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Pension application of Joseph Guess W8878

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State of Kentucky, Caldwell County

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Morton A. Rucker, James C. Weller, J.H. Marshall, the county court of said county now sitting, Joseph Guess, a resident of said county and State aforesaid, aged about Seventy 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 was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, the precise month and year he does not know, as he has been informed by his parents, that the record of his age was lost; that when young his parents moved to Orange County, North Carolina, that at the proper age he was drafted in the militia of the State of N. Carolina in Orange County for six months, and was attached to the Brigade commanded by Genl. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], and Regiment commanded by Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle]; that the company to which he belonged was commanded by Capt. Wm. Jamison, and Abraham Allen was Lieutenant; that they marched directly to Salisbury, thence Charlotte, thence to Charleston, South Carolina, and thence to Perrysburg [sic, Purysburg] where some regulars were stationed; and from thence to the Two Sisters; thence to Turkey Hill on the Savannah River. At this time a battle was fought at Brier [sic, Briar] Creek and a detachment from the command of Genl. Rutherford was ordered to march to the aid of the Americans, but was stopped on the way by the order of Genl. Nash [sic, John Ashe], as he thinks, and consequently did not reach the battle ground. That he served out this six months as a private, and was discharged at a place called Stono. That shortly after this expedition he was again drafted as a private from the same county for three months to go against the Tories down on Pedee [sic Pee Dee] River. That in this expedition he was under the command of Colonel Thomas Taylor, and of Capt. Davis Grisham, that during this expedition he had various skirmishes with the Tories and reconnoitered the country, and protected the inhabitants as much as possible from the incursions of the Tories; that in this expedition he belonged to a light horse company commanded by the officers above mentioned; that the prisoners which they took were sent to Genl. Arrington [sic, William Henry Harrington] who was then in the field not far distant. That he is now above seventy years of age as he is convinced from various circumstances viz—The tradition of his parents--the time he entered the service &c and the time of the battle at Bryer Creek [sic, Briar Creek] he was about seventeen--that he was born in Fairfax County Virginia and arrived from there when quite young--that he was living in Orange County North Carolina--that he was drafted into the service as a private--that he did receive a discharge which has long since been lost--that he is acquainted with many in his present neighborhood who could testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his having been a Soldier of the Revolution to wit: James Clinton, James Neely, James Maxwell and many others. He hereby relinquishes any 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Guess