

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Goff S8580

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this the 27th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Richard Miller, James Lawson and Stephens Graham Esquires worshipful Justices of the Peace now sitting and holding the Court aforesaid Samuel Goff a resident of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-four years 13th October 1833 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st Under Captain James Love, David Cannon Lieutenant, John McKann Ensign, Hillary Hooks Sergeant in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] in the fall of the year 1775 and served six months as a minute man, that he left this service the last of March or the first of April 1776; that when he entered the service he resided in Duplin County on Goshen; that his entering service was called enlisting; that he was in the battle at Moore's Creek bridge in February 1776 [February 27, 1776] where the Tories were defeated & Colonel McLeod [Lt. Col. Donald McLeod] killed; that he marched from Duplin Old Court House where he rendezvoused on towards Cross Creek now Fayetteville to intercept the Tories who were aiming for Wilmington to join the enemy on board their shipping in Cape Fear River, and understanding that the Tories had passed on aiming for Wilmington, Captain Love with his company then altered his march and endeavored to cut them off lower down and marched to Moore's Creek bridge, from thence after the battle to Wilmington, thence to Lockwood's folly in Brunswick County thence back to Wilmington, where he remained until discharged; that he served with no Continental regiments or troops; that he served with or joined a Regiment under the command of Colonel Richard Caswell at Moore's Creek bridge; that the regular officers, he knew were Captain Joseph Rhodes, Colonel Dougharty, Curtis Ivey and Colonel Allen – that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

2nd He was drafted and served one month as a private under Captain Charles Ward, James Outlaw Lieutenant in the spring of the year and he thinks in the year 1778; that he was in no battle; that he marched from the Cross Roads in Duplin County to Wilmington, thence below Wilmington apiece; that they were marched thither to prevent the enemy on board their shipping from coming up and capturing the Towns, that he was discharged in or near Wilmington, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

3rd He was drafted and served 3 months in the militia as a private in a company commanded by Captain John Whitehead, Dempsey Goff Sergeant, his other officers he forgets in the Spring of the year 1781; that he still resided in Duplin County NC; that he was in no battle himself but being stationed on

the West side of the North East River at the Big Bridge in New Hanover County there was a firing kept up with the enemy who were on the East side of the River in which he was employed 2 or 3 days and there was about that time a skirmish or battle between the parties on the East side of the River, the Americans defeated & Colonel Brown of Bladen wounded in the arm; that he has no documentary evidence; that his marches in this tour were from Duplin County to the Big Bridge in New Hanover County; thence down about Wilmington and on the sound; and from Big Bridge after the skirmish there to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on the Neuse, where he was discharged, he thinks, he can prove this service by Bezzent Brock¹ of this County.

Answers of Samuel Goff the aforesaid applicant to the questions propounded to him by the Court as prescribed by the War Department.

1. I was born in Hartford County Virginia in October, and I believe in the year 1759.
2. I have no record of my age now, had once but have lost it
3. When called into service I was living in Duplin County NC I've lived in it ever since the Revolutionary War & I now live in Duplin County NC
4. I first enlisted; afterwards drafted
5. I beg leave to refer to my declaration
6. I never received any written discharge
7. George Kornegay, Jonathan Keatly, Bezzent Brock, Edward Outlaw, Lewis Dalton, &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Goff, X his mark

Test: S/ Jas Pearsall, Clk

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Bezzent Brock a resident of Duplin County NC aged 75 years 14th January 1833 personally appeared before the worshipful Justices of the Court aforesaid and being duly sworn depose and saith that he is well acquainted with Samuel Goff the aforesaid applicant, that he knew him before and during the Revolutionary War, and served with him three months in a company commanded by Captain John Whitehead James Outlaw Lieutenant in the spring of the year 1781; that during this tour of service there was a skirmish between the enemy and the Americans on the East side of the North East River near the Big Bridge in New Hanover County in view of where the company to which this deponent and the aforesaid applicant belonged was stationed, in which the Americans were put to rout & Colonel Brown of Bladen wounded in the arm; that there was firing between the parties across the River a day or 2 previous to the skirmish aforesaid that the company marched from Duplin County to the Big Bridge aforesaid, thence down about Wilmington & on the sound, thence back to the Big Bridge and from thence to Kinston on Neuse where the company was disbanded and soon after this Cornwallis, & his Army, passed on Northwardly.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Jas Pearsall, Clk

S/ Bezzent Brock, X his mark

[Edward Outlaw and Bezzent Brock gave the standard supporting affidavit]

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1834

On this the 25th day of February 1834 before Stephen Graham, Richard Miller and James Lawson the worshipful Justices of the Court aforesaid personally appeared Samuel Goff to make

1 [Bezzant Brock S6722](#), this man's name is spelled Bezzant Brock in his application papers.

explanation of his original declaration and being duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say that he actually served the six months tour of minute service set forth in his declaration except 8 days when he was furloughed for that space of time – but for the residue of the term of six months he was and continued actual service under Captain James Love as he has stated in his declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ James Dickson, Clk

S/ Samuel Goff, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 22 days in the North Carolina militia.]