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Pension application of John Baptist Gough S16833

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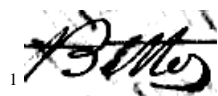
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State of Missouri County of Perry: SS

On this thirteenth day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Hon. John D Cook Judge of the fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Missouri now sitting John Baptist Gough a resident of the County of Perry in the State of Missouri, aged Sixty Nine Years and nine months, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered under Capt. John Grenouilds in Saint Mary's County State of Maryland in the month of April in the year 1781 that he was called to guard the coast from the depredations of the British fleet, that he continued in that service for the space of six weeks, that said Company commanded by said John Grenouilds was assembled at Leonard town in Saint Mary's County Maryland and was marched from said Leonard town to the banks of Potomac [River] and the banks of Chesapeake Bay banks frequently during said six weeks for the purpose of aiding in the repelling of depredations; that during that period of six weeks the place of Capt. John Grenouilds was supplied occasionally by that of Capt. Bennett Coons The lieutenants of said Company were Clement Noris and John Heard – that he continued as a private in said Company until about the 1st of June or July 1781 that at the time of entering the service under Capt. Grenouilds as aforesaid he was a resident of Saint Mary's County in the State of Maryland, that, he being still a resident of St. Mary's County Maryland about the middle of June or first of July 1781 this applicant was drafted with others at Leonard town in the said County of St. Mary's Maryland for the purpose of marching to join the American Army to oppose Lord Cornwallis, that this affiant when drafted was attached to a company under the command of Capt. Nicholas Mangers and Lieut. Betts [?]¹ and Bonum [perhaps, Malachi Bohnam?], that a short time after his being drafted this affiant with the Company to which he belonged was marched to Annapolis in the State of Maryland which place said Company reached sometime in July 1781 and were attached to the fourth Maryland Regiment under the command of Col. Adams and Major Oxford, that said fourth Regiment sometime in August was marched to Little York in the State of Virginia where they arrived sometime in September 1781 and that this affiant in the Company to which he belonged was present though not engaged with the British when driving in from Pigeon Hill Fort; that from the commencement of the directions of fortifications, by the Americans until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to the American Arms, he the said John Baptist Gough was



¹ Bulter? Bates? etc.

engaged twenty-four hours on, and twenty-four hours off, of duty during that period, that he was present under arms when Lord Cornwallis marched out and delivered his sword to the American General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln, October 19, 1781] and that he saw it, that during the period as aforesaid he acted as a private of Capt. Mangers' company, that after the surrender of the British Army at Little York said company under Capt. Mangers was still attached to said fourth Maryland Regiment were attached to guard five hundred British five hundred Hessians & five hundred highlander prisoners who were surrendered at the said Siege of York, that said guard was under the command of Col. or Major Williams that as one of said guard this affiant marched with said prisoners to the Fredericksburg Virginia [area] where the Company to which this affiant belonged was detained together with some regiments guarding some prisoners until the militia near Fredericksburg was raised to march said prisoners on to Winchester or Leesburg Virginia, the place they were destined for. That after said militia took charge of said prisoners this affiant and the company to which he belonged were marched back to Annapolis in the State of Maryland and there having deposited their arms were on or about the twenty second of December 1781 when the said Company was discharged and that he received his discharge from Capt. Nicholas Mangers by certificate which certificate this affiant has since lost having been in service under Capt. Nicholas Mangers on the last or from the middle of June to the twenty second December 1781 being six months. This affiant in addition to the officers above named, he recollects General Washington, General Lafayette, General Anthony Wayne, Baron Steuben Engineer at the Siege of York and General Lincoln and believes the Brigade to which the fourth Maryland Regiment was attached was commanded by General Guest [Mordecai Gist], that he has no documentary testimony by which he can prove his service but can prove by the testimony of Joseph Manning and Zachariah Layton who [are] residents of Perry County in the State of Missouri that he entered the service as before stated.

Q. Where and in what year were you born –

A. I was born in the parish of St. Andrews in St. Mary's County in the State of Maryland on the 29th of February 1764

Q Have you any Record of your age

A. I have none but my birth is registered in the parish of St. Andrews in the County of St. Mary's, in the State of Maryland

Q. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

A. When called into Service I was living in St. Mary's County Maryland, after the Revolutionary War I continued to reside in said St. Mary's County in the State of Maryland until the year 1787 when I moved to Henson now Washington County Kentucky where I remained until the year 1814 when I removed to Shelby County Kentucky when in the year 1825 the County of Shelby having been divided, I fell into the County of Spencer in said State where I continued to reside until April 1832 when I moved to Randolph County in the State of Illinois, where remained until October 1833 and in October 1833 moved to Perry County in the State of Missouri, which is my present residence.

Q. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute and if a substitute for whom –

A. In my first tour of six weeks under the command of Capt. Greuneld and Capt. Bennett Coons I was a volunteer, during the tour of six months under the command of Capt. Nicholas Mangers I was drafted, I never [was] a Substitute

Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served

such Continental and Militia Regiments, as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Services –

A. I recollect General George Washington, General Lafayette, General Wayne, Baron Steuben, General Lincoln, General Guest, Major Williams, Col. Adams, Major Oxford, I recollect the 4th Maryland Regiment in which I served in the 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th regiments of the Maryland line I was frequently marched during my six weeks service to the Banks of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay Banks but in these Expeditions was in no engagement though it was necessary to keep in arms with a view of detaining the British from Landing or repelling the attempts of small parties of British when landed to commit depredations upon the property of the Citizens. I was at the Siege of York and assisted in taking that place and was present when Cornwallis surrendered.

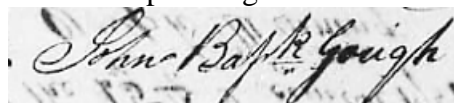
Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it.

A. I did receive a discharge from the Service, by whom it was given to me I do not recollect, and is now lost.

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior your service as a Soldier of the Revolution –

A. Joseph Manning, Zachariah Layton, John Layton, and Bernard Layton. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Army of any State. Sworn and subscribed to in open Court this 30th November 1833

S/ John Bapt. Gough

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Baptist Gough". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Joseph Manning and Zachariah Layton gave the standard supporting affidavit adding that "we were well acquainted with the said John Baptist Gough in St. Mary's County Maryland and of our own knowledge know that he entered the American Army and to their best of their of belief in June or July, 1781 and that he returned about the 25th of December 1781 after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis."]

[John Brands, a clergyman, and John Layton also gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Land Office, Annapolis, March 25th, 1834

Sir,

Yours of the 11th Instant with the declaration of John Baptist Gough enclosed, was received; – I have carefully examined the rolls of the Militia troops in this Office and do not find the name of John Baptist Gough upon any of the rolls; – I find the name of one Baptist Gough upon the Muster roll of Capt. Mangers Company of St. Mary's County, as also upon a Militia payroll of discharged soldiers raised to serve nine months, or until the 10th of December 1781, – upon this role, he appears to have been discharged on the 3rd of December 1781, and to have received £10.6.8 – on comparing his declaration with the rolls, I think there can be no doubt but that it is the same person,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

S/ G. G. Brewer

J. L. Edwards Esqr. [Commissioner of Pensions]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Maryland militia for 7 months and 12 days.]