a militia Captain. For these services he has never received any reward by pension or otherwise. He is now old, his circumstances are very reduced & he wishes for some honest mode of Supporting himself & family which he cannot now due by labour. He prays your Honorable body to place him on the pension list – 28 November 1824

S/ Tho. Harrison

S/ Wm Guest, X his mark

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State of South Carolina
Pendleton District

We the Subscribers do hereby certify that the bearer Captain William Guest has resided in this District since the year 1785 since When he has acted in different publick Offices first a spy

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on the Frontier when the Indians were Occasionally doing mischief then as a Militia Captain the duties of both Offices he discharge with more general Appetion [?]⁹ of his Superior officers than perhaps any other man ever did, he has been uncommonly active in suppressing Villains by which he has sustained considerable loss in his property has invariably supported the Character of an Industrious man has raised a large family And by misfortune which could not be guarded against is so reduced in his old age as to be unable to support his family comfortably and is in our Opinion from all the circumstances of his case Justly entitled to the favourable attention of his country.

Samuel Earle
Caleb Barton
Elijah Kees
Pendleton Isbell, Captain
Jonathan Reeder
J. C. Kilpatrick

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Georgia Franklin County } per [undeciphered word] Came John [text too faint to discern] Senr. Before me & after being duly sworn deposed & saith that William Gezt [sic] was a Soldier under me as Captain of a company in the Revolutionary war & was in the Battle at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] & I certify that [text too faint to discern] good soldier Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 6th day of October 18 [last 2 digits too faint to discern]
S/ Joseph Chandler, JIC
S/ John Barton



I do certify that the above affidavit [affidavit] Is correct.

S/ Pendleton Isbell Capt

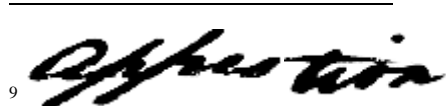


[p 6: Printed Forms]

To the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The undersigned is offering himself to the Legislature as a Candidate for the office of Door-Keeper, begs leave to make a short [undeciphered word] of his former services and present situation.

He entered into the service of his country as a volunteer, in the year 1779, and remained in it until the evacuation of Charleston by the British. During that time he was subjected to many hardships and privations and to all the dangers incident to a state of war. After the close of the war he was again engaged in the service of his country for some years as the certificates below will verify. For these services he has never received any reward by pension or otherwise. His circumstances are now reduced; old age is advancing on him and he wishes for sum



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WILLIAM GUEST

To the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South-Carolina.

THE undersigned in offering himself to the Legislature as a Candidate for the office of **DOOR-KEEPER**, begs leave to make a short statement of his former services and present situation.

He entered into the service of his country as a volunteer, in the year 1779, and remained in it until the evacuation of Charleston by the British. During that time he was subjected to many hard-ships and privations, and to all the dangers incident to a state of war. After the close of the war he was again engaged in the service of his country for some years as the certificates below will testify. For these services he has never received any reward by pension or otherwise. His circumstances are now reduced; old age is advancing on him, and he wishes for some honest and honorable mode of ~~obtaining~~ support for his family. He hopes that ~~the above circumstances~~ will have some weight with your Honorable body, and trusts that he will receive your suffrages for the office aspired to.

WILLIAM GUEST.

GEORGIA.
Franklin County.

PERSONALLY came JOHN BARTON, sen. before me, and after being duly sworn, depone and saith, that WILLIAM GUEST was a Soldier under him as Captain of a Company in the Revolutionary War, and was in the Battle of King's Mountain, and I certify that he was a faithful good Soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of October, 1826.

JOSEPH CHANDLER, J. J. C.

JOHN BARTON

I DO certify that the above Affidavit is correct.

PENDLETON ISBELL, Captain.

STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.
Pendleton District.

WE the undersigned, do hereby certify that the bearer, Captain WILLIAM GUEST, has resided in this district since

the year 1793, since when he has acted in different public offices—first as a Spy on the Frontier, when the Indians were occasionally doing mischief; then as a Militia Captain: the duties of both offices he discharged with more general approbation of his superior officers, than perhaps any other man ever did: he has been uncommonly active in suppressing villains by whom he has sustained considerable loss in his property: has invariably supported the character of an industrious man; has raised a large family; and by misfortunes which could not be guarded against, is so reduced in his old age, as to be unable to support his family comfortably; and in our opinion, from all the circumstances of his case, justly entitled to the favorable attention of his country.

SAMUEL EARLE,
CALEB BARTON,
ELIJAH KEEN,
PENDLETON ISBELL, Captain
JONATHAN FEEDER,
J. C. KILPATRICK

The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of William Guest praying for a pension

Respectfully Report,

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the said William Guest be allowed a pension

December 1826

John McComb, Chairman

[pp 11-12: Receipts reflecting the payment to William guest of an annuity of \$60 per annum with the last receipt being dated June 4, 1834.]

[Note: The veteran petitioned to have his pension reinstated which petition was acted upon favorably on December 1836. On October 5, 1841, in Pickens District South Carolina friends of the veteran's widow Anna Guest petitioned to have her put on the pension list stating that her husband departed this life on July 8 last in his 80th year of his age leaving her in indigent circumstances. Documents in the file reflect that she received a pension from the State of South Carolina of \$30 per annum with the last receipt being dated in May 1851 (although the date is very hard to discern and may not have been interpreted correctly by me).]