

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Goff S35971

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Montgomery Circuit April Term 1818. [certified 3 Dec 1818]

Ordered that it be certified to the Department of War that satisfactory proof being made to the Court on the oath of John Goff aged seventy five years, that he on the 10th day of March 1776 enlisted in the revolutionary war under Capt John Hays of the 9th Virginia Regiment for the Term of three years, and served his said time in the army and was honorably discharged. He immediately afterwards enlisted for the term of Eighteen months under Captain William Stubblefield of the Virginia State Battalion commanded by Colo William Heath [sic: William Heth], and served the said time and was honorably discharged. He immediately afterwards enlisted for two years under Captain William Madison in the Regiment commanded by Colo [Joseph] Crockett and was honorably discharged. He states that he could now produce said discharges for honorable service, had it not been for an accident of fire which happened to his house since that period and consumed the same together with everything therein among which was his discharges. He states that while in service, he was in many battles and received several wounds by one of which his leg was broken; and since he has left the army and now in his old age he being seventy five years old in November next he hath a complaint upon him, which he is informed and believes to be the Gravel which incapacitates him gaining a tolerable livelihood by his labour, from the many misfortunes to which his property and person have been incident, he is extremely poor and must die in want and wretchedness, unless that Government for which he hath so zealously fought, will in their humanity under the act of the last session contribute a small matter for his support and assistance. It also appears in evidence that the said John Goff is old infirm and in very indigent circumstances and that he now stands in need of help from his Government for a support

State of Kentucky }

Bath County } Sct August Court 1820

John Goff schedule and statement as a United States pensioner was produced in open court sworn to by said Goff and Ordered to be Certified as follows towit On this the 14th day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court John Goff aged Seventy seven years resident in Bath County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows In the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col George Matthers [sic: George Mathews] and in Capt John Hays' Company was enlisted on the 15th Feb'y 1776 during the war And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

One Cow worth \$9

I have no other property and am unable to get a living by labour my wife is sixty four years old and a verry unhealthy woman I have one child living with me named Caleb about seventeen years old and is hard of understanding and not capable of taking care of himself

NOTE: A document in the file states the John Goff died on 1 March 1823.