

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Henry Guess W7609

Sophia Guess

f39SC

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State of Georgia, DeKalb County: January Term 1841

On this the tenth day of January 1841, personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court of the County of DeKalb (the same being a Court of record) Sophia Guess a resident of Georgia in the County of DeKalb aged Seventy Seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Henry Guess, who was a private soldier in the War of the revolution and entered the Service in Edgefield District South Carolina, under command of Captain Pace [? Drury Pace?]<sup>1</sup> as a volunteer and served as such during the period of his Service and as this applicant has been informed and verily believes was at the Siege of Augusta [May 22-June 6, 1781], Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], and served as a Dragoon [?]<sup>2</sup> for a considerable time, was a part of his time under the command of Major Middleton [perhaps Hugh Middleton] & General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and Colonel Anderson [Robert Anderson] in all served she believes three years.

She further declares that she was lawfully married to the said Henry Guess on the 11th day of October 1789 -- and that her husband, the aforesaid Henry Guess, died on the 18th day of April 1818, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated, of which he has no record whatever.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written, before the Subscribers Justices of the said Inferior Court.

S/ Sophia Guess, X her mark

S/ John N. Balinger, JIC

S/ Lochlin Johnson, JIC

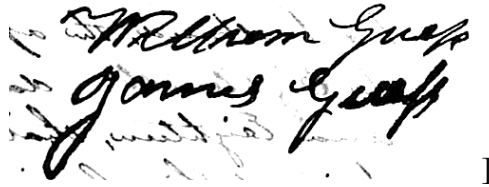
S/ Robert Jones, JIC

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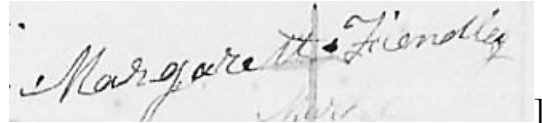
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[William Guess and James Guess gave an affidavit attesting to the fact of the marriage of the claimant to the veteran, the date of the veteran's death and the fact that the widow has not remarried. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated in this document.



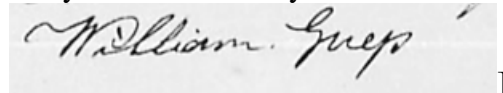
Handwritten signatures of William Guess and James Guess, with a closing bracket to the right.

[p 33: On January 9, 1841 in Cherokee County Georgia, Margaret Friendly gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Henry Guess and Sophia Guess in the fall of the year 1789; that said marriage took place in Edgefield District South Carolina; and that Henry and Sophia lived together as man and wife thereafter.



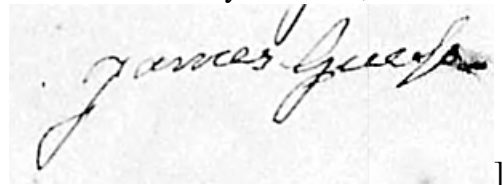
Handwritten signature of Margaret Friendly, with a closing bracket to the right.

[p 10: On March 19, 1850 in Gilmer County Georgia, William Guess executed an affidavit in which he states he is the son of Henry and Sophia Guess; that his father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; that his father died April 18, 1818 leaving his mother Sophia a widow; that his mother died October 6, 1844; that his mother had applied for a pension under the 1838 act; that his parents were married in Edgefield District South Carolina in 1788 [sic] and had 8 children born in lawful wedlock; to wit, James born October 11, 1790, the affiant born March 11, 1792, Absalom Guess born in 1794, Nancy Guess now Nancy Edwards born 1796, Henry Guess born 1800, Joseph Guess born 1802, Elizabeth Guess now Elizabeth Cannon born 1804 and Mary Guess now Mary Edwards born 1806.



Handwritten signature of William Guess, with a closing bracket to the right.

[p 6: On November 29, 1852, James Guess filed an affidavit in DeKalb County, City of Atlanta, stating that he was the son of Sophia Guess and as such he was filing on behalf of himself and the other children of Sophia Guess whatever was due her under the act of July 7th 1838; that Sophia Guess died November 5, 1844 in Cobb County Georgia leaving the following named and only children: William, James, Absalom, Henry, Joseph Guess; Nancy Edwards, Elizabeth Cannon and Mary Edwards; that he is 62 years of age having been born in the year 1790.



Handwritten signature of James Guess, with a closing bracket to the right.

[Records from the SC Archives: p 25:]

Indent Book  
U No. 625 - }

Issued 16<sup>th</sup> July 1785 to Henry  
Guess for Twelve pounds Eight Shillings  
and Six pence, for militia duty pr of  
audited L12. 8. 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

State of S Carolina

To Henry Guess Dr  
no 2 For duty pr Col' Anderson's return L87. 0. 0  
Selling L12. 8. 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Comptroller Genl. Office  
Columbia S. C. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1840

I do hereby Certify that the above Memorandum  
is a true Copy taken from the Margin of  
Indent Book U. No. 625. Deposited in this  
office, and that No 2 is a true Copy of  
the account audited, to which the said  
memorandum refers. Wm E. Hayne  
Com Gen

(2)

W. B. Hart

[Veteran's widow's heirs were allowed a pension in right of her claim as the widow of a soldier of the Revolution at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and ending November 6, 1844 (the date of her death) based on her husband's service for nine months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to Henry Guess  
Audited Account No. 3173

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[Book] U [No.] 625

16 July 85 [1785]

<sup>3</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" 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.

Mr. Henry Guess his Account of Duty in the Militia as Private since the reduction of  
Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to  
[old South Carolina] Currency £87

Stg. [Sterling] £12.8.6 ¾

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

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

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State South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Henry Guess

for Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] £87.0.0

Stg. £12.8.6 ¾

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Received 11 October 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the  
within in an Indent No. 625 U

S/ Drury Pace



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Messrs. Blake & Bucquit } Treasurers

Please deliver my Indents due me for services done for Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment of  
militia onto Drury Pace and in so doing you will Oblige your

Humble Servant

S/ Henry Gust, H his mark [sic]

State South Carolina

Edgefield County }

Before me Hugh Middleton (one of the Justices for the County of aforesaid) personally Appeared  
Henry Gust [sic] And maketh oath that he never gave any one Else an order for his Indents  
neither hath he bartered nor sold it to Any person what Ever.

Sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> September 1785

S/ Hugh Middleton, JP

Henry Gust, X his mark

[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 625 Book U]

[p 9 (retake of page 8): Reverse of the above Indent containing, among others, the following  
endorsement:

I convey the Within to Hugh Middleton Jun.

S/ Henry Gust, H his mark [sic]

January 17?? [Last 2 digits illegible but probably 1786 based on other dated endorsements]