

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to Phillip Gough VAS1994

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Goochland County Legislative Petitions

To the honorable the General Assembly of Virginia, The petition of Joseph Woodson respectfully Sheweth

That your petitioner several years ago lost a Military certificate, amounting to one hundred twelve pounds three shillings and four pence, that was issued in the name of Phillip Gough a musician in the Virginia State line on Continental establishment, which he has never been able since to recover. That it is totally lost will be sufficiently proven from a reference to the documents obtained from the Office of the Auditor of this State & the United States Loan Office which accompany this petition. Your petitioner therefore prays your honorable body to pass an act to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue a duplicate for the amount.

[Reverse]

Joseph Woodson Petition

To Claims

Referred December 18, '05

Reasonable January 7th 1806

Reported same day

Bill drawn

[indecipherable word or abbreviations] 1806

Goochland County January 20, 1806

Many years ago between sunset & dark on a Public day, an affray happened in the Portice near the Bar of the Tavern at the Court house aforesaid in which I was engaged & at the time, I had in my hand the Certificate alluded to in my petition, presented to the legislature during its present Session, & in the scuffle I dropped it, the next day I rode to Richmond & left a Check in the office of the Commissioner of Loans, I applied at said office frequently thereafter & was informed it had not been presented, thus I was induced to believe & still do believe the said Certificate was totally destroyed by being trampled underfoot by the Company who remained drinking about the Bar, till a late hour, I several years after made application by letter to Mr. Hopkins the then Commissioner for directions how to obtain a duplicate, he gave me no satisfaction on that subject, & he stated that he thought it probable that the Certificate was totally

lost, about ten years ago, I applied to General John Geurrant [?] for directions how to obtain a duplicate & he advised me to petition the assembly since which I have stated my Case to the different representatives & for want of the proper documents & no petition has been presented, till the one above alluded to.

S/ Joseph Woodson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Woodson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

I do Certify that the Military Certificate I purchased of Philip Gough, I did let my Brother William Matthews have & who lit Joseph Woodson have.

S/ Edward Matthews

It appears from the Register in this office, that a Certificate was issued to Philip Gough a soldier in the Continental Army on Account of his pay and Depreciation amounting to £112.3.4 dated 29 July 1783 from one January 1782.

S/ John Carter, Clerk Auditors Office
5 December 1804

Nothing can be discovered from the books of the Loan office of any such certificate ever being registered in this office.

S/ James H Gordon, Clerk
United States Loan Office Virginia
Richmond 26 January 1805

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Addendum to Phillip Gough VAS1994

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

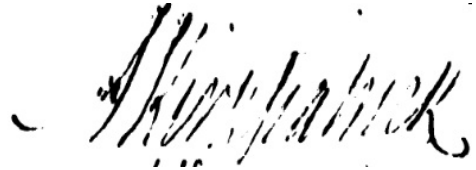
[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Gaugh, Philip.]

I certify that Philip Gough enlisted into the [undeciphered] Virginia Reg't the first of [illegible date] and under Command of [several illegible words] first of January 1780 at which time he was promoted to Musician [several undeciphered words] "Band" in which he continued untill the first of January 1782 [several undeciphered words] to the different payments of the army Given under my hand at Winchester Barracks this [undeciphered] July 178[?]

A Kirkpatrick Capt [Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300]

[?] Virginia Reg

[several undeciphered words]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abraham Kirkpatrick". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.