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Guyton, Aaron  
Margaret

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Mrs. J. E. Weeks  
Route # 2  
Clarksdale, Mississippi

AARON GUYTON  
W. 21337  
BA-7/MIS *Cur*

Dear Madam:

The data which follow in regard to Aaron Guyton were obtained from the papers in the claims for pension and bounty land under File No. W. 21237, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Aaron Guyton was ~~born~~ October 27, 1761, in Baltimore County, Maryland; the names of his parents are not shown.

*continue*  
While residing in Ninety Six District, which was later known as Union District, South Carolina, Aaron Guyton volunteered in 1778, served one week as private in Captain Jeffrey's company. He enlisted in March or April, 1779, served three months as private in Captain James Steen's company, Colonel Wafford's South Carolina regiment and was in the battle of Stone. He enlisted in 1780, served three months as private in Captain Moses Guyton's company (relationship to Aaron not shown), under Major Zac Bullock, and was discharged sometime in 1780, 1780. After the City of Charleston was taken by the British, he served under different officers including Colonels Brandon, Farr, Roebuck, Hease and White, until in December, 1780, when he went under Colonel Washington "of the cavalry" on an expedition against the Tories on Bush River in which engagement prisoners were taken, and many others killed or wounded. He was in the battle of Cowpens in Captain John Thompson's company, in the Siege of Ninety Six in Captain Montgomery's company, Colonel Pickens' regiment, in the battle of Bates Springs and continued to serve until "peace was made", amounting in all to more than two years. All of his service was in the South Carolina troops and his name was borne on the military rolls as Aaron Guiton.

The soldier moved from Ninety Six District to York District, South Carolina where he lived four or five years, and in 1796 moved to Pendleton later known as Anderson District, South Carolina.

Aaron Guyton was allowed pension on his application executed October 1, 1833, while a resident of Anderson District, South Carolina. He died there June 20, 1841.

The soldier married October 8, 1799, in York District, South Carolina, Margaret McCurdy who was born December 8, 1773; the place of birth and names of her parents were not given. At the time of their marriage they were both residing in York District, South Carolina, and were married by soldier's brother-in-law, Abraham Smith, a magistrate.

Margaret Guyton, soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed February 10, 1845, while residing in Anderson District, South Carolina.

Soldier's widow, Margaret, was granted one hundred sixty acres of bounty land, also, on account of his service, on Warrant No. 26605, under the Act of March 3, 1835. At that time she was still living in Anderson District, South Carolina.

The following names of children of Aaron Guyton and his wife, Margaret, are shown in the claims:

Mary	Cuyton,	born	December	15,	1791	
Hannah	"	"	December	19,	1793	
Elizabeth	"	"	November	7,	1798	
Katharine	"	"	August	22,	1798;	died Sept. 6, 1802.
Jane	"	"	December	31,	1800;	died Aug. 30, 1802
Robert	"	"	November	21,	1802	
Joseph	"	"	April	14,	1805	
Margaret W.	"	"	January	7,	1807	
Aaron W.	"	"	November	22,	1808	
Sarah M.	"	"	February	9,	1812	
John Washington	"	"	June	1,	1814;	in 1845, referred to as Gen. John W. Guyton (no explanation of name) when of Anderson Dist., S.C.

The following data, also, appears in the claim with no explanation of the relationship to soldier's family: "Katharine Smith died September 29, 1796".

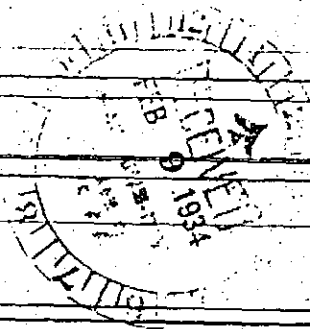
Soldier's brother, Joseph Guyton, born in 1776, was living in Union District, South Carolina, in 1845, where he was a member of the Baptist Church. In 1835, reference was made to soldier's nephew, William W. Guyton, whose post-office address in 1845 was Aiken, South Carolina; the names of William's parents were not designated.

In 1855, one G. Guyton witnessed the signature by mark of soldier's widow, Margaret Guyton, in Anderson District, South Carolina, his relationship to the family not shown.

If you desire information in regard to location of the land granted Margaret Guyton, widow of Aaron, you should apply to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Department, this city, and furnish that official the number of the warrant, the acreage and date of the act under which issued.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLEN  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator



Salem, Missouri,  
February 5, 1934.

Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am seeking information to use in filling out  
D.W.R. papers and should appreciate very much any assist-  
ance you could give me.

Does your office have any record of revolution-  
ary War service for either of the following men?

- (1) Joseph Guyton of Union County, S.C., who  
died in 1816.
- (2) Aaron Guyton, born Oct. 27, 1761 and died  
June 30, 1841, of Anderson County, S.C.  
Married Margaret (Peggy) McCurdy, who died  
in 1861.
- (3) Robert McCurdy of York County, S.C., who  
died in 1808, his wife, Mary Watson  
McCurdy surviving him.

Thank you very much for any information as to  
their possible military records.

Very truly yours,

*Alice Dent*

add to pay - Aug. 15, 1837  
Same 16. Oct. 1850

South Carolina 23.005

Paid  
to the Hon. R. H. Simpson Esq.  
25<sup>th</sup> Feby 1845

Aaron Puryear  
of Pickens in the State of S. C.  
who was a pr in the [redacted] commanded  
by Captain of the [redacted] commanded

Paid at the Treasury under  
the Act of 6. April 1838  
from 4<sup>th</sup> March 1841. to  
30 June 1841. age notified  
24 May 1845

by Col. Pickens in the S. C.  
for 9<sup>th</sup> months -

Prescribed in the Roll of South Carolina  
at the rate of 3/- Dollars & 6 Cents per annum,  
commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct. 33.  
and sent to: Graham  
Full S. C. S. C.

appears to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. 1833. 77.15  
Pensions and allowances ending 31. Mar. 34 15.83  
\$ 92.98

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Nath. [redacted] Clerk,  
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The State of South Carolina  
Anderson District

On the first  
day of October 1833. Personally appeared  
Aaron Guyton a resident of Anderson District  
and being duly sworn makes the following decla-  
ration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of  
Congress passed June 7. 1832. His deponent  
was born 27. October 1761. That he was engaged  
in the ~~war~~ of the Revolution war in the various  
grades under the following named Officers viz

In the year 1779 he turned out volunteer under  
Capt. Jaffer, 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 Capt. James Steen under Col. Maffers  
marched to Augusta & went on to Ogechy: then returned  
into S.C. to join Genl. Lincoln, met Lincoln at Parker,  
Join on Edisto, continued with him till after the Battle  
at Stono 20 June. at this time Tac. Bulloch was Major of  
the Battalion: a few days after the Battle was discharged  
having served out the term of Three months. In 1780  
I was drafted again for three months under Capt. Mosey,  
Guyton. Maj. Tac. Bulloch we marched to a place  
called Chalk Hills near Savannah River knowing we  
were there I do not recollect we then crossed Savannah  
River at Augustus, we then joined General Williamson's  
his army in a few days we marched 30 or 40 miles further  
in Georgia we camped near Cuthberts Creek we were  
then under command of Genl. Williamson, we lay at  
this place till we were discharged and returned home  
some time in May - I was out this tour not less than  
Three months. about this time Charlestown fell into the  
hands of the British & they established Forts throughout the  
State; I was under a great number of Officers, as many  
of the officers & citizenry took protection about this time  
I was under Col. Brandon who had a few Brown men  
who stood true for the cause of liberty in the back part of the  
State who composed an little Army I was out the most of this  
some times we had 75 some times 150 men and some times  
we had 4 or 5 Co's. with from 50 to 150 men - Each  
of them had command of a Regt. at home & some times not  
more than 50 of his men with him. The Col's were Brandon  
Carr, Robrock, White, - In December 1780

Genl. 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 this 1<sup>st</sup> or  
2<sup>d</sup> day he came I joined him. And hearing of 2 or 300 Tory  
in a body in Bush River Morgan detached Washington  
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 Col. Tarleton coming on him and dreading to engage  
him so near Lord Cornwallis' Army, retreated two days  
up the Country to a place called the Cow Pen, at this  
time we had no Officer in our Company but had a thousand  
or four men; and the morning before the Battle of Jan 1781  
we joined Capt. John Thompson's Comp<sup>y</sup>. We defeated, killed  
& took all except Tarleton's 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' Army almost to the Catawba  
River, and we pushed up a good many of the Tories  
in the rear of Cornwallis. About the last of January  
1781 I was out at this time not less than one month  
Morgan's Army having retreated from the State it was  
now almost Fire & faggot. Between Whig & Tory, who  
were contending for the ascendancy it continued so till  
the 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> May, I was almost constantly out in  
many small engagements, some times we beat the Tories  
some times they beat us. I was out this time at least ~~three~~ <sup>three months</sup>  
In May 1781 General Greene with his Army came into  
our Country we joined him, I was under Capt. Montgomery at  
this time of Col. Brannons Regt Greene having in view at this time  
the Reduction of the British Garrison at 96. He laid Siege to it  
on the 22<sup>d</sup> May 1781. a large reinforcement was sent  
from Charleston under Lord Rawdon, who obliged Genl.  
Greene to raise the Siege on 19<sup>th</sup> June, when we were all  
more in the Army of Victory. We were one month at  
least in this service. About the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1781 we  
were called out under Col. Peckham who was now promoted  
to Brig. Genl. under Major Gally under Capt. Robt. Gally's  
gomery was marched down on Congaree river, joined some  
other Troops there. we afterwards marched to M<sup>r</sup>. Gord's  
Ferry we were there a day or two when joined by Genl.  
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 8<sup>th</sup>  
of September 1781 we fought the British at Eutaw Springs  
and in a day or two I was discharged this town I served  
not less than one month to half. I returned from this  
Battle at Eutaw I was in no general Battle but was from that  
time till the British left Charley, ten out often from 20  
days at a time from 20 to 25 miles from home about 18



about ~~two~~ months, till peace was made in all I can  
 certain I serve over ~~two~~ years, I am unable to give the  
 a more particular description from the loss of memory & age  
 all these years I was a volunteer or drafted and  
 I did all my services as a private. That I had no  
 documentary evidence and that I know of no persons  
 whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my  
 services. (Except William Grant) and some who were  
 in the Revolutionary War and believe from the facts stated  
 as Major Millers, and of company ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~regular~~  
 others, to certify to the same character. He hereby re-  
 linquishing every claim whatever to a pension or annuity  
 except the present, and declares that he is not on  
 the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.  
 Answer to the interrogatory put by order of the Depart-  
 ment of War, born 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1761. in Baltimore County, Maryland.

- 2<sup>d</sup> Has a Record in his Family Bible taken from his Father,
- 3<sup>d</sup> He lived in G. B. District South Carolina where he  
 was called into the service now Union District in the  
 River after the war in the year 1796 he moved into  
 4<sup>th</sup> District has lived there ever since, he is called the  
 historical District of the order, he has lived on the same  
 place he settled in 1796.
- 4<sup>th</sup> He was a volunteer or drafted all the times that  
 he was called into service.
- 5<sup>th</sup> The names of most of the Continentals & Allies who affect  
 are herein named, viz. Morgan, Smith, Greene, and  
 Williams, and Pickens, Brandon, Fanny, Major Jolly, Millers.
- 6<sup>th</sup> He never got but one written discharge signed by  
 Major Isaac Bullock which he has lost long since.
- 7<sup>th</sup> The men in my neighborhood to whom I am known  
 are General J. B. Earle, Col. Harmons, Major  
 McCann, Doct. William Anderson, The Rev.  
 James Douthett, The Rev. James Heintze - The  
 Rev. James Burroughs, The Rev. Sanford Vandover  
 men of good character who will testify to my  
 credit, also Gen. Usher who commands  
 this Brigade.

I sworn in Open Court of Aaron Guston  
 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October  
 1833  
 Paul A. Sawka

We Thadford Vaudron a Clergyman residing in Anderson  
District and Hugh McAllister residing in the same  
parish. Certify that we are well acquainted with Thadford  
Vaudron who has subscribed and sworn to the within  
declaration that we believe him to be seventy two  
years of age; that he is respected & believed to be  
in the neighborhood where he was reported to have  
been a soldier of the Revolution and we believe  
in these opinions.

Sworn to & subscribed  
1<sup>st</sup> October 1833  
Open Court

J. J. Richardson  
Hugh Wilson

Before  
Thadford Vaudron  
C. C.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion  
after the investigation of this matter and after putting  
the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department  
that the above mentioned applicant was a Revolutionary  
soldier and served on his State. And the Court  
further certifies that it appears to them that  
Thadford Vaudron who has signed the preceding  
certificates is a Clergyman and resident in the said  
District of Anderson and that Hugh McAllister  
who has also signed the same is resident in the  
said District of Anderson and is a credible per-  
son and that their statement is entitled to credit.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1833 J. J. Richardson

I, John A. Law, Clerk of the Court of Sessions for the  
County of Anderson do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the  
original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the  
application of Thadford Vaudron for a Pension

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal of office this 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of October 1833  
John A. Law  
C. C.

## Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, entitled an "act granting half pay and pension to certain widows", and the several acts continuing said pension.

State of South Carolina,

District of Anderson <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup>

On this twelfth day of February 1845,  
personally appeared before William Mitchell Judge of the  
Court of Ordinary for said District, Mrs. Margaret Gay,  
widow of Aaron Gayton dead a resident of the Dis-  
trict and State aforesaid, aged seventy one years, this  
2<sup>d</sup> December last; 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  
acts of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, 3<sup>d</sup> March 1843, and  
17<sup>th</sup> June 1844, the first entitled "an act granting  
half pay and pension to certain widows", and the  
others in continuation thereof: That she is the  
widow of Aaron Gayton who was a private in the  
South Carolina line, in the War of the Revolution,  
that she was not married to him until after the war,  
and cannot therefore tell much of his services, she  
recalls however to have heard him speak of it  
often, but never took much interest in it, and therefore  
did not charge her memory with it; ~~He~~ lives at the  
time of his entering the service, in Union District in  
this State, and she thinks stated that he was in the  
Battle of Eutaw Spring, she does not know how  
long he served, or whether he ever got a discharge,  
he however made proof before his death, and ob-  
tained a small Pension; by reference to the said proof  
much more can be seen, than she can possibly state.

she has in her possession the Certificate of Pension issued to her said husband under the act of Congress of 1832. and herewith submits it as evidence of his having drawn a Pension, and of her identity.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Aaron Guyton on the Sixth day of October seventeen hundred and eighty seven, as will more fully appear by the record of the family herewith sent, which was made by William Guyton a nephew of her said husband, under the direction of the said Aaron Guyton her said husband & himself, taken from an older record, on a slip of paper, which has become worn and defaced, and which was then burned, that the said family record has been kept in her care ever since and she claims it to be correct, that she lived at the time of marriage in York District in this State; that her maiden name was McLowry - that they lived in York until about 45 years ago, when they moved to where she now lives, which was then Pendleton, but now called Anderson District. That her husband, the aforesaid Aaron Guyton died on the thirtieth day of June Eighteen hundred and forty one, as will more fully appear by the evidence herewith submitted; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January - seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz. at the time above stated.

They were married by Abram Smith Esq. who married a sister of her said husband.

Margaret <sup>her</sup> Guyton  
mark  
and subscribed, on the day and year above written  
William Magee Judge of the Court of  
Ordinary for Anderson District.

State of South Carolina

Anderson District

Be it known that on this

29<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1855

Before me Herbert

Thurman and Judge of the Court of Ordinary for

the District of Anderson in the State aforesaid

which is a Court of Records and Keeper of the

Seal, and by virtue of Office I being of the said

Court. Personally appeared Mrs. Margaret Guyton

to me well known aged about 83 years on

Open Court and made oath that she is the widow

of Aaron Guyton dec<sup>d</sup> who was a private in the

Revolutionary war, that she was married to the

said Aaron Guyton on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D.

1789 by Abraham Smith a minister in York

District South Carolina and that they (the defendant) and

the aforesaid Aaron Guyton lived together till the

day of his death as husband and wife and raised

a family of children, that he died in Anderson

District South Carolina, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June

A. D. 1811 and that she has never again married

but is still the widow of the said Aaron Guyton

and that she is a Revolutionary widow pensioner  
inscribed on the pension List in the War Office  
of the United States, or Office of Interior, and  
that she makes this Declaration in order to obtain  
the benefit of the act of Congress passed March 3<sup>d</sup>  
A. D. 1855, making provision for granting bounty land  
to certain claimants therein specified, to which she  
is informed she is entitled and that she has never  
made any application heretofore nor received any  
bounty land warrant under the above act nor any  
other act of Congress - sworn to and subscribed  
Before me on this day and year above written  
Mrs. Margaret Guyton

To the truth of which statements I am fully  
satisfied

Herbert Hammond  
Judge of C. D. A. D.

South Carolina & N.

Anderson District } Personally appeared James Darby  
ple and Alexander Moorhead } before me Herbert  
Hammond, Judge of the Court of Ordinary in and  
for the District and State aforesaid. He as well  
Moorhead, aged about seventy eight years and made  
oath that they were both personally and well  
acquainted with Aaron Gylton and Margard  
Gylton that they lived together as husband and  
wife, that they raised a family of children of high  
respectability and that no one ever doubted the  
legality of their marriage, and that this said  
Aaron Gylton was always reputed to have been  
a Revolutionary Soldier, and that <sup>the</sup> before named  
Margard Gylton, is the widow of said Aaron  
Gylton, and that she is the identical person  
she represents herself to be. They further swear  
that they are not directly or indirectly interested  
in the claim she makes for bounty land  
Sworn to and subscribed before on this 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of December A. D. 1853.

James Darby

Alex<sup>r</sup> Moorhead

and I certify that the above declarants are both  
credible witnesses and all their attestations  
are entitled to full faith and credit

Herbert Hammond  
Judge C. D. A. D.

State of South Carolina 311

Anderson District

I Herbert Hammond Judge

of the Court of Ordinary for Anderson District  
in the State aforesaid (which is a Court of  
Record) and Keeper of the Seal, and by virtue of  
Office Clerk of the said Court, do hereby bear  
witness that the before mentioned Margaret Guyton  
the within declarant is the identical person who  
has in her possession and Exhibited to me a  
Pension Certificate of which the following is  
a Copy. "War Department" "Widow Pension"

I certify that on her former certificate of  
February 2<sup>d</sup> 1848 Margaret Guyton widow of  
Aaron Guyton who was a private in the Mexican  
Revolutionary War is inscribed on the Pension list at  
the rate of Thirty one Dollars sixty six cents  
per annum commencing on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March  
1848 and continuing for life, unless she should  
again marry, in which case the pension is not  
payable after the time of such marriage.

Given at the War office of the United States  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December one thousand eight  
hundred and forty eight  
"Examined and countersigned" (Signed) "W. L. Marcy"  
"J. L. Edwards" "Secretary of War"  
Comptroller of Pensions No. 2412

and I further certify that she is the widow of the  
aforesaid Aaron Guyton Deceased, that she now  
resides in Anderson District S. C. and has resi-  
ded there for the last forty or fifty years or  
more; <sup>and that I have no doubt by this return</sup> Given under my hand and seal  
at Anderson Court House this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
A. D. 185. Herbert Hammond  
Judge of Court of Ordinary  
Anderson District

Aaron Gupton his Book bought  
of James Dickson, Price \$ 6.00  
9<sup>th</sup> March, 1865



Aaron Guyton was born 27<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1861

Margaret M. Gurdy was born 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775

Aaron Guyton & Margaret M. Gurdy was married

October 5<sup>th</sup> 1789

### Children

Mary Guyton was born 13<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1791

Hannah Guyton was born 18<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1793

Elizabeth Guyton was born 7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1795

Matharam Guyton was born 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1798

Jane Guyton was born 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800

Robert Guyton was born 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1802

Joseph Guyton was born 14<sup>th</sup> April 1805

Margaret M. Guyton was born 7<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1807

Aaron M. Guyton was born 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1808

Sarah M. Guyton was born 9<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1812

John Washington Guyton was born 1<sup>st</sup> June 1814

Katharine Smith Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1796

Jani Guyton Daughter of Aaron & Margt.  
Guyton died 30th August 1802

Natharine Guyton Daughter of Aaron &  
Margt. Guyton died 17th Sept 1802

**BRIEF** in the case of *Aaron Suptone of Anderson*  
*District* in the State of *South Carolina*  
 (Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *71.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period	Duration of Service:			Rank	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years	Months	Days		
<i>In 1778</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>Private</i>	<i>Capt. Officers</i>
<i>1779</i>					<i>Capt. Samuel Mafford</i>
<i>1780</i>	<i>3</i>				<i>Gen. Williamson of Camden</i>
<i>1791</i>	<i>1</i>				<i>Col. Pickens &amp; Armand</i>
<i>Was under arms actually</i>					<i>Capt. W. P. Mafford</i>
<i>during 2 Years</i>					<i>Gen. Capt. Thompson</i>
					<i>Regt. Brown</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Wino. Bull Run, Cowpens, Siege of Ft. & Outpost*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Anderson district, South Carolina*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Living*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *correct.*

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*3-7*  
*3*  
*1*  
*3*  
*1*  
*1*

*James Wilson*, Examining Clerk.

Brief in the case of Margaret Gayton, widow of David Gayton dec'd  
Resident  
Greenville County and State of South Carolina

Allowed act March 3<sup>o</sup> 1843

Claim, ("~~original~~" or "for increase.")

Proof exhibited, (if original.)

Is it documentary, traditional, or supported by rolls? If either, state the substance.

Husband was a privateer - Act June 7<sup>th</sup> 1807, at the rate of \$31  
per annum upon 9<sup>th</sup> month, service (the privateer) admitted upon the  
certificate. He died June 17, 1811. The widow's claim was allowed at  
same time at the same rate Dec. 29, 1805 under Act of '02 - '01 & '04.  
She has since furnished account from Comptroller General  
Geo. S. Co that her husband was paid for 393 days at 20 cts  
a day in Gov. Brandon's Regt S.C. which is due to her in  
(if for increase) company of Cavalry.

Has additional evidence been filed since the admission of the claim? If so, what?

Proof of husband's death, marriage, widowhood & identity  
of claimant, furnished in previous application  
allowed at the rate of \$5.16, commencing March 11<sup>th</sup>  
1813 to be continued under Act of Jan. 17 - '11 & Act  
2<sup>o</sup> 1818, deducting the amount she then heretofore rec'd

James A. Black, Esq.  
Columbia S.C.

Name and residence of Agent

W. B. Woodley  
Examining Clerk.

State of South Carolina }  
District of Anderson } Know all men by these presents  
that I Elizabeth Gayton of said District and State widow  
of Aaron Gayton deceased a Revolutionary pensioner  
of the United States under Act of Congress 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 at the rate  
of thirty one dollars and sixty six cents per annum who died in  
this District & State on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1841 myself  
also being a pensioner of the United States as the widow of my  
said deceased husband at the same rate per year under  
the Act of Congress of 29<sup>th</sup> July 1848 do hereby constitute and  
appoint James A Black Esq of Columbia South Carolina my  
true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to stand  
stead to prosecute my claim to any increase or arrears of  
pension by reason of my said husband's not having received the  
rate of pension to which he was entitled which may be due  
to me as his widow on an account of my own or which  
may be found due on account of his Revolutionary services and  
I hereby authorize my said attorney to examine all papers and  
documents relating to my claim on file in the Departments at  
Washington or elsewhere and to file all additional evidence  
or arguments he may think proper to ensure the recovery of the  
same hereby confirming all that my said attorney may lawfully  
do herein by virtue hereof. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fifth day of  
September A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty  
signed sealed and delivered in  
presence of  
11<sup>th</sup> L. Hammon  
Hardy prior

Margaret Gayton Seal  
mark

State of South Carolina }  
District of Anderson } On this 35<sup>th</sup> day of September  
A.D. 1860 before the subscriber a Magistrate in and  
for said District personally appeared Margaret Gayton and  
acknowledged the foregoing Powers of Attorney to be her act and  
deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the  
day and year last above mentioned.

J. G. Whitfield  
Magistrate

Columbia S.C. 20 Oct 1860.

Wm. G. Hunting

~~Common Pleas~~

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Power of Attorney to myself from Mrs. Margaret Crayton a Revolutionary widow pensioner under Act 29 July, 1848, authorizing me to prosecute her claim to an increase of pension, and the certificate of the Hon. John B. Kent showing the amt paid to her husband in May 1786 for his services. The £56.4.3/4 "Sterling" or £393.10 "old Currency" ought to allow her a greater rate of pension per year than she receives, viz, \$31.66, for as the enclosed Comptrolr's certificate shows that the pay of a private of Infantry was 10 shillings "old Currency" per day " " " Cavalry " 20 " " " " " and hence whether Aaron Gwynn claimed & proved the one or the other Character of service, the amt. stipend he rec<sup>d</sup> & now his widow receives, is not enough, because there are in £393.10 old Currency 7870 shillings, which divided by 20 shillings old Currency the pay of a horseman per day would give 393 days or 13 moe 1 day entitled to a pension of \$54.16 per annum - and the 1870

Shillings divided by 10 Shillings "old Currency" the pay of a  
Private of Infantry per day would give 787 days  
" " " entitled to an annual pension  
of \$80 per year, and then again if you find  
from his Declaration & proofs that his service was  
partly in the Infantry & partly in the Cavalry, still should  
the annul allowance be greater than he or his  
widow ever rec<sup>d</sup> and consequently as there  
is an error she should be allowed the difference  
not only on her own acct but by way of ~~increase~~  
from 4 March 1831 <sup>for</sup> during her widowhood, she  
being still alive & drawing only the \$80<sup>00</sup>  
I think I have by facts figures & fair logical  
statements conclusively shown Mr Guyton's  
right to an increase, and I well know that  
your Department only desires to ascertain  
what your duty is, & then it will be done.

I am

Very respectfully  
Yr Obedt Servt

James A Black  
for Mrs Mary Guyton.





Pittsboro August 6<sup>th</sup> 1845-

Mr Miles, M. Norton

Dear Sir

On yesterday I received yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo and contents thereof and in reply have to say to you that I believe the hand writing to be mine and it has something like a dream to me of doing it but whom and what was said I could not testify with any certainty if I could I would fully do so. It must have been done between the years of 1819 & 1824 - It had so entirely slipped my memory had I been called on to know it ever I would such things in his Bible I should have testified it never did before I saw your letter - If you wish to prove these marriages I presume there is still living vestiges where it took place in Union District I expect Aaron Guyton's Brother Joseph Guyton is a living there and if he is he must have some knowledge of these marriages

I am yours Respectfully

W. W. Guyton

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

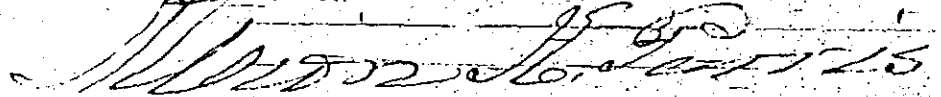
SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

February 28<sup>th</sup> 1845

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An Act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," and the third section of the Act of August 23, 1842, extending the time within which pensioners may receive their pensions from the pension agents, The widow of Aaron Guyton, dec'd a Pensioner on the Roll of the South Carolina Agency, at the rate of Thirty one Dollars and 66 Cents per annum, under the law of the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1841, to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1841.

Respectfully, yours,



Comptroller.

To the COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

Present.

The State of South Carolina

Anderson District Court

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 they separated  
and the said Guyton belongs to the same Reg-  
iment although attached to different companies.

That he was seldom separated from him during  
the year specified above for more than a very  
few weeks at a time - His 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  
belongs to that side throughout the struggle - He

knows him ever since and that he always enjoyed  
the reputation of having been a good Whig -  
Sworn to & subscribed  
September 19<sup>th</sup> 1832 Before me William Grant  
his mark

James B. Griffiey Jt.

W. L. ...

State of South Carolina } Joseph Guffey, an  
Unincorporated District } old and Respectable

Citizen, and a Member of the Baptist Church  
in good standing, and Man in every way worthy of  
Credit - Appeared personally before me  
and made oath in due form of Law

That his elder Brother Garrison Guffey Married  
Margaret McCunder the Marriage took place  
to the best of his recollection in South  
Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Nine (1789)

He was not at the Wedding, but after  
Brother left home to get Married and returned  
the next day with his wife, his Father gave  
them an Infant Dennon, and a great number  
of People were invited - he now lives in the  
same house where the Infant was. His Mother  
the Celebration as to date by his own age

He was born in the Year Seventeen Hundred &  
Seventy Six (1776) He is positively Certain  
the Marriage took place previous to the Year  
Seventeen Hundred and Ninety four (1794)

His Father & his wife lived in this immediate Neigh-  
borhood as man & wife gave a fine Lady in South  
District S.C. then moved to Pendleton District in  
this State Now Anderson Dist. He has been  
set their he was repeatedly since they moved  
to Pendleton, and they was always living as  
Husband & wife, and he has been there  
since his Brother died, and the  
lives on the same place they first  
resided in

Witnessed & Subscribed  
24<sup>th</sup> November 1845

J. Guffey

Before me & Subscribed

J. Brothers (Magr) W. D. -

South Carolina

Anderson District

Before me personally appeared  
Genl. John H. Guyton a highly respectable and  
truthful citizen of the District and State above  
named, and made Oath in due form of Law, that  
the family record alluded to by his Mother in the  
annexed Declaration, from which the following is an  
extract, viz. Aaron Guyton & Margaret McCurdy was  
married October 6<sup>th</sup> 1789. (October the Sixth One  
Thousand seven hundred and eighty nine) is the family  
record which was kept by his Father and Mother,  
and acknowledged to be correct by his Father  
Aaron Guyton before his death, and said by him  
to have been made by the consent of his deponent,  
William Guyton, all of which facts he has just  
reason to believe & does verily believe, & that the said A.  
Guyton died on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1841. as stated by his Mother  
Deponent to 10<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1845 before

Wm. H. G. Not. Pub. J. H. Guyton  
J. E. Hoff. No. A. C.

South Carolina

Anderson District

Before me personally appeared  
Hugh Whittaker an old and respectable citizen of  
the District and State aforesaid, and made Oath that  
he has been acquainted with Aaron Guyton dec. &  
his widow Mrs. Margaret Guyton for upwards of thirty  
years, and that they always lived together, until the  
death of the said Aaron Guyton, as husband and wife,  
and he never heard it doubted but that they were  
lawfully married, and believes it to be so, and that  
they were married at the time Mrs. Guyton states.  
He recollects very well to have heard of the death  
of the said Aaron Guyton several years ago, and believes

it took place at the time she states, on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
June 1841. and that the said widow Margaret  
Guyton is the widow of the same Aaron Guyton  
above alluded to, who drew a Pension from the United  
States; and that she has remained a widow ever  
since his death, and further, that both Aaron  
Guyton & his widow are truthful and highly  
respectable, and he has every reason to believe  
the statement made by her in her declaration.

Sworn to 10<sup>th</sup> February 1845. before  
J. P. Rees, Not. Pub.  
J. Moffat Ma. Pitt

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J. Clayton Webb Clerk of the Court of Anderson  
District S. C. certify that J. P. Rees is a Magistrate  
as above, and that the foregoing signatures purporting  
to be his are genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed my seal of Office,  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1845.

Clayton Webb  
Clerk of the Court of  
Anderson District S. C.