

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Aaron Guyton W21237
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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

On this first day of October 1833, Personally appeared Aaron Guyton a resident of Anderson District and being duly sworn makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. This deponent was born 27 October 1761. That he was engaged in the War of the Revolution in the various grades under the following named officers, Viz.: In the year 1779 he turned out volunteer under Captain Jeffres [sic, Jeffries?] of Union District South Carolina he served not less than one week as a private against the Tories. In March or April 1779 he was drafted or called out under Captain James Steen under Colonel Wofford marched to Augusta Georgia, went on to Ogeechee [River]: Then returned into South Carolina to join General Lincoln, met Lincoln at Parker's Ferry on Edisto [River], continued with him till after the Battle of Stono 20th June, at this time Zac. Bullock was Major of the Battalion, a few days after the Battle, was discharged having served out the Tour of three months. In 1780 I was drafted again for three months under Captain Moses Guyton, Major Zac Bullock we marched to a place called Chalk Hills near Savannah River, how long we were there I do not recollect, we then crossed Savannah River at Augusta, we then joined General Williamson & his Army in a few days we marched three or 4 miles further in Georgia we camped near Cupboard Creek we were then under command of General Williamson, we lay at this place till we were discharged and returned home sometime in May. I was out this tour not less than three months, about this time Charleston fell into the hands of the British and they established forts throughout the State. I was under a great number of Officers, as many of the officers & citizens took protection about this time. I was under Colonel Brandon who had a few Brave men – who stood true for the cause of liberty in the back part of the State who composed our little Army I was out the most of this time sometimes we had 75 sometimes 150 men, and sometimes we had four or five Colonels with from 50 to 150 men. Each of them had command of a Regiment at home & sometimes not more than 5 of his men with him. The colonels were Brandon, Hase [sic, Joseph Hayes?], Roebuck, White. In December 1780 General Morgan & Col. Washington of the Cavalry came out and took up Camp near Pacolet River was soon joined with what few Militia was in our part I think the first or second day he came I joined him. And hearing of two or 300 Tories in a body on Bush River Morgan detached Washington's Horse & the Militia to dislodge them, the distance was about 40 miles. We came on their camp & killed & wounded numbers of them took many prisoners, and returned to Morgan's Camp. In a few days Morgan hearing of a detachment under Colonel Tarleton coming on him and dreading to engage him so near Lord Cornwallis's Army, retreated two days up the Country to a place called the Cow Pens [sic, Cowpens], at this time we had no Officer in our Company & only two or three or four man, and the morning before the Battle 17 January 1781 we joined Captain John Thompson's Company. We defeated, killed & took all except Tarleton & his light Horse prisoners. Tarleton let Cornwallis know how times was who instantly pursued Morgan. A part of us and some Georgia refugees followed in the rear of Wallis's Army almost to the Catawba River, and we picked up a good many of the stragglers in the rear of Cornwallis – About the last of January 1781 I was out at this time not less than one month. Morgan & his Army having retreated from our State it was now almost Fire & faggot, Between Whig & Tory, who were contending for the ascendancy, it continued so till the 15th or 20th May. I was almost constantly out was in many small engagements, sometimes we beat the Tories, sometimes they beat us. I was out this time at least three months. In May 1781 General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] with his Army came into our country, we joined him. I was under Captain Montgomery at this time of Colonel Brannon's [sic, Thomas Brandon's?] Regiment, Greene having in view at this time the reduction of the British Garrison at 96 he laid Siege to it on the 22nd May 1781. A large reinforcement was marched from Charleston under Lord Rawdon, who obliged General Greene to raise the Siege on 19th June,

when we were almost in the Arms of victory. We were one month at least in this Service. About the 1st August 1781 we were called out under Colonel Pickens who was now promoted to Brigadier General under Major Jolly under Captain Robert Montgomery, was marched down on Congaree River, joined some other troops, there we afterwards marched to McCord's Ferry we were there a day or two when joined by General Greene's Army we marched the next morning and took Camp that night about 3 miles of the British & the next day which was the 8th of September 1781 we followed the British at Eutaw Springs and in a day or two I was discharged this tour served not less than one month & a half. I returned from the Battle at Eutaw. I was in no general Battle but was from that time till the British left Charleston out often from five to 10 days at a time from 20 to 50 miles from home about Ten months till peace was made. In all I am certain I served over Two years. I am unable to give ~~the~~ a more particular description from the loss of memory & age. All these Tours I was a volunteer or Drafted and I did all my Services as a private. That I have no documentary Evidence and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service (Except William Grant¹) and some who were in the Revolutionary war who believe from the facts stated as Major Millwee [sic, William Milwee]², and if necessary I could procure others to certify to the same character. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Answers to Interrogatories put by order of the Department

1st Was born the 27th of October 1761 in Baltimore County Maryland.

2nd Has a Record in his Family Bible taken from his Father's.

3rd He lived in 96 District South Carolina when he was called into the Service now Union District on Broad River after the War in the year 1796 he moved into Pendleton has lived there ever since & is now called the Judicial District of Anderson has lived on the same place he settled in 1796.

4th He was a volunteer or drafted all the times that he was called into service.

5th The names of most of the Continental & Militia Officers are herein named Viz. Morgan, Lincoln, Greene and Williamson, Pickens, Brandon, Farr, Majors Jolly & Bullock

6th He never got but one written discharge signed by Major Zac Bullock which he has lost long since.

7th The men in my neighborhood to whom I am known are General J. B. Earle, Col. Hammond, Major McCama [?], Doctor William Anderson, the Reverend James Douthet, the Rev'd James Hambree, the Rev'd James Burroughs, the Rev'd Sanford Vandiver, man of good character and who will testify to my credibility also General Whetner who commands this Brigade.

Sworn in open Court this first day of October 1833.

S/ Van. A. Lawhon, C. C.

S/ Aaron Guyton

[Sandford Vandiver, a clergyman and Hugh Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Bible records:

Aaron Guyton was born 27th Oct. 1761

Margaret McCurdy was born 2nd Dec. 1773

Aaron Guyton & Margaret McCurdy was married October 6th 1789

Children

Mary was born 15th Dec. 1781

Hannah -- 18th Dec. 1793

Elizabeth -- 7 Nov. 1795

Katharine -- 22nd Augt. 1798

Jane -- 31st Dec. 1800

Robert -- 21st Nov. 1802

Joseph -- 14th April 1805

1 [William Grant W1757](#)

2 [William Milwee W9200](#)

Margaret W. 7th Jany. 1807
Aaron W. -- 22nd Nov. 1808
Sarah M. -- 9th Feb. 1812
John Washington -- 1st June 1814
Katharine Smith Dec'd 28th Sept. 1796
Jane Guyton Daughter of Aaron & Margt. Guyton died 30th August 1802
Katharine Guyton Daughter died 6th Sept. 1802]

State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Personally appeared William Grant and being duly sworn on oath declares that he was intimately acquainted with Aaron Guyton now a citizen of Anderson District during the years 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781 and until the close of the War of the Revolution. That this Deponent and the said Guyton belonged to the same Regiment although attached to different Companies. That he was seldom separated from him during the years specified above for more than a month very few weeks at a time. This deponent knows that the said Guyton was a Whig during that time and actively employed in the cause of American Independence and has no doubt that he belonged to that side throughout the struggle. Has known him ever since and that he always enjoyed the reputation of being a good Whig.

Sworn to & subscribed September 19, 1832 Before me

S/ James C. Griffin, Q. U.

S/ William Grant, X his mark

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“After Charleston was taken by the British which was in May 1780 I was called out against the Tories Col. Brandon of our Regiment was our commander Moses Guyton Lieutenant of our Company we was about 80 or 100 men of us we was between Fair Forest and Tyger Rivers a large Body of Tories came on was commanded by Wilm [sic, William] Cunningham and defeated of us with the loss of some killed and some taken prisoners at this time the Tories over run our Country a few of us and some Refugees from Georgei [sic, Georgia] got together and some times pursued our Enemy and some times they drove us in this time I was out not less than six weeks Before I returned home was often out in Scouts after the Tories and in February 1781 we was called out on Command and while I out heard of a body of Tories Commanded by Major Lantrip [?] camped at a Widow Duggen's [sic, Dugan's?] near Bush River in 96 District we came on them in the night killed and took some of them and defeated them at this time I was under the command of Col. hease [sic, Joseph Hayes?] and Lieutenant Guyton of our Company was out not less than two weeks at this time I was at home but a few days and called out on a Scout after the Tories at this time I was under adjutant John Montgomery we had no more than 10 or 12 men with us and near to Fair forest we came on a few Tories not far from their camp we killed one or two of them and the rest made their Escape and for the want of more men we could not pursue them and returned home I think I was not out more than one week this time I think the last of February or first of March we were called on pursuit of the Tories and when about 40 miles from home in Mobley's Settlement Between Broad River and Saluda we heard of Cunningham at the head of a body of Tories on Bull Swamp not far from the Congaree River I think we had a bout 80 or 100 men at this time I think Major Ben Jolly of our Regiment and Major Otterson was our Commanders Lieutenant Moses Guyton of our Company we were marched down to Bull Swamp in pursuit of the Tories but did not come up with them and returned home I think I was out not less than 15 days this time Some time in the last of March 1781 was called out in the Service of my Country Colonel Brannon was our Commander of our Regiment and Captain Robert Montgomery of our Company and after we was out

Some time on the Tyger and Enoree rivers after the Tories Brannon received an Express from General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] to join him Sumter lay at that time on the North side of the Congaree opposite to the Congaree Fort which the British held at that time we marched down to join Sumter and crossed Saluda at widow Weavers in hopes to join Sumter and were within a few miles of the Fort when we found we could not cross the Congaree to join Sumter's Army we turned back and recrossed Saluda and Scouted through parts of the Tory Settlements and returned home I was not out less than two or three weeks this time Shortly after I got home I think about the last of April 1781 was called on to Serve one month's tour about 25 miles from where I lived our men made what was called a block house on fair forest as a Sort of Garrison to keep down the Tories and had men Stationed to Served one month at a time this month was under Command of Col. Brandon and Lieutenant Moses Guyton of our Company in this months Service we was often out 15 or 20 miles after the Tories as need Required.”

The State of South Carolina, Pickens District

Aaron Guyton of Anderson District appeared personally in Open Court at Pickens & made Oath that after making out his application at Anderson last week he in conversing with some of his Companions in the War of the Revolution he has been an able to specify some more particulars than was inserted in his said application & desires the foregoing memorandum to be sent with his said application as explanatory, being made as he has written out in his own hand, and he believes that if he could see some of his other companions in the time of the Revolution he might be able to state further particulars.

S/ William L. Keith, C. C.

S/ Aaron Guyton

I certify that the above was sworn to and subscribed in Open Court.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court this eighth day of October 1833.

S/ William L. Keith

Clerk of the Court of Pickens District