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Pension Application of John Guice (Guise) W4686 Elizabeth Guice MD VA
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State of Georgia } On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being the
Lincoln County } Superior Court before William H Crawford presiding Judge, John Guice Senior,
aged Seventy one years according to the recollection of deponant of the
statements of his parents there being no family record born in the State of New Jersey, 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as
herein after stated. his father having removed to Maryland whilst deponant was a child, and having
entered the service of his country at the age of seventeen as he was by them informed is the manner he
computed his age as stated above.

The father of deponant resided in the County of Frederick & State of Maryland where he also
lived at the time he entered the service which took place in the year 1778 according to his recollection of
the time. A call being made for militiamen of that State which call it was ascertained would take four
men from each Captain's Company, deponant turned out a volunteer to meet the call as one of the quota
required, was soon after marched by a Sergeant Fickle and attached to the Seventh Maryland Regiment
together with other drafted & volunteers, in Captain [Jonathan] Morris's Company, the regiment was
commanded by Colonel [John] Gunby, and on a five months tour.

The regiment marched immediately to reinforce Gen'l. Washington's Army and united with the
army at Princeton [NJ], deponant now thinks three days after the battle at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], the
army soon after moved to the White Plains and there remained for some time, sending out scouting
parties in which deponant was occasionally sent. he was one of a Hundred sent to guard the prisoners
taken from Burgoyne [at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777], marching with them to the County of Lancaster, State
of Pennsylvania where they were relieved, and returned & joined the army, which soon after marched to
Middle Brook [Middlebrook] and went into Winter Quarters [Dec 1778]. There deponant remained to the
end of his term of service as stated and was discharged by Major [Daniel Jenifer] Adams, which
deponant has long since lost. deponant returning home to his father in Maryland, and soon after his father
removing to Rockingham County State of Virginia, deponant with him.

Some time in year 1780 a similar call was made on the Militia of that County and State for
eighteen months service. the brother of deponant Phillip Guice was drafted. deponant substituted in his
brothers place and was forthwith called into service uniting with Captain Wallaces [Andrew Wallace's]
Company and marched from Staunton Virginia and joined Head Quarters the Army at Hillsboro [sic:
Hillsborough] North Carolina under Colonel [Richard] Campbell, deponant believes the Lee [Lt. Col.
Henry Lee?] and Virginia Regiments under the Command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], and
marched to Charlotte in North Carolina and there joined with General [Daniel] Morgan as volunteers to
march to meet Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton], and done so at the Cowpens, where an
engagement took place [17 Jan 1781], the result of which is well known and deponant was in that trial,
the armies separating. the American troops were marched immediately to Guilford Court House North
Carolina where a second Battle was fought [15 Mar 1781] in which deponant was again engaged, in
which Captain Wallace whose Company he was first attached was killed, as well as Captain Hoffman
[Huffman] in whose company he then was, having been transfered from Wallaces to Hoffman's
Company was also kill'd in that Battle. from Guilford Court House the Army marched to Camben there
had a skirmish [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], and from there marched to
Cambridge in South Carolina, which place was for many days besieged [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May
- 19 Jun 1781] which was compelled to be discontinued and the army marched off before a surrender,
they marched directly [sic] to the Eutaw Springs where a severe engagement again took place [8 Sep

1781] in which deponant was engaged, and his Capt. one [Conway] Oldham, to whose command the Company devolved after Captain Hoffman was kill'd, was also kill'd in the Battle making the third Captain killed in a few weeks, with whom deponant served, Colonel Campbell to whose regiment deponant was attached was killed in that engagement. As soon as the line of march could well take place the army marched to the four Holes in South Carolina at which place the Army remained untill deponants time of service expired, and he was marched to Camden in So Carolina where he was discharged by a Major [Smith] Sneed, which discharge he after gave to fellow to Act for him and is lost or destroyed that he has no power to find or obtain it. he deponant was promised pay of Eight dollars per month as well as he remembers.

deponant further swears that he now resides in the County of Lincoln State of Georgia, and has resided there and that part of Wilkes, which is now Lincoln County about forty seven years that he knows of no living Witness by whom he can prove the whole of his actual service, except his brother Peter Guice, who will be able to prove his entering the service starting for that purpose and his absence in the Army as well as the notoriety of his having done so by Nathan Wright [pension application S32083] a Soldier of the Revolution who has many years lived near neighbors will testify his belief of his claims as well as the Rev'd. John H Walker who will also state their knowledge and belief of the reasonableness of deponants claim as well as his standing in Society

Deponant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to all pensions or annuities except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

John hisXmark Guice

Land Office; Annapolis, November 2nd 1833,

I Certify, that it appear's by the Muster rolls remaining in this office, that John Guice, enlisted as a private in captain Morris's Company of the 7th Maryland Regiment for the term of nine months, on the 8th day of June 1778; and was discharged on the 30th day of March 1779;

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. Land Off. W.S.Md.

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Georgia } Personally came before me Elijah Frazer a Justice of the peace, in and for said
Lincoln County } County and State Christopher Poss [pension application R8359] a resident of the
County of Wilkes and said state, aged sixty six years, as well as he is informed of his age having no family register and who has resided in said County of Wilkes forty six years, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he is intimately acquainted with John Guice of the County of Lincoln and said state and has been over fifty years, that deponants father lived in the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia, where the father of the said John Guice also resided and where deponant and said John first became acquainted deponant deposeth that some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as well as he remembers, and after his acquaintance began with the said John Guice, a call was made for reinforcement to the United States Army and as well as he recollects for eighteen months men when the said John Guice before mentioned & now an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of 1832 was called out. deponant's recollection don't serve him, so far as to state, in what manner whether drafted or as a substitute, but well remembers the names of others as well as the said John Guice, who were called out at the time, that he deponant was not present when the militia reinforcement marched to join head quarters, but knew several that marched, the Circumstances being so notorious that he deponant verily believes the said John Guice, marched with the others, and at the expiration of the Tour for which they were call'd out expired the said John Guice one one Abram Hammon's [Abraham Hamman (Hammond) W10088] on their return home who was also a soldier, passed through the new ground of deponants father & there related to deponant & his brother the trials that he had underwent in the Campaign, which had just ended, and that he was directly from the state of South Carolina, where he had been discharged Deponant further swears, that he verily believes the said John Guice served the tour of duty at that time as he has in his declaration set forth that the absence of the said John Guice from

home, the frequent conversations, of young men of that day of their associates, and acquaintances, their conduct whilst in service, was so well understood, that had there been any default or cowardly act committed it would have been so notorious, that it would have been known'd and in the case of John Guice the applicant aforesaid, he not only bore the character of a true friend to his Country, but a brave soldier, and he deponant verily believes, that he justly deserved thee Character, and his knowledge of him from his first acquaintance to the present time authorises him to state which he does most cheerfully on his oath that he has supported & invariably & does now support the character of an honest upright man, and a man of truth and by all his acquaintances believed to be a soldier of the Revolution, and served as set forth in his declaration, accompanying this and in which he deponant believes every word
[19 July 1833] Christopher hisXmark Poss

NOTE: On 15 Aug 1845 Elizabeth Guice of Meriwether County GA, age 77, applied for a pension stating that she was married by Dr. Smith, a Baptist preacher on 31 Jan 1786 in Wilkes (later Lincoln) County to John Guice, who died 26 Sep 1841. With her application is the family record transcribed below.

In the year of Our lord 1786 & December 8th William Guise was Borne Son of John Guise & Elezebeth his wife

Susannah Guise was Borne March 12th In the year Of our Lord 1788

John Guise was Borne febu 9th In the year of our Lord 1790

George Guise was Born March the 10th In the year of Our Lord 1793

Joseph Guise was Born February the 10 In the year of our Lord 1795

Sarah Guise was Born January the 22 In the year of our Lord 1797

Feliz Guise Was Born January the 31 In the year of our lord 1799

Benajah Guise Was Born November ye 25 In the year of our Lord 1800