

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rowland (Rollin) Gouch (Gooch) W7541 Milley Gouch f76NC  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina, Wake County: August Session 1834

Declaration of Rollin Gooch [sic] a revolutionary Soldier, made in open Court in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 1832.

He the said Rollin Gooch on oath saith that he was born in Amelia or Brunswick Counties Virginia – that there is no record of his age – and he can only speak from what his Father & Mother told him, both of whom have been long since dead – that from the best calculation he can make he is now Seventy five years old-- that he has been living in Wake County for upwards of fifty years – that he was living in said County of Wake when he entered into the revolutionary Service and has continued to live in said County ever since.

That when a boy, the year he cannot now recollect – he first went as a soldier from Wake County to Wilmington N. C. under Captain Phill Taylor [Philip Taylor] of Granville County, Dempsey Moore first Lieutenant & Elijah Moore Ensign-- was enlisted by his father for two years & a half – that he went to Wilmington, was in no battle, except to guard the Coast against the British – that General Clinton [presumably Sir Henry Clinton] had taken Wilmington but had left that place before his arrival – that he remained in actual service for Nine months, under Captain Taylor – That the troops were then ordered to the North – that he had a furlough signed by his Captain permitting him to return home – but it has long since been lost – he recollects ~~William~~ Moore as General & William Taylor as Colonel – but he does not recollect the Christian name of the General, that William Gooch his Brother took his place & went to the North where he died – that he went then into the militia Service under Captain Bryant [Cato Bryant] of Wake. That after meeting together – he was thrown under Captain Joseph Peoples also of Wake – he is not able [to] state the time – that he marched to Salisbury – thinks it was just after Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] – he was in no engagement but active as a guard – that he served his full tour of three months-- he was in Salisbury when the northern troops marched through – but does not recollect the name of their commander – we heard much talk about General Green [Nathanael Greene] though never saw him.

That he again served on other militia tour of three months – was drafted under Sean Perry a lieutenant – was one of Governor Burke's [Thomas Burke's] guard – that Governor Burke & Colonel Lighte [Colonel George Lytle] were taken prisoners at Hillsborough [Battle of Hillsborough, September 12, 1781]<sup>1</sup> – that he marched in pursuit of these prisoners for as far as Bluford's Bridge, a few miles from Wilmington – but was unable to cross – his Captain Aley High-- cannot now recollect the name of the Colonel [probably Herbert Haynes] – this was the [illegible word]<sup>2</sup> of his service – First a tour of nine months in place of his father John Gooch a soldier under Phill Taylor – he was

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hillsborough.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html)

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relieved by his Brother William Gooch who died in service – that he was 17 or 18 years of age when his Brother went off – as well as he can now state – Major Massey, Col. Allen Rogers – Thomas Beavers – live in his neighborhood.

This declarant hereby are relinquishes all claim to a pension, except the present – and that his name is not on any pension Roll whatever.

Sworn to and Subscribed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1834

S/ Rollin Gooch [sic]<sup>3</sup>



This Court here sitting do hereby declare it as their opinion, after examining the applicant – that the said Rolin Couch was a soldier of the Revolution & served as he states.

Dempsey Massey swears that he lives in the neighborhood of Rowland Gooch – that he has long known him & has always heard him spoken of as a revolutionary soldier & that he has always sustained a good character for truth.

S/ D. B. Massey

Alfred Beavers – being sworn concurs in the above & further that he has heard his father speak of Mr. Gooches [sic] services.

S/ Alf. Beavers

S/ B. S. King, C. C.

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State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Gouch a private in Colonel Taylor's Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted for the war, and was omitted in February 1778, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1834

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Gouch a private in Colonel Taylor's Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted for the war, and was omitted in February 1778, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1834

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Wake County: November the A.D. 1835

This day came Rowland Gooch Senior aged about 76 years of age before us Allen S Wynne & Allen Rogers two of the Justices of the peace for Wake County & State aforesaid and maketh the amendatory declaration upon oath in order to entitle him to the benefit of the Act of Congress to provide for the benefit of Revolutionary soldiers deposes and saith as follows.

That at about the age of sixteen years that his father John Gooch took him to the Holly Springs

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<sup>3</sup> Not clear whether or not this is the actual signature of the applicant or rather an indication that he signed with his mark

in Granville County North Carolina and there did enlist or put him in the place of some other person of which it is not recollected there rendezvoused under Captain Fill Taylor [Philip Taylor] from thence we marched to Wilmington North Carolina there we was attached to the Regiment of Colonel William Taylor from Wilmington we were marched by Brunswick to Fort Johnson near where the British lay at which place there was a slight engagement from thence we were marched to different places so as to meet the enemy which places I do not at this time remember we were marched back after 4 or 5 months to Wilmington my father John Gooch Drew pay for my services up to that time I was then advised to enlist during the war in order that I might receive the pay for my services which I accordingly did enlist myself for during the war under said Colonel William Taylor as well as I remember after which an express was sent from Charleston South Carolina for the troops to [march to] Charleston from Wilmington we marched on our way as far as the boundary line between North and South Carolina at which time after remaining there two or three days there came an express for us to go the North at which time I got a furlough to come by home and to rendezvous at Halifax at which place we accordingly met and there my brother William Gooch took my place and marched to the North and there died. I was enlisted by my father in the latter part of April or the first of May and my brother took my place at Halifax about the first the following March making the whole of my services up to that time ten months and I then returned home and after some time how long I do not recollect I was then drafted for three months tower and served under Captain Bryant his company being too large it was divided and I was put under Captain Joseph Peeples [Joseph Peoples] near Salisbury we were marched a little beyond Salisbury and stationed at the running branch there we remained stationed until Wallises [Cornwallis's] troops marched away from thence we routed about after the Tories and remained in and about Salisbury until discharged and came home after some time how long I do not remember I was again drafted for the term of three months at which time it fell to my lot to march to Burtons to Burtonsburg to guard Governor bucke [Thomas Burke] the magazine and rum under Lieutenant Sion Perry from Burtonsburg the Governor came to Harrisburg we accordingly marched with him there we remained a day or two from thence the governor marched to Hillsboro escorted by the horse guard I was left a foot guard to bring on the magazine and rum to Hillsborough Command by Lieutenant Sion Perry a little before we reached Hillsboro the town was taken by Cornwallis at which defeat I returned home as soon as we could be rallied we were commanded by Captain Alsey High and pursued the Tories from place to place where we were most needed until I was discharged making in all six months militia service and ten months in the regular Army this deponent further states that he was the son of John Gooch who was a soldier enlisted in revolutionary war and that he was also a brother of William Gooch who died in the Army and that if any declaration that has been made by him should differ from this it was through mistake and by miss recollection sworn to and subscribed before us the day and date 1<sup>st</sup> mentioned.

S/ Allen S. Wynne, JP

S/ Roland Gooch [sic], X his mark

S/ Allen Rogers, JP

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State of North Carolina Wake County

This day came Cyrus Davis<sup>4</sup> one of the Revolutionary Soldiers before us Allen Rogers & A. S. Wynne two of the Justices of the peace for Wake County & maketh oath as follows. That he has a perfect recollection of Roland Gooch Senior who has deposed to the above declaration, that he was with him at Holly Springs in Granville County when he was recorded as a Soldier that he marched with him to Wilmington as he has stated and did serve with him until I received a furlough to come by home to meet at Halifax to march to the North, that he is certain that he is the son of John Gooch as he has stated and that he believes that full credit should be paid to his oath. Sworn to & subscribed to this the

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<sup>4</sup> [Cyrus Davis S41500](#)

9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835

S/ Cyrus Davis, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Wake County

This day came Benjamin Gooch before us Allen Rogers & Michael Thompson 2 of the Justices of the peace for said County & maketh oath that he is the Brother of Roland Gooch Senior who made the above declaration & that he served in the Army as he understood that he was the son of John Gooch & that William Gooch was also a Brother of Roland Gooch & that full credit should be paid to the oath of Roland Gooch Senior. Sworn to and subscribed this 9 November 1835

S/ Benjamin Gooch, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Wake County

This day Thomas Ross<sup>5</sup> one of the Revolutionary Soldiers personally appeared before me Allen Rogers one of the Justices of the peace of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Wake County and made oath in due form of law that he is well acquainted with Rowland Gooch of Wake County & State of North Carolina and that he is well satisfied that the said Rowland Gooch did serve a three months Militia Tour [tour] directly after Gates defeat. That we marched together as far as the Yadkin [River], seven miles from Salisbury & there I was taken from the regular Army in pursuit of Tories while the said Rowland Gooch was continued with the Army we met again at Salisbury some time before we were discharged after serving three months. I do not remember the officers we served under but remember that we served in part under Colonel Williams & Colonel Little, other particulars, I do not Remember, But always understood that the said Roland Gooch did serve in the Regular Army to the North, sworn to and subscribed to before me the 25 day of September 1836

Test

S/ Allen Rogers, JP

S/ Thos. Ross

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State of North Carolina Granville County: September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1837

This day came before me Richard Sneed one of the Justices of the Peace for the said County the undersigned John Lock<sup>6</sup> and maketh upon oath the following amendatory declaration in order to obtain a pension for Rowland Gooch under the act of Congress made & provided for the benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers: – He deposeth and saith – that he himself entered the Army in June 1776, that he was well acquainted with Rowland Gooch, – that he was taken sick & had to leave the Army and it was some time before he returned in 1778 at which time Rowland Gooch was still in the Army, – that he was not acquainted with William Gooch – and cannot state why his name appears on the muster roll and his brother Rowland does not. – He is confident however that he was in the Army immediately before the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] and has frequently heard that Rowland was in those battles but to this he cannot testify as he was taken with the smallpox just before those battles and did not engage in them. Further this deponent sayeth that Colonel William Taylor commanded when he & Gooch marched together from Williamsboro to Wilmington – He does not know who were his immediate officers when he met with him again before the battles above named.

Before me this 5<sup>th</sup> September 1837

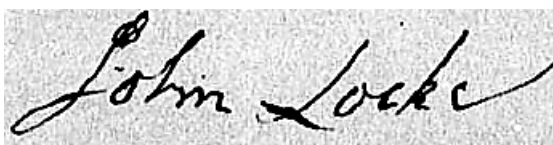
S/ Richard Sneed, JP

S/ John Locke

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<sup>5</sup> [Thomas Ross S4126](#)

<sup>6</sup> [John Lock S41782](#)



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State of North Carolina Wake County

This day came Cyrus Davis before me Allen Rogers one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Wake and maketh the Amendatory declarations upon oath in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress made and provided for the Benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers for the benefit of Rowling Gooch [sic] who after being duly sworn states as follows.

That he this day in conversation finds by reason of old age and infirmity & Frequent attacks of Fits that Rowland Gooch has lost his mind & Recollection so much not to be able to make a correct Statement of his Revolutionary Service that He is certain and has no doubt upon the Subject that the said Rowland Gooch was enlisted by his father under Captain Fill Taylor [Philip Taylor] for two years & half, that I have met with said Rowland Gooch at Holly Spring where we rendezvoused from there we marched to Wilmington North Carolina from there to Fort Johnson from Fort Johnson back to Wilmington & from there to Halifax, from thence to North, at George Town I well remember that the said Roland Gooch with myself was Nockulated [inoculated], from the thence the said Rowland Gooch to march with me to Head Quarters, where we joined the General army under General Washington, from thence the said Rowland Gooch with myself marched to New Jersey from thence back to Philadelphia, from Philadelphia to Scroal Kill [Schuylkill River] where we took up winter Quarters where we remained during the winter, from thence to New York the White Plains which ended the Service of two years & half. I well remember that the said Rowland Gooch enlisted first for the time of 2 years and a half which since I know he performed for I well remember that from the reason of his delicate health he acted as [indecipherable word]<sup>7</sup>. I well remember the circumstance of a small Joke which he was in the habit of tying to his waist [could be wrist] & the circumstance of his taking too much spirits at times. But always held on to his jug by securing it as aforesaid. I also remember that he enlisted for during the War, his father John Gooch also served with us during the time aforesaid, I do believe that the name of William Gooch instead of Rowland Gooch has occurred through mistake for I knew Rowland Gooch from his enlistment up to this day. I know him to be the same who served in the revolution. William Gooch I never knew you, nor never see him in Service nor do I think he ever served in the Army in fact I know he never did with me myself and John Lock a revolutionary soldier. Both concur in opinion upon the subject, we both think there a mistakement has occurred in the enrollment by writing William Gooch instead of Rowland Gooch who we know and am fully satisfied rendered the Service in the Revolution. I understand that Rowland Gooch had a brother by the name of William but never knew him and further this deponent sayeth not. Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 14 October 1837.

Witness

S/ Allen Rogers, JP

S/ Cyrus Davis, X his mark

[p 8: On February 22, 1845 in Wake County North Carolina, Millie Gooch, aged about 72 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Rowland Gooch; that her husband's brother William Gooch was enlisted in the war about the year 1776 but on account of his mother's choice that William Gooch should remain at home to work for the family, that Rowland Gooch went in his place and served nine months at Wilmington at which time he was taken sick and

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7 *William Gooch*

returned home; then William Gooch took his brother's place and died in the North while in service; that her husband served two tours of three months each in the militia; that she married Rowland Gooch in 1789 in Wake County North Carolina; that they were married by William Reaves Esquire; that her husband died in February 1843 and she remains his widow; that the register of her children's ages has been lost or mislaid; that she and her husband had twelve children the oldest, Elizabeth the affiant believes was born in 1790 and the rest of the dates she does not now recollect. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On February 22, 1845 in Wake County North Carolina, Temperance Jolly gave testimony that she is the sister of Rowland Gooch; that though young she has a distinct recollection of Rowland Gooch having served in the revolutionary war; that her father John Gooch and Brother Rowland Gooch went to Wilmington and served a tour of nine months during which time the affiant's brother William Gooch remained at home to work for the family; at the end of nine months her father John Gooch and Brother Rowland Gooch returned home where Rowland Gooch was taken sick with the pleurisy; that her father John and Brother William then went on to meet the Army at Halifax, William went on North and died of the smallpox; she remembers that her brother Rowland was subsequently drafted to serve two tours of three months each in the militia; that Rowland married Milley Smith in March 1789 and that her brother Rowland Gooch died February 17, 1843; and that Millie Gooch remains his widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 10: On February 22, 1845 in Wake County North Carolina, Lewis Carpenter, aged 87, gave testimony that he was acquainted with John Gooch and his son Rowland; that affiant lived a near neighbor to them; that they had the reputation of having served in the Revolutionary war; that affiant recollects that John Gooch about the year 1776 enlisted himself and son William for during the war and owing to William Gooch being the oldest son and the favorite of his mother, she prevailed on John Gooch to let William remain at home and to take Rowland into the service with him; that they went to Wilmington and served about nine months when Rowland Gooch returned home sick and William whose name appeared on the roll went to meet the Army at Halifax and he understood William died some year or 2 thereafter; that Rowland Gooch died in February 1843; that Rowland was married to Milley Smith in 1789; that Rowland and Milley had ten or twelve children to wit Elizabeth, William, Tempy, John, Mary, Sarah, Johnson, Dilley, Aggy, Willie, Loucy, Rowland, three of whom he understands to be deceased; that Milley Gooch remains a widow. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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Samuel Capple [sic]<sup>8</sup> a revolutionary soldier aged about 88 years of age who after being duly sworn states that he was well acquainted with Rowland Gooch who rendered service in the Revolutionary war. That William Gooch was enlisted by his father in the state of North Carolina in the revolutionary war, and that Rowland Gooch took his place in the commencement of the war and served about nine months at Wilmington after his service there William took his place and went on to the North and died: that he lived in one mile of Rowland Gooch when he first went into service and also when he returned and that he Rowland Gooch was the first regular I ever saw in a military dress, I saw him dressed in the same when leaving home and also when he returned; and that I am satisfied that he is the identical man that was under the reputation of serving in the war, and that he married one Milley Smith who is now his widow and have not since been married. Sworn to and subscribed to before me the day and date above written.

Witness

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<sup>8</sup> [Samuel Chappell \(Chapel\) W6671](#)

S/ Allen Rogers, JP

S/ Samuel Chappell, X his mark

[p 13: certified copy of a marriage bond issued March 21, 1789 in Wake County North Carolina to Rowland Gouch and William Ashby [could be William Ashley] conditioned upon the marriage of Rowland Gouch to Milly Smith. The certificate indicates that Rowland Gouch signed the document with his mark.]

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Raleigh N.C.  
Joseph's Office

I William J. Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts  
in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby  
certify that the name of Rowland Gooch  
appears upon the records of this office  
showing that a Certificate was issued in  
his favor for Military Service for  
Nine Months (9) in Book No 23 page 155  
also a payment of Ten Dollars and  
a half was paid him for Military  
Service as will appear in Book No 37  
page 44 Book No 3000 given under  
my hand and seal this 30 day of  
May 1845.

Wm J. Collins Comptroller

[p 16: On July 21, 1845 in Wake County North Carolina, Temperance Jolly, 73, gave testimony that she is the sister of Rowland Gooch husband of Millie Gooch; she restates almost word for word the same testimony she gave as is transcribed above. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]