

Pension Application for John Gould

S.10754

State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this twenty ninth day of December 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New York, now sitting John Gould, a resident of the said City, County and State of New York, aged seventy five 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 7th 1832.

The he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: viz. some time in the month of May of June (according to the best of his recollection) in the year 1776 he enlisted as a volunteer for the term of six months in the militia of the State of New York in a Company commanded by Captain _____Rogers, in Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment, which formed a part of the Brigade of New York State Militia under the command of Brigadier General John M. Scott, that during this period he acted as Orderly Serjeant.

That at the expiration of the six months for which he had enlisted he was discharged at Haverstraw, in the present County of Rockland, in the State of New York, some time in the month of November or December (as he thinks) 1776.

That immediately after his said discharge he again enlisted for the term of twelve months in an independent company commanded by Captain Samuel Delavan, in which company Daniel Delavan (at present residing some where in the County of Westchester, State of New York (as he is informed) was commissioned as a Lieutenant.

That he the said John Gould was born at Huntington on Long Island in the State of New York on the sixth day of January 1757, as appears from the record of his age in his family Bible which he has at his residence No. 245 Water Street. That he resided at Huntington in the County of Suffolk in the State of New York, at the time he first entered the service.

That after the war he resided for a year or two in North Salem in Westchester County, but that for the last forty two years he has resided in the City of New York. That he entered the service as a volunteer—that he does not remember the names of any of the regular officers, attached to the companies with which he served except as herein stated.

That when on the lines in Westchester County in the winter of 1776-1777 he does not remember any continental regiments or companies being there, and that Major Nicholas Fish was to the best of his recollection the only officer of the regular army at that time on the lines.

That after he entered the service his company came from Westchester County to the City of New York and he was billeted in Beaver Street; the company then went to Long Island, and was there engaged on the lines—that in the latter part of August they returned to New York which place they soon evacuated viz sometime in the month of

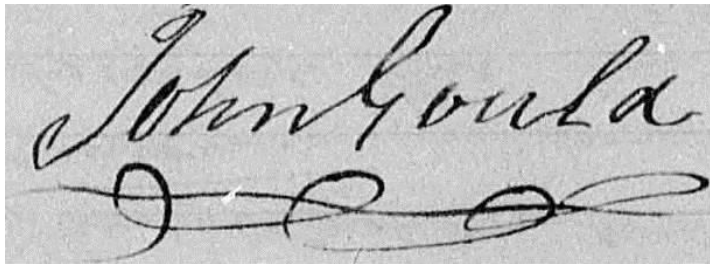
September 1776 and then removed into Westchester County, from which they withdrew to Haverstraw, where is first term of enlistment expired.

That Delavan's Company was in the winter of 1776-1777 on the lines in Westchester County; that while there the said company was on the 16th day of March (as he thinks) engaged in an action at Williams Bridge with a part of the British under the command of Major Campbell; and on the evening of the same day in another action at Wards house, in which Maj'r Campbell was killed, that at this latter engagement this petitioner received two wounds, one of which deprived him of a finger of his left hand, and the other broke the bridge of his nose.

That this petitioner was present on the Danbury expedition, tho' not yet sufficiently recovered from his wounds to take an active part; that he was present at the engagement at Bridgefield in which Co. Wooster was killed. That he thinks he received a discharge at the expiration of his term of service, tho' he has either lost or mislaid it, nor does he remember by whom it was given.

That Daniel Delavan above named, has a knowledge of his person service, & could testify to the same, but that as he is informed, the said Daniel Delavan is in a very weak state of body, and utterly unable to appear in Court. That Abraham Leggett of the City of New York, also can testify to his service. That the said John Gould is acquainted with the above named Abraham Leggett & Nicholas Fish and with Samuel Kellogg and William Shaddock of the said City.

And the said John Gould 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 the agency of any state.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Gould". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. Below the name, there are several decorative flourishes consisting of loops and swirls.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Abm. Asten Clerk Com.
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