

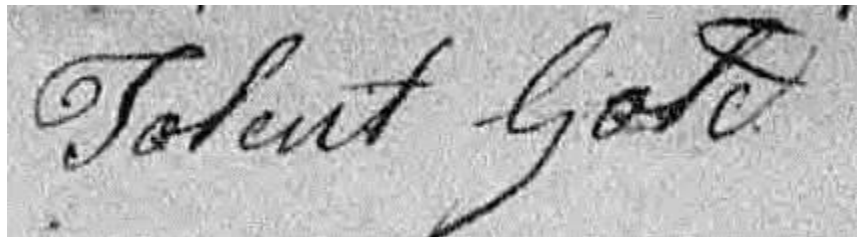
Pension Application for Tolcut Gold

S.44168

Allegany County
State of New York

On this twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in said County personally appears Tolcut Gold aged sixty years resident the town of Friendship in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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".

That he the said Tolcut Gold enlisted into the naval service of the United States on board of the Alliance of thirty six guns commanded by Captain John Barrey for twelve months in the year seventeen hundred and eighty that he continued to serve on board of the said ship about ten months and a half and was there taken sick & had permission to go home & did not return again and while on board of said ship he went to Lorient in France to carry Col. Lawrence Genl Washington[‘s] Aide e camp and on his return he was in the battle of the Grand-banks fought between the said ship and and [sic] two British sloops of war viz, Antelantic & Trapapa that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need some assistance of the country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tolcut Gold". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

Sworn to and declares before me the day & year aforesaid. Philip Church, First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Letter in folder dates September 14, 1908, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your communication dated the 4th and received the 8th inst., requesting the Revolutionary War record of Tolcut Cold for Mr. William N. Powers, the Librarian of south Dakota State College, Brookings, S.D., you are advised that from the Papers in pension claim Inv. File 44,168, it appears Tolcut Gold enlisted in November or December, 1780 as a Midshipman and served ten and one-half months on board Capt. John Barry's ship "Alliance" in the U.S. Navy; conveyed Colonel Joohn Laurens to L'Orient, France, and on the return was in engagement with the British vesssels "Atlanta" and Trepassy" off the Grand Banks.

He was allowed pension for eleven months' service on an application executed June 24, 1818 at which time he was sixty years of age and a resident of Friendship,

Allegany Co., N.Y. In 1820 he mentioned his wife aged fifty-seven years (name not stated) and daughter Polly aged eighteen years. No further family data.

The date of his death is not show.