

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Guerrant VAS1706

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 20th day of July 1783, in the name of John Guerrant Jr., as a Lt. & pay master for £100.1.9, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit as Ensign from 1 March 1779 to 25 November following and as paymaster from 25 May 1779 to 25 November following

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
25th day of April 1833.

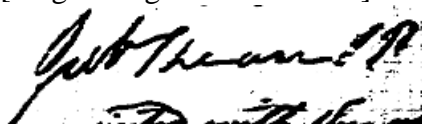
S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

The affidavit of Stapleton Crutchfield of the County of Goochland to be laid before the Executive of Virginia in support of the claim of the heirs of the late General John Guerrant for services rendered in the revolutionary war

This affiant being sworn saith That he himself was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, & was acquainted with the said Guerrant, that said Guerrant belonged to the Continental Army in the year 1780 that this affiant does not know whether said Guerrant continued in the same any longer than the year above mentioned.

Goochland County to wit, Sworn to before me a justice of the peace for the County of Goochland by Stapleton Crutchfield, this 13th day of June 1833

[illegible signature of the JP]



To his Excellency John Floyd, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

I enclose evidence in support of the claims of the heirs of the late General John Guerrant deceased for service rendered by him during the revolutionary war as a private, a Lieutenant & pay master, which is respectfully [word too faint to discern] to be submitted to the Executive of Virginia for their action their own

S/ J Guerrant, one of the heirs above referred to

17th December 1832

The affidavit of John Bradshaw¹ taken in the County of Goochland Virginia to be laid before the Executive of the State of Virginia as evidence to establish the claim of the heirs of John Guerrant deceased, to compensation for the services of said Guerrant as a soldier & officer in the revolutionary war, this 10th day of July 1832. This affiant being sworn according to law saith that he was well acquainted with the late General John Guerrant of the County of Goochland, that he knew him intimately in the revolutionary war, that he (this affiant) marched with said Guerrant from the County of Goochland in the early part of the year 1779 in the Army on Continental establishment to the Town of Fredericksburg, thence to Williamsburg, thence to Petersburg where said Guerrant was commissioned in said Army in the said year of 1779 as this affiant believes, that said Guerrant then went on to the South & this affiant is of opinion continued in the said Army till the war closed, that said affiant believes said Guerrant held his commission to the end of the war, that said Guerrant was commissioned in what was called General Charles Scott's detachment, or Brigade, that said Guerrant belonged to the Continental Army before he marched with this affiant, as above stated, to Fredericksburg from the County of Goochland as this affiant believes, that this affiant after the close of the war was well acquainted with said Guerrant till he died that he lived for many years in the 4 or 5 miles of said affiant & this affiant never did and from any source that he said Guerrant resigned his commission before the close of the war. And further this affiant saith not except that he believed said Guerrant was a brave soldier.

S/ John Bradshaw



The affidavit of Thomas Poore² taken at his residence in the County of Goochland State of Virginia on the first day of June [?] 1832 before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid

This affiant being sworn saith that he was well acquainted with the late General John Guerrant when a young man that the said Guerrant & himself both of the Continental Army during the revolutionary war that the said Guerrant as this affiant believes entered the Army in 1777, that this affiant entered the Army in 1778 at which time he saw said Guerrant that he said Guerrant continued in the Continental Army as this affiant did [the quality of the image of the document is very poor and some text cannot be deciphered by me] affiant left him in the Army [indecipherable text] but how long he continued in this service afterwards this affiant does not know of his own knowledge that said Guerrant was in the Battle of Monmouth C. H. [June 28, 1778], after said battle this affiant marched with the said Guerrant to the White Plains – that said Guerrant before he left the Army held a commission as Lieutenant that he [more indecipherable text] said Guerrant resigned his commission before the close of the war & that he does not believe he was cashiered.

Sworn to before me a justice of the peace for said County in the State aforesaid the day & year above mentioned.

[Illegible signature of the attesting JP]

¹ [John Bradshaw S15760](#)

² [Thomas Poor S11254](#)

The affidavit of Benjamin Woodward³ to be laid before the Executive of Virginia in support of the claim of the heirs of the late General John Guerrant for revolutionary services

This affiant being sworn saith that he himself was a soldier in the Revolution – that he knew said Guerrant well during the war, that he was an officer in the Continental Army, came home on furlough, returned into the Army and continued in the same as this affiant believes until, or during the year 1780 – how long afterwards he does not know.

Goochland County to wit, this day Benjamin Woodward came before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath in due form to the above statement. Given under my hand this 17th day of June 1833

S/ W. Ford

The affidavit of Zachariah Alvis⁴ of Goochland County to be laid before the Executive of Virginia in support of the claim of the heirs of the late General John Guerrant for revolutionary services

This affiant being sworn saith that he was himself a soldier in the revolution, that he knew the said Guerrant well, that said Guerrant was also an officer, this affiant believes, was a long time in the Army & this affiant believes belonged to the same in the year 1780 – how long he continued after that time, he does not know.

Goochland County, to wit, this day Zachariah Alvis personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County of Goochland & made oath according to law to the above statement. Given under my hand this 17th day of June 1833

S/ Will Bolling

³ [Benjamin Woodward S6435](#)

⁴ [Zachariah Alvis S8015](#)