

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Guthrie W293

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Mary Guthrie

f70SC

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The State of Tennessee, Williamson County

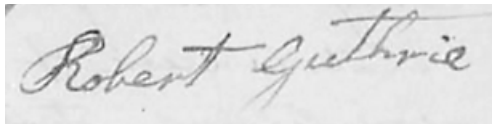
On this 1 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me Thomas Stuart presiding Judge now sitting Robert Guthrie aged 75, the 24th day of last of October a resident of said County and State who being duly sworn according to law doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, to wit I was living in the Waxhaw settlement Camden district South Carolina when I first entered the service being drafted to go down towards Charleston, where the British were expected. I did not go on this expedition in consequence of a proposition made, that any who would go on another expedition against the Indians who were doing great damage in a place called "Fairforest" might be exempted from the first expedition. I acceded to this proposition. I was drafted for a tour of three months. I entered in the company of Captain James Adams in my 19th year in 1776. We were marched to a place called Prince's Fort where we guarded the country from Indian depredations. After putting down the Indians we were marched home. I did not get a discharge for this three months tour. I remained at home until the year 1778 when I was drafted again to go against the British who had possession of Savannah city Georgia. In this tour of three months I entered into Captain Montgomery's [Robert Montgomery's] company and he marched us from Camden district to Purrysburg where General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded a division. I was in Colonel Joseph Cashaw's [Joseph Kershaw's] Regiment. At Purrysburg we lay stationed in order to prevent the British from the Georgia side crossing over into South Carolina. At the expiration of this tour of three months I returned home where I remained until Charleston fell [May 12, 1780] into the possession of the British, on which event, taking place the whole state of South Carolina was continually infested with the ravages and depredations of the Tories who rose on all sides and all the places and being well acquainted with the country and sometimes under the mask of Whigs, done more damage than the British. I was continually in the service from Charleston's following into the possession of the British until Sumter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] defeat [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780] which was a few weeks after Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]: which time I think was about three months. I cannot recollect every circumstance of this time which took place, but can state some of the events. I was at the battle of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] where a considerable body of British and Tories under Colonel Turnbull were posted. I had entered Captain Coffee's [Hugh Coffee's] Company which was attached to Colonel Kershaw's Regiment in which Robert Crawford was Major I was marched to Rocky

Mount, and General Sumter commanded us in that engagement we were repulsed with considerable loss. From this place General Sumter marched to lands Ford on the Catawba River where laying some time with his men he crossed that River and marched to the hanging rock where he was defeated. I was not in the battle of hanging Rock being sick at that time.

After Sumter's defeat I was frequently in Scouting parties against the Tories who still at every opportunity infested the Country. I was sometimes under Captain Coffee and sometimes under I think Captain Kimbrol [Kimbrell?]. We went about the country and prevented the Tories from doing damage. I think the whole of my service after Sumter's defeat amounted to at least 6 months. I was born 1757 I lived in Camden district until 1788 when I moved to Kentucky living 2 years in Lincoln County, 2 or 3 years in Mercer County and in Madison 8 or 9 years when I moved to Williamson County Tennessee where I have been living ever since and now live. I have a record of my age in my Bible at home taken from my father's family Bible. I am acquainted with Thomas Hardeman, Robert Davis, and George Nealy &c who can testify to my character as a soldier of the revolution and their belief of my services.

I know of no person in this country except George Nealy<sup>1</sup> who can certify to my services as stated. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. I was acquainted with General Sumter, Colonel Lacey, Major Crawford &c who were with the troops where I served. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 1<sup>st</sup> September 1832.

S/ Robert Guthrie



S/ P. Hay, Clk &c.

[Robert Davis, a clergyman, and Thomas Hardeman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

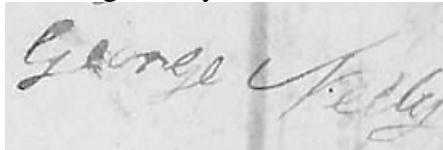
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I George Neely do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Robert Guthrie who has subscribed the above declaration for a great many years That I have read his deposition and know of my own knowledge that the greater part of it is true and that part which I do not know of my own knowledge to be so I believe is true I have been in the same service with him at the Battle of Rocky Mount and was under General Sumter at the Battle of the hanging Rock but was not at the battle being absent procuring beeves for the Army. I know that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he now lives to have been a soldier of the revolution and that he is a man of veracity. This the day and year aforesaid

Sworn to and subscribed in open court.

S/ P. Hay, Clk

S/ George Neely



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The amended declaration of Robert Guthry [sic] for a pension

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<sup>1</sup> [George Neely S4613](#)

State of Tennessee Williamson County

On this 14th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Williamson aforesaid in the State aforesaid, Robert Guthrie, a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth depose and say, that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot positively swear as to the precise length of his service, according to the best of his recollections he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, that is to say in the 1<sup>st</sup> tour mentioned in his declaration For three months, I served as a private drafted man  
In the second tour mentioned in my declaration For three months I served as a private drafted man.

In the third tour commencing at Charleston 's surrender 11th May 1780 [sic, May 12, 1780] and continuing until the first of August 1780 For three months I served as a private volunteer

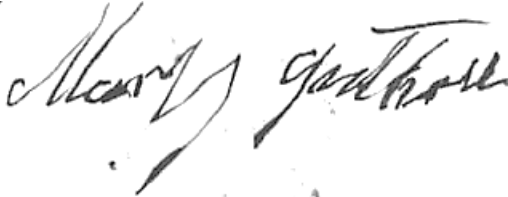
In the fourth tour which commenced soon after Gates and Sumter's defeat For six months I served as a private volunteer amounting in all to 15 months service and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of May A.D. 1833.

S/ Wm Many, JP

S/ Robert Guthrie

[p 12: On January 20, 1842, in Henry County, Tenn., Mary Guthrie, aged about 81, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Robert Guthrie, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 9, 1780; that he died April 13 1838.



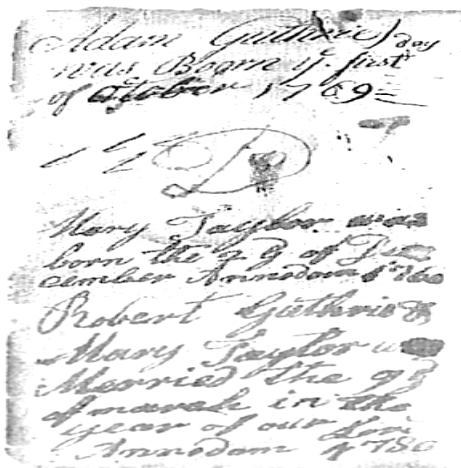
By separate affidavit given on the same day, the widow authenticated the Bible record showing the births of her children]

Bible Record:

Adam Guthrie was Born ye first of October 1769

Mary Taylor was born the 7<sup>th</sup> of December Anno Dom 1760

Robert Guthrie & Mary Taylor was Married the 9<sup>th</sup> of March in the year of our Lord Anno dom 1780

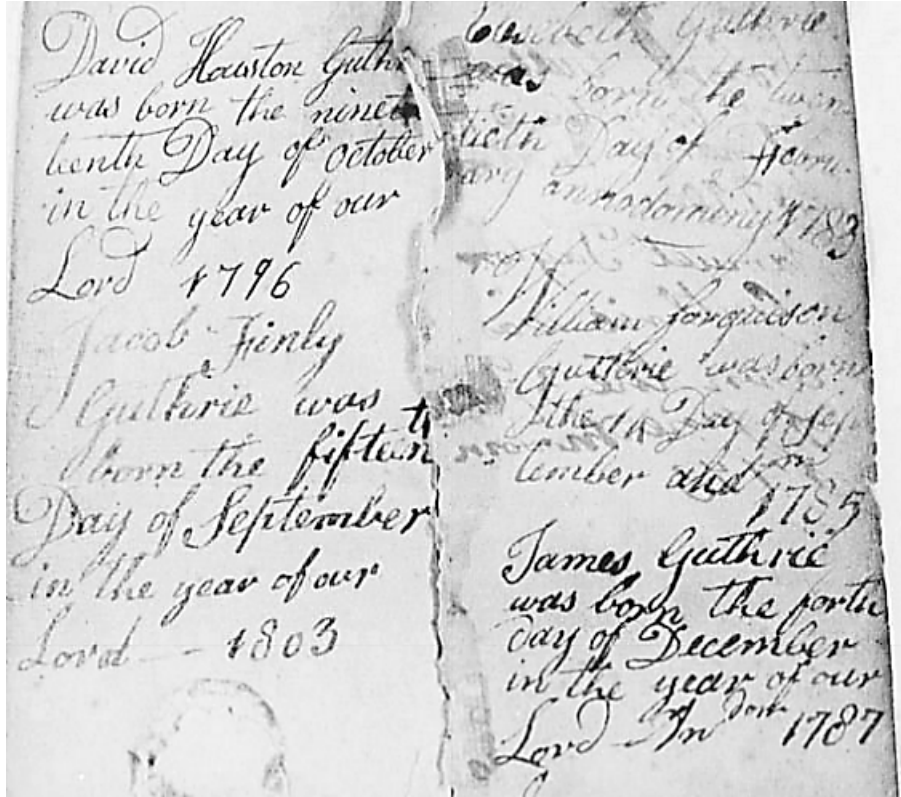


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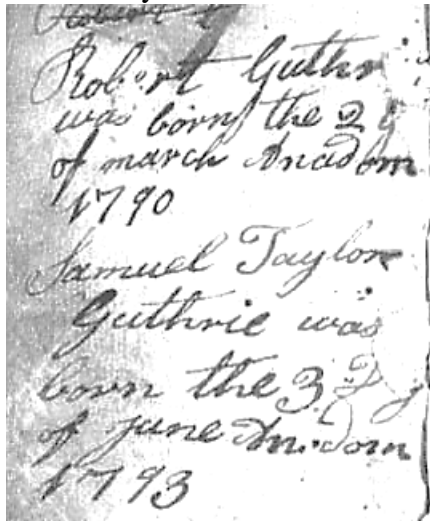
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David Houston Guthrie was born the nineteenth Day of October in the year of our lord 1796  
 Jacob Finly Guthrie was born the fifteenth Day of September ... 1803  
 Elizabeth Guthrie was born the twentieth Day of February 20, 1783  
 William forguison [Ferguson?] Guthrie was born the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of September ... 1785  
 James Guthrie was born the forth [4<sup>th</sup>] Day of December ... 1787



Robert Guthrie was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March ... 1790  
 Samuel Taylor Guthrie was born the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June ... 1793

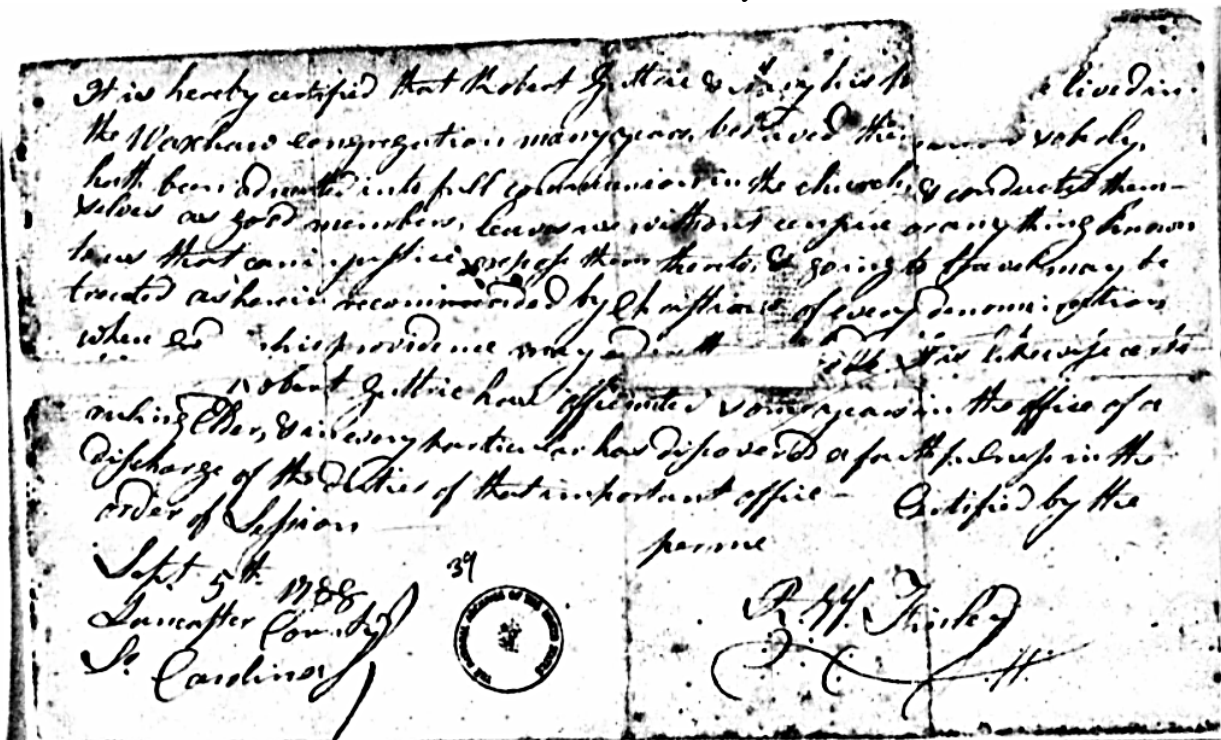


[p36: On April 13, 1838 in Henry County Tennessee, William F Guthrie, aged about 56, gave testimony that he is the son of Robert and Mary Guthrie; that he is familiar with the handwriting of his father and it is his father's handwriting which records the family record.

W. Guthrie ]

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It is hereby certified that Robert Guthrie & Mary his Wife lived in the Waxhaw Congregation many years, behave themselves soberly, have been admitted into full communion in the church & conducted themselves as good members, leave us without [indecipherable word] or anything known to us that can in justice expose them thereto; & going to [several indecipherable words] be treated as herein recommended by Christians of every denomination when [paper damaged and several lines of text rendered indecipherable] Robert Guthrie hath officiated some years in the office of ruling elder & in every particular has [indecipherable word] a faithfulness in the discharge of the duties of that important office. Certified by the order of Session September 5<sup>th</sup> 1788 per me Lancaster County South Carolina S/ R. W. Finley



[Mary Taylor Guthrie died January 5, 1845, place not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

<sup>2</sup> 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"

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[Book] O [No.] 300 2715 April 85 [1785]

Mr. Robert Guthrie his Account of Militia Duty in 1780 & 1781 <sup>61 days</sup> also a Gun &c lost in 1780, a Horse lost in 1781 & Provisions in 1782 also Waggon in Service in 1781 & 1782

Charged [old South Carolina currency] £712.12.6

less as per Error in 53.11.[illegible]

Charged Wagon

£659.3.6

Sterling £94.3.4 ¼

NB: There is no Receipt for the Gun, a Saddle and Bridle [undeciphered text]

Ex<sup>d</sup>. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 15 April 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury Ninety Pounds 16/3 full Satisfaction for the within in an indent No. 387 Book O


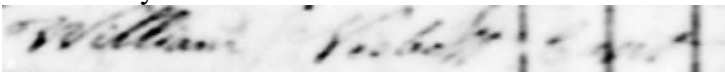
£90.11.3

S/ Robert Guthrie



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The State of South Carolina Der. [Debtor to Robert Guthrie [undeciphered word]]

		£	S	d
January 25 1780	To 55 Days in General Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Cavalry under Henry Coffey Captain at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina currency] per day Certified by Henry Coffy Capt. 	55	00	00
April 24 <sup>th</sup> 1781	To 6 Days in General Sumter's Cavalry under William Nisbet Captain at 20S per Day Certified by William Nisbett 	06	00	00
July the 18 1780	To one 3 year old Steer for the use of General Sumter's Cavalry received by William Moore, Q. M.	15	00	00
August the 18 1780	To one Gun and Saddle and Bridle lost at General Sumter's Surprise [Battle of fishing Creek, August 18, 1780] Appraised by Samuel Walkup and James Guthrie	23	10	00
	[balance of entries not transcribed because they do not relate to the veterans military services]			
	Total in an old Currency	712	13	6

	Sterling	101	16	2 ½
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South Carolina} Personally appeared Robert Guthrie and Made oath that the above accounts is [just] and true to the best of his knowledge and that he has never Received any part of pay or satisfaction for the Same

Sworn before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1784

S/ Robert Montgomery, JP

except one stroack [?] of Iron from John Gilbrath

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South Carolina Camden District} We the Subscribers being Sworn Appraisers have appraised a Gun a Saddle and Bridle for Robert Guthrie the owner the gun to 16 pounds the Saddle and Bridle [illegible] old South Currency 22.10

S/ Samuel Walkup

S/ James Guthrie

Sworn the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1784

before me

S/ Robert Montgomery, JP

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 327 Book O]

[pp 7-8: Image and retake of image of the reverse of the above Indent bearing several endorsements. The veteran's signature on one of those endorsements appears as follows:

