

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Job Goff W1752                      Zerviah Goff    RI [NY]  
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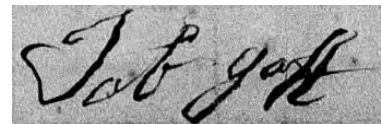
Virginia  
Harrison County

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the justices of the aforesaid county of Harrison in court now sitting Job Goff a resident of Booths creek Harrison County Va. aged 72 years 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 7, 1832

That he was born in the year 1760 in the county of Kent State of Rhodeisland [Rhode Island] That in the year 1777 he belonged to a company under the command of the following named officers, Benedict Colvin Capt, Robt Cook [Robert Cook] Lieut., John Colvin Ensign That said company was classed into three divisions which were called out alternately into the service, for the purpose of guarding the coast and to prevent the landing of hostile ships. That he continued to serve every third month for the term of three years to the best of his knowledge and belief. That he was occasionally under the command of Capt Green of the county and state aforesaid. That the company to which he belonged was some times attached to other companies and under the command of Major Isaac Johnson. He recollects to have seen General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] who was a resident of the same county. He was never directly engaged in any battle during his continuance in the service. That he never received a written discharge nor was it usual in that description of service. That in the year 1780 he removed with his father to Vermont State Bennington County from thence he removed to the county of Van rensalaer [sic: Rensselaer] in the state of New York 1782 soon after he entered the service again under Col John Abbott marched to Lake George remained there a short time and returned home From New York he removed to Harrison county Virginia where he now resides.

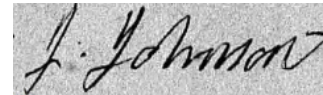
That he has no documentary evidence in his possession nor does he know of any living Witness in this State by whom he can prove the above services. that he is known to William A Harrison John J Allen William Johnson John Cathen George J Williams and various other persons residing in the neighbourhood to whom refference may be had.

That he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state  
Sworn and subscribed to this 21 day of August 1832



[Certified by Hamilton Goss, a clergyman, and Jedidiah Waldo. Certified for the court by Jacob Coplin, Justice of the Peace.]

I hereby certify that I am intimately acquainted with the within applicant Job Goff & from my knowledge of his respectable & pious habits, I have the most implicit confidence in his statements.  
Febry 19, 1833 [Joseph Johnson]



[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applicants in what is now West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote "Entitled" of this report.]

Job Goff, draws \$40

On the 19<sup>th</sup> July, Mr. Goff stated to the undersigned that he was in his 74<sup>th</sup> year of age. that he is a

native of Rhode Islan & remained there until he was 20 yrs old. that during the war of the revolution the Militia of Rhode Islan were divided in 3 classes – one class always in service – these classes served in monthly tours alternately – he himself was in service in this way for 3 years & upward. – he cannot detail his tours consecatively nor does he recollect the number of tours performed but of one thing he is confident that he was in actual service more than one year, he served und Capt. Benedict Colvin – Capt. Benjamin Green & others whose names he does not now recollect. In some of his service Isaac Johnson was adjutant – Mr. Goff is a man of good character W. G Singleton/ Nov. 20 1834

NOTES:

On 8 Nov 1849 Zerviah Goff, age 89 on 1 Jan 1849, applied for a pension stating that she married Job Goff in 1785, and he died on 8 Dec 1845. The statement was made before Waldo P. Goff as Justice of the Peace, and the application was forwarded by her son, Nathan Goff, to the Pension Commissioner, James L. Edwards. On 28 Dec 1849 her brother, Jedidiah Waldo, 77, certified the marriage before W. P. Goff.

On 5 May 1854 Nathan Goff of Clarksburg wrote to the then Commissioner of Pensions, Loren P. Waldo, that his mother was in good health and still retained her mental faculties, that his brother, John, lived on the “old Homested” and was then “quite sick with the Tifoid Fever,” and that “Doct. David Waldo has left for Missorie.”

On an application for bounty land dated 21 March 1855, Zerviah Goff stated that her name before marriage was Zerviah Waldo. On 2 Feb 1850 Waldo P. Goff certified the family records transcribed below, which were taken from Job Goff’s Bible and from a copy he had made 40 years previously from the Bible of John Waldo, father of Zerviah Goff.

John Waldo was born October the 8<sup>th</sup> 1728

Jemima his spouse was born Mach the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1729

Was Married March 12<sup>th</sup> 1751

Their Children was born as follows Viz

Phipps Waldo was born January the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1752 New Stele [New Style, Gregorian Calendar]

Olive Waldo was Born November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1753

Gamaliel Waldo was born August 29<sup>th</sup> 1755

Anna Waldo was born Nov the 24<sup>th</sup> 1757

Zerviah Waldo was born January 1<sup>st</sup> 1760

John Waldo Jun’r was born Jan the 15<sup>th</sup> 1762 [John J. Waldo, pension application S6321]

Daiel Waldo was born May th 24<sup>th</sup> 1764

Jemima Waldo was born May the 26<sup>th</sup> 1766

Jedidiah Waldo was born Oct th 19<sup>th</sup> 1772

Olive Waldo was Married to Peter Hartwell Dec th 13<sup>th</sup> 1774

Phipps Waldo died Jan th 18<sup>th</sup> 1776 Aged 23 years 11 months and 17 days

Gamaliel Waldo Married Dec th 19<sup>th</sup> 1779 To mary Gardner

Anna Waldo was married To Benjamin Wait Dec the 19<sup>th</sup> 1779

March the 9<sup>th</sup> 1781 Gamaliel Waldo moved to the Gore  
nund to [?]

Jemima Waldo was married to Henry Lake August the 1<sup>st</sup> 1784

Zerviah Waldo was Married to Job Goff Dec the 8<sup>th</sup> 1765

John Waldo was married to peace Bull Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1766

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1766 Daiel Waldo was married to Susanna Start february 20<sup>th</sup> 1792

Hery Lake moved to Shylers Lake July 97 [Henry Lake; Schuyler Lake in Otsego County NY]

Jedidiah Waldo was Married to Polly Porter Nov th 30<sup>th</sup> 1794

Job Goff was born Nov th 22<sup>nd</sup> old[?] 1760  
Zerviah his Spouse was born Jan th 1<sup>st</sup> N.S. 1760  
Their Children born as follows  
Jedidiah W. Goff was born oct the 10<sup>th</sup> 1786  
Abigail Goff born July the 14<sup>th</sup> 1788  
Jemima Goff was born Aug th 27<sup>th</sup> 1790  
Polly Goff was bor Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1793  
Waldo P. Goff was born february the 25<sup>th</sup> 1796  
Nathan Goff was born April th 2<sup>d</sup> 1798  
John Goff was born Sept th 21<sup>st</sup> 1800  
David Goff was born Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1804