

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Guttry (Guthrey, Guthery) ¹ R4397 Mary Guttry f55VA
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South Carolina Anderson District: SS

On this ___ day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas, in and for the State & District aforesaid, now sitting, David Guttry, a resident of the said State & District aged 69 years, 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated – "In my 16th year of age (to the best of my recollection) I entered the service of the Country as a substitute for William Bracher: who was Drafted: Being a near neighbor, very poor, with a large family to support he was unwilling to leave home, and at my own entreaties my father permitted me to substitute myself & go in Bracher's stead. This was in what was then called Bedford County, in Virginia, where I was born and raised until this occurrence, which was in the year 1781, but I cannot recollect the precise date – I first rendezvoused at Prince Edward Court House where after the Drafting about seventy-five footmen were collected. Here some of the Tories – or what we then called out-lyers [outliers], or outlaws, – were forced to come in. We were all assized & very particularly described, under Captain Evel, or Evin,² & Lieutenant Slaughter [perhaps John Slaughter]: we set out on our march to Head Quarters at Little York; near Richmond, however, the news of Cornwallis being taken met us on the march. Our march was continued to Richmond, where we remained stationary for about three weeks, after which we were sent to carry prisoners taken at Little York to Fredericksburg. Here, at Richmond, in the absence of Captain Evel, Captain Armistead occasionally commanded us. Here we were engaged for some length of time in apprehending & bringing in the Negroes & guarding them to the old Capital in Richmond. When my six months service was ended, Lieutenant Slaughter, being then our commanding officer signed & gave me my Discharge – After my return home a report was circulated in my father's neighborhood that a soldier's discharge would be received in payment of taxes. For this purpose I gave my Discharge to my father to enable him to pay his taxes. The report turned out to be false. My father did not return my Discharge, nor do I know more about it. I have no other papers which could be useful in the matter. Nor do I do now know of any person, whose testimony I could procure, to prove my services. I moved from Franklin County (once Bradford), Virginia to Pendleton District in

¹ BLWt45671-160-55

² Gwathmey lists a Lt. William Ewing as serving in the Bedford County militia in 1780. This MAY be the officer to who the veteran was attempting to refer.

South Carolina, in the year 1799, where I have ever since resided. – I am in extremely ill health now, & have no prospect of many more days to live: yet in my low condition, if it shall be considered that I am entitled to the benefit of the act of Congress, any sum however small may be of great use to me."

"I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State."

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ David Guttry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Guttry", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James Donnelly and Henry Cobb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 53: On March 12, 1851 in Anderson District South Carolina, Mary Guthery, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of David Guthery , a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 3, 1786 in Franklin County Virginia; that her husband died October 19, 1842 and that she remains his widow; she offered her family register as proof of her marriage together with the dates of the birth of her children. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 43: On March 2nd, 1852 in Anderson district South Carolina, Mary Guthrie [sic], 81, filed a claim purportedly under the 1832 act in which she states she is the widow of David Guthrie who was a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him October 3, 1786; that her husband died October 19, 1842; that she was married to her husband by the Reverend Mr. Holt, a clergyman of the Episcopal Church in Franklin County Virginia. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 45: On March 2nd, 1852 in Anderson District South Carolina, Mary Guthrie, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of David Guthrie, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 3rd, 1786; that her husband died October 19, 1842 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 10: On January 31, 1856 in Anderson District South Carolina, Mary Guthery, 86, filed for her bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act as the widow of David Guthery, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum. She signed her application with her mark.]

[pp: 17-22: family record:

May 18 1786 father Dide [died?] in the evening David Guttry and Marey Booth was marred October the 3rd 1786

Sophia Smith Guttry was born the 16 of March in the year 1788

David Guttry was born February the 14th day 1764

Marey Guttry was born October 3rd day 177_ [last digit omitted]

Nelson Guttry Sun [Son] of David and Marey Guttry his wife was born February 15th day [year written over and obliterated]

Temperance Guttry waras [sic] born September 18th, 1792

Beny Guttry Sun of David Guttry and Marey his wife was born Aughust 26, 1794

William Guttry Sun of David Guttry and Marey his wife Aughust 18, 1796

Mildred Guttry was born September 26 1799

~~Penelope Guttry Daughter of David and Marey his wife~~

[Note: entirely different handwriting and style of record keeping]

Births

Sophia Smith Guthrey was born 16th of March 1788

David Guthrey was born 14th February 1764

Nelson Guthrey was born 15th of February 1790

Penelope Guthrey was born 29th of August 1801

Henry Guthrey was born 27th May 1803

Agnes Guthrey was born 23rd of January 1805

Mary Guthrey was born 10th of February 1807

Temperance Guthrey was born 18th September 1792

Benjamin Guthrey was born 26 August 1794

William Guthrey was born 18th of August 1796

Mildred Guthrey was born 26 September 1799

Marriages

David Guthrey & Mary Booth were married the 3rd day of October 1786

Deaths

David Guhrie [sic] died October 19th 1804 Funeral January 8th 1843

I Herbert Hammond Certify that this Family Register was taken out of the Family Bible this 2nd day of March 1852

S/ Herbert Hammond

Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Anderson district South Carolina

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]