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Pension application of Robert Guthrie W293

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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 3 months. I entered in the company of Captain James Adams in my 19th year in 1776. We were marched to a place called Princes 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 3 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 3 months I entered into Captain Montgomery's company and he marched us from Camden district to Purrysburg where General Lincoln commanded a division. I was in Colonel Joseph Cashaw's [sic 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 3 months I returned home where I remained until Charleston fell 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 which was a few weeks after Gates defeat: which time I think was about 3 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 where a considerable body of British and Tories under Colonel Turnbull were posted. I had entered Captain 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 Nealy¹ 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 1st September 1832. S/ Robert Guthrie
S/ P. Hay, Clk &c.

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

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

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 1st tour mentioned in his declaration For 3 months, I served as a private drafted man
In the 2nd tour mentioned in my declaration For 3 months I served as a private drafted man.
In the 3rd tour commencing at Charleston 's surrender 11th May 1780 [sic, May 12, 1780] and continuing until the first of August 1780 For 3 months I served as a private volunteer
In the 4th tour which commenced soon after Gates and Sumter's defeat For 6 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

[On January 20, 1842, in Henry County, Tenn., Mary Guthrie, aged about 81, filed for a widow's

¹ [George Neely S4613](#)

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.]

Bible Record:

Adam Guthrie was Born ye first of October 1769

Mary Taylor was born the 7th of December Anno Dom 1760

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

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 14th Day of September ...1785

James Guthrie was born the forth [4th] Day of December ... 1787

Robert Guthrie was born the 2nd of March ... 1790

Samuel Taylor Guthrie was born the 3rd of June ... 1793

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