

Pension Application for John Gott

W.25636 (Widow: Sarah)

B.L.Wt.19761-160-55

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this 22 day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Medad a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Columbia John Gott a resident of the town of Austerlitz County of Columbia and State of New York, aged 70 years, who after being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act on [sic] Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In 1777 in the forepart of the month of July he was drafted and organized at Greenbush under Capt. John Salisbury, Lieut John Muncey, Ensign John Calendar, Orderly Sergeant Nathaniel Curtis—Colo. William Whiting, Lieut. Color. Asa Waterman from thence crossed the Hudson River into Albany, thence marched to Fort Edward, whilst at this was on guard and on duty as a private almost every day in removing ammunition and provisions &c., from Fort George to Fort Edward.

Thence with the American Army retreated to Moses Creek thence to Snute's kill near this place his much esteemed Lieut John Muncy was mortally wounded by a shot from the enemy whilst on a scout thence retreated to Stillwater, thence to Sarratoga [Saratoga] here this applicant had the measles, he well recollects that the night before the pustules made their appearance, he lay all night under a waggon during the night a rain fell which running through the waggon left him in a puddle of mud, and water, in the morning he was put in a cart and carried and left in an uninhabited house and there left for three days without the attendance of Physician and for most of the time other attendance after recovering from what his sickness he was taken by his officer if he could get home to go, he accordingly returned home which was about 43 miles from his officer if he could get home to go, he accordingly returned home which was about 43 miles from his residence which was in Kings district Albany County and [blot] of New York, now town of Austerlitz County of Columbia and State of New York after his return he was unable to leave the house for at least a week, he arrived at his residence about the first of October the remaining part of the company recruited with him & soon after the surrender of the British Army to the American which was the 17 October 1777 he was out during the campaign as he verily believes 3 months.

In 1778 about the first of August was drafted on a month tour, under Capt. John Salsbury, he thence went to Albany thence to Schenectada [early spelling of Schenectady] thence to Cherry Valey [Valley], then under the command of Colo. Alden and Colo. Stacy, he helped build the fort, it was named or Christened as the terms it whilst he was there recollects it from the firing from the block fort whilst he was nearly under the muzzle of the guns not knowing that the firing was to take place which some what stared him—The fort was named Alden in honor of the Colo who

superintended the building or erection of the Fort—he recollects it was the time of green corn when he was there for he got some which he thinks was or must be some time in the month of September in which month he returned home this tour of service as he verily believes was 1 month.

In 1779 in the fore part of the month of October was drafted for three months under Captain Ebenezer Cady in Colo. Asa Waterman's Regiment of militia he was organized at Fishkill, did duty as a private, other regiments stationed there Colo Heathorn's Colo. Graham's and Colo Dubois' he served his term of service out or until he was dismissed which was he verily believes.

3 months.

In 1780 in the month of October some time the fore part was called out or detached on an alarm he was organized at the Village of Spencertown so called under Capt. John Salsbury Colo. William whiting Lieut. Colo Asa Waterman, went to Albany thence to Schenectady staid over night billeted out, in the morning marched to what was then called Warren's-bush as he thinks, came in sight of the fires caused by the Indians and Refugees burning hay, grain, houses, barns, sties, and every thing almost, that would burn, that the enemy could lay their lands on, they shot cattle in the field, hogs in the pen &c, the next day a little before sunset he with the detachment came in sight of the enemy who were retreating an action commenced but the firing soon eased in a measure from the enemy's retreating, he this applicant fired seven rounds as he things and believes, darkness soon put an end to the pursuit for that night; had pursued them as he thinks near the Mohawk River, thence were ordered back and did go back about 3 miles the next morning pursued the enemy past Fort Herkimer towards Oneida Lake till the enemy got aboard of the boats, thence returned to Fort Herkimer where he tarried sometime whilst some were permitted to return home, was there on guard and duty at the fort for about 5 weeks and then dismissed was out in the term of service from the commencement to the time he was dismissed one & half month (1 ½ month).

In 1781 in the fore part of October was drafted Capt. John Salsbury, Colo Asa Waterman after organization he went to Sarratoga [Saratoga] was there on guard and other duties of a soldier and finding no to fight, returned home about 1 month from the time he left it.

(1 month)

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department.

1. He saith he was born in the town of Hebron County of Hartford and State of Connecticut in the month of March 1762.

2. He has none other Record of his age than that transmitted to him by his parents.

3. He lived in Kings district County of Albany and Colony of New York, (now town of Austerlitz County of Columbia & State of New York) not to exceed two miles from his present residence when called into service and where he has resided ever since the war.

4. He was called into service by draft in all the terms of service or campaigns.

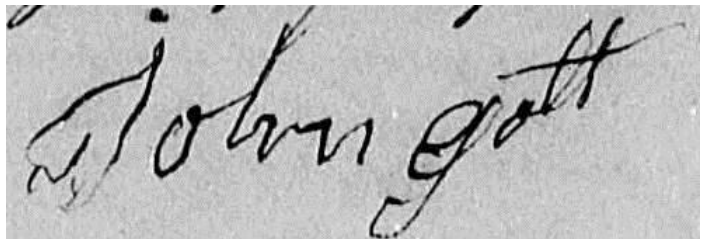
5. He in the first term of service, saw General Schuyler General Arnold and General Gates. In 1778 saw Colo Alden & Colo Stacy. In 1779 saw Colo Graham, Colo Debois and Colo Heathorn. In 1780 saw militia officers General VanRenssalaer, Colo. John McKinstry, Major Hoes, Colo David Pratt and Major Jacob For. In 1781 he saw Militia Colo Asa Waterman and none other the being the commanding officer at that place.

6. He never received a written discharge as he recollects of but was honorably dismissed and told to return home.

7. He is known to David Ford and Jesse Maxfield who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his being a soldier of the Revolution.

He this applicant does not know of any others by whom he can prove his services than those whose depositions are herewith attached, after making and using all due diligence in search of such proof and has no documentary evidence to prove his services.

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

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "John Gott" and is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The ink is dark, and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Medad Butler

Letter in folder dated November 15, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.25636, based upon service of John Gott in the Revolutionary War.

John Gott was born in March 1762 in Hebron, Hartford County, Connecticut; the names of his parents were not given. At the time of the Revolutionary War, he lived in King's District, Albany County, New York, later Austerlitz, Columbia County, New York.

John Gott enlisted and served as private on different tours in the New York troops, shown as follow: from early in July 1777, three months in Captain John Salsbury's company, Colonel William Whiting's regiment, engaged first at Fort Edward and Fort George, and later near Saratoga; in August 1778, one month in Captain John Salsbury's company, a part of the time at Cherry Valley; from early in October 1779, three months in captain Ebenezer Cady's company, colonel Asa Waterman's regiment; from October 1780, about six weeks in Captain John Salsbury's company, during which he went in pursuit of the Indians who were burning homes and grain, and exchanged fire with them; and in October 1781, one month in Captain John Salsbury's company, on guard at Saratoga, New York.

The soldier continued to live in Austerlitz, Columbia County, New York.

John Gott was allowed pension on his application executed October 22, 1832, at which time he resided in Austerlitz, New York. He died there March 20, 1838.

The soldier married October 15, 1781, Sarah Rowland, the daughter of John Rowland, who lived in King's District, Albany County, New York; they were married at her father's home.

Sarah Gott, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed March 10, 1840, at which time she was aged seventy-four years; she resided then in Austerlitz, New York. She applied April 3, 1855 for the bounty land which was due under the Act of March 3, 1855 on account of her husband's service in the Revolutionary War; she resided then in Austerlitz, New York. Warrant #19761 for 160 acres of bounty land was issued in her behalf. She died July 31, 1858.

In 1840, Story Gott, a brother of the soldier, John Gott, was a resident of Austerlitz, New York, aged seventy-four years; he stated then that he and Fanny Woolcott were attendants at the marriage of his brother and Sarah Rowland.

In 1840, Nicholas Rowland, Sarah's brother, was a resident of Austerlitz, New York, aged seventy years; he was present at the marriage of his sister to John Gott.

There are no further data pertaining to the family of this soldier.