

## **Pension Application for Amos Golding**

W.21189 (Widow: Betsey)

State of New York

County of Saratoga

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Saratoga now sitting at Ballston spa, Amos Golding a resident of the Town of Ballston in the said County of Saratoga and State of New York aged Seventy six 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1. To the question Where and in what year were you born? He answers & says. In North Castle in the County of West Chester & State of New York October 14<sup>th</sup> 1756.

2. To the question, Have you any record of your age; & if so, where is it? He answers & says it was recorded into his Father's Family Bible & Copied into his Family Bible now in his possession in Ballston Aforesaid.

3. To question 3<sup>rd</sup>, Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? He answers & says. He lived in the Town of Bedford in the County of Westchester in the State of New York, where he continued to live until the year 1806 when he moved into the Town of Malta in the County of Saratoga in said state where he lived about thirteen years, when he moved into the Town of Ballston in said County, where he has lived for the last eight years, and where he now lives.

4. To the question, How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? For whom? He answers and says that he resided in the Town of Bedford in the County of Westchester and State of New York when.

In 1775 he enlisted & entered into the service of the United States as a private under Captain Hezekiah Gray & Lieutenant Mills in Colonel Hammond's Regiment of New York State Troops and served from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1775 until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1775. Three months the fall of his term enlistment and he also served as a volunteer under the aforesaid for two months, from the said 15<sup>th</sup> of July until the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1775 in manner as follows, immediately after his said Enlistment he with the said company under the command of Captain Gray aforesaid.

Marched to Harlaem that he with his said company about 60 men & the said Regiment about 360 men in all were employed in Building Fort Minute where he continued on fatigue & on guard under the aforesaid officers until the term of his said Enlistment was fully ended when he received and an Honorable Discharge signed by the Adjutant of the Regiment aforesaid his name was some thing like Hamilton—he does not distinctly recollect the name, the said discharge was dated 15 July 1775 & was consumed in Peter Lyon's House at North Castle in the County of West Chester aforesaid at the time in the same county was destroyed by the enemy in 79 that immediately after his discharge as aforesaid at the request of the said Lieutenant \_\_\_Mills who commanded the said company after Captain Gray returned home sick.

He served as a voluntary private on Fatigue & on guard as aforesaid for the term of two months making in all Five months including the term of his said enlistment and was on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1775 dismissed by the said Lieutenant of September 1775 dismissed by the said Lieutenant Mills at Fort Minute aforesaid of the aforesaid services he has no documentary evidence during the aforesaid period, he served under the following named officers to wit, the said Colonel Hammond, Captain Gray, Lieutenant Mills, Adjutant Hamilton or Hammond & they are all dead, long since, and that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said services or any part thereof except Dennis Wright of Balston & James Weeks of Malta whose depositions are hereto annexed—

There were no continental or other Troops connected with, or stationed at or near Fort Minute during the term aforesaid. That he resided at the Town of Bedford aforesaid when he enlisted and entered into the service of the Revolution as a private under Capt. Sackett in Colonel Ludington's Regiment of New York State Troops at Bedford aforesaid for the term of six months he entered the service aforesaid in April 1777 and served as a private aforesaid until October following and the period of his said enlistment was expired as follows to wit, immediately after his said enlistment he joined the said company at Bedford aforesaid and marched to a place called Youngs in the County of West Chester in the State of New York and there joined Colonel Luddington's Regiment and served on guard a few days from there marched to TarryTown in said county with the said Regiment in order to guard the lines to prevent the Cowboys and refugees from plundering the Inhabitants from Tarry Town returned to Youngs aforesaid where the enemy made an attempt to capture the said regiment.

That he with the said Regiment retreated to Reuben Wrights Mills above White Plains in the County of Westchester aforesaid, about the time of the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga and from there marched to Crom Pon in the state of New York aforesaid, continued at Crom Pon aforesaid doing duty as a private aforesaid until the full period of his said enlistment was expired when he was dismissed by his said Captain Sackett at Crom Pon aforesaid he served under the aforesaid officers during the aforesaid term of six months and that there was no other regiment joined with the said Regiment to which he belonged during the aforesaid term (of service of except that General Stark's Brigade which said service he has no documentary evidence) don't recollect any other officer of General Starks Brigade except that of the General – there was no other Militia Troops or State or other troops except as aforesaid.

That he resided at the Town of Bedford in the County of West Chester in the State of New York. When in February 1779 he enlisted into the company of Calvary raised by Captain Familiar in Colonel Honeywells Regiment at Bedford aforesaid for during the War, and he performed duly as a private in said Company under the aforesaid officers until the close of the war, in manner following—That immediately after he according to the conditions of his said enlistment furnished for that service a Horse, sword, Pistols, and all other necessary equipments. The said Regiment under Col. Honeywell was raised in order to keep guard at Bedford and New Castle on the lines against the daily and nightly depredations of the enemy by the terms of our

enlistment we were bound to constant service—and to go on scouts and alarms when called on by our officers. That guard was kept night and day and that he stood on guard at all times in his regular term except when he was out on scouting after the cowboys &c.

That he served in this way from the time of his first enlistment aforesaid until the close of the war that in the month of June in the year of 1783 when the said regiment was dissolved and was dismissed by Captain Familiar at Bedford aforesaid—he recollects that General Arnold with his Brigade was stationed at Bedford near out Troops does not recollect the name or names of any other officers in said Brigade he has no documentary evidence of said services that he served in manner aforesaid from February 1779 until June 1783 & was in Constant actual service for at least six months in each year under the command of the said Capt. Familiar in manner Stated above.

He further states that at the commencement of the Revolutionary War he was enrolled in the Militia of Westchester County in the State of New York commanded by captain David Hobby in the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas and that he served as a private in said company during the War of the Revolution in guarding the lines in scouting on alarms when called on by his said Captain Hobby—excepting while in actual service as above stated.

General Arnolds Brigade was at Bedford in the year 1779—does not recollect the names of any of his officers.

5. To the question, state the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops when you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. He answers & says. He can answer no further than he has already answered herein.

6. To the question did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? He answers and says He did, it was given by Adjutant Hammond at Fort Minute in July 1775 as stated above at No 1, & also in 1777 he rec'd a discharge at Fort Minute but does not recollect who signed it they were both consumed by the fire at Westchester County—as before stated.

That he resided at the Town of Bedford in the County of Westchester in the state of New York when he enlisted and entered into the service of the United States for the term of one year in the month of April in the year 1776 at the town of Bedford in the County of Westchester in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Capt. Hezekiah Gray in the regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Hammond in the line of the State of New York on the continental establishment or New York State Troops and that he continued to serve in the said corps for the period of one year in manner following, he enlisted at the time and place aforesaid under the aforesaid Hezekiah Gray—some time after his said enlistment to the best of his recollection ten for fifteen days he marched to Kingsbridge with his company under the command of the said Capt. Hezekiah Gray—and were there joined to our Regiment and employed in building Fort Minute on Haerlem Point and continued to work on the same until it was completed being about three months, and then were ordered and marched to Fort

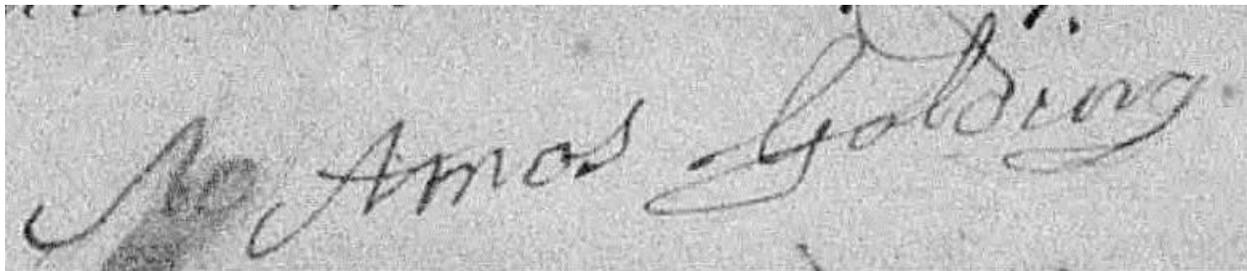
Washington in the County of Westchester aforesaid and were employed in completing the building of the Fort at which place we continued about two months laboring on and about the Fort when our company was ordered and returned back to Fort minute to keep garrison where I continued with my company in the aforesaid regiment until the expiration of my said enlistment—doing military duty (as a private) and at Fort Minute in the County of Westchester and state of New York aforesaid received an Honorable Discharge from the service sometime in the month of April 1777 which said discharge was signed by –he does not recollect whom and returned home which said discharge was consumed by fire at North Castle in the County of West Chester when Bedford was destroyed by the enemy in 1778 or 9.

That in May 1826 under the Act of March 18, 1818 then a resident of the United States in the Town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga & State of New York he made application for a Pension under the aforesaid act—which said application was rejected, that it did not appear that Colonel Hammond was on the Continental line, he served the term aforesaid as will appear by his declaration on file in the Department of War.

That during the aforesaid term of service of one year under Captain Gray in Colonel Hammond's Regiment there was not continental or other troops Joined to or near the said Regiment and that he was not during that period acquainted with any Continentals either officers or soldiers except the Regiment to which he belonged.

7. To the question state the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. He answers and says the names of Matthias Swain, Dennis Wright, Joseph Ogden, Garrit Bogert, James Clark & Aaron Nash.

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

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Amos Goldring". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid in open court. Wm. L. Goodrich

His children:

Coles, born April 22, 1791.

Phobe, born October 17, 1792.

Abigail, born August 22, 1794.

Sarah, born July 18, 1796.

Robert, born October 2, 1798.

John, born June 17, 1801.

Amanda born September 19, 1802.

William born June 9, 1804.

Lenard, born December 19, 1806.

Coles married Betsey Feb'y 20, 1810, she was born February 22, 1790, their children were;

Polly, born September 25, 1811, died March 19, 1812.

Marey Ann, born August 8, 1813.

Morrilla born January 19, 1816.

Worrin born April 16, 1818.

Amanda, born January 23, 1820.