

## **Samuel Awbrey/Aubrey (1759- 1843)**

Private, Virginia Line

Samuel enlisted in 1778 in the Light Infantry Regiment of Virginia from Loudon County, Virginia. He served in Captain Handy's Company and Colonel Henry Lee's Regiment.

His company joined the main Army under the command of George Washington at Philadelphia. Then they departed south with General Green and were in the battles of Guilford Court House and Eutaw Springs, He served a total of three years. He figured prominently in the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution.

The first land battle south of New England was fought in Eutaw Springs in 1775 and in 1780; the British fortified this strategically important frontier town. In 1781, the final battle of the year took place. General Greene's Army approached the army of Colonel Stewart located in Eutaw Springs 30 miles northwest of Charleston. Greene believed that if he could destroy Stewart he could end the British threat to the south once and for all. Early in the morning of September 8th American troops advanced on the British. The American attack floundered when the men stopped to plunder the camp. The British counterattacked and forced the Americans to withdraw. The end result however, was that the British were too weak to hold the field anymore.

The following year, Samuel would see action at the Battle for Guilford Court House. The backwoods county seat of Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina, was the site of a pivotal battle in the Revolutionary War's decisive Southern Campaign. The engagement set the stage for the region's liberation from enemy occupation and impelled British general Lord Charles Cornwallis to take the ill-fated road that led him to final defeat at Yorktown, VA, seven months later.

Samuel returned home in 1782 to Loudon County, Virginia. He sold the land and moved to Washington County, Kentucky in 1804 with his children. Samuel Aubrey (Awbrey) was placed on the Revolutionary War Pension Roll on April 12, 1813 at the age of 75 in Hardin County, Kentucky as a private of the Virginia Line. For his service he received an \$80 annual allowance.

His sons moved from Washington County in 1818 and Samuel joined them at their new stead in Hardin County, Kentucky in 1822. Samuel is found in the 1840 Census of Pensioners of the Revolutionary War or Military Service. It showed him to be 82 and living with his son Craven Awbrey in Hardin County, Kentucky. It is believed that he died in 1843 and that he is probably buried in the George Awbrey Cemetery near Hardin Springs, Kentucky.

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