

## **Pension Application for Joseph Guile**

R.4379

State of Vermont

Rutland County.

I Joseph Guile of Orwell County of Rutland and State of Vermont of lawful age do depose testify and say that I the deponent enlisted under Lieut. Ephraim Eaton (1) in Col. Willet's Regiment in the army of the Revolution. Some of the first days of February in the year 1782 and that I was very soon after (the precise numbers of day I cannot say) mustered and commenced service as a private soldier in which capacity I served as much as six weeks or more after which I was detached by Lieut. Eaton and Captain Joseph Harrison (2) as a waiter for Lieut. Eaton and I served as waiter (3) to said Lieut. Eaton until the war closed which was about eleven months after my enlistment. After that time I was absent on Furlough until I was discharged in the month of May 1783 having been attach'd to the army fifteen months. I further say that I have made diligent search and can find no person alive who can substantiate my testimony to the fact above stated. And further I say not. (Signed) Joseph Guile (4)

Sworn and subscribed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept'r 1834 before me. Roswell Bottmer, In Justice Peace.

End Notes—R.4379—Joseph Guile

1. Ephraim Eaton served in Captain Job Wright's Company as Lieutenant. He was transferred sometime after August of 1781 to Captain Thomas Skinner's Company. Both companies were part of Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. Lieutenant Eaton did not serve in Willett's Regiment after 1781.
2. Joseph Harrison served as Captain in Willett's Regiment from 1781 until he retired from the service in November of 1783.
3. It is possible that Joseph served as a waiter to Lieutenant Eaton in 1781 but there is no record of an enlistment for Guile's in Willett's Regiment and the regiment was discharged on January 6, 1784. There is no record of Joseph in 1783 for any service as a soldier. Possibly his pension application was rejected for failure of proof of service and or serving as a waiter may have been as a civilian and not regularly enlisted into the service.
4. According to the Gile Genealogy being researched for publication, Joseph's year of birth has been given as 1767 or 1770. Joseph was not of legal age to serve until he turned 16 years of age. In 1782, he would have only been 15 years old; if he had been born in 1767 and if he was born in 1770 he would have only been 12 years old. Most likely if he was a waiter under 16 years old he was paid by Lieutenant Eaton as a civilian for wages and would not have been enlisted in the service.