

William Goff

My patriot ancestor, William Goff, Sr. was born in 1761 in Duplin County, North Carolina and died about 1847 in Jefferson/Madison County, Florida. He served nine (9) different tours during the Revolution.

William's first tour began in 1778 at age 18. He served with Captain Lanier under General Butler and Colonel Johnston. This tour was for five (5) months as a volunteer where he participated in the Battle at Stono Ferry (June 20, 1779) and with Colonel Archibald Lytle and Major Picketham Eaton who were Continental officers of South Carolina.

His second tour was as a Lieutenant in Captain William Rutledge's Horse Company that marched through North and South Carolina and joined General Francis Marion's Company at different times, serving six (6) months.

The third tour was in Captain King Vann's Company under General James Kenan, serving for three (3) months.

His fourth tour was as a Lieutenant in Captain William Kenan's Horse Company under General James Kenan, serving three (3) months.

William's fifth tour was under Captain Rutledge in the Horse Company where Captain Rutledge was killed by the British near Wilmington, North Carolina. This tour was for three (3) months.

His sixth tour was as a Lieutenant in Captain Robert Merritt's Company of Cavalry, serving three (3) months.

The seventh tour was in Captain Kenan's Horse Company, serving three (3) months.

William's eighth tour was serving as a beef drover for the Army, serving four (4) months.

His ninth and final tour was in Colonel Thomas Bludworth's Company for two (2) months.

In total he served for 32 months: 5 months as a volunteer footman and 27 months as a Lieutenant horseman. His Commission was signed by General James Kenan.

American Revolution Pension Application

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In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress 7th June 1832

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On this tenth day of March 1834, personally appeared before the
Judge of the probate Court now sitting in open Court William Goff sen
a resident of the United States in the County of Jackson and State
of Mississippi aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn accor-
ding to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order
to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed
June the 7th 1832, that he entered the services of the United States under
the following named Officers and served as herein stated, in the revolu-
tionary war between the United States and England.

- 1st with Capt Lanier under Gen^l Butler and Col Johnston he entered
the service in the year of 1778, served five months as a volunteer
was in the battle at Stono and served with Col Lightle and Major
Eaton Continental officers in South Carolina that he resided in
the County of Duplin North Carolina - -
- 2^d Tour as a Lieutenant in Captain Rutledge's horse company and
marched through North and South Carolina and joined Gen^l
Mann's company at different times, six months Tour
- 3^d Tour as a Capt in Capt Evans company under General Keenan three
months Tour.
- 4th Tour as a Lieut in Capt Keenan's horse company under Gen^l
Keenan three months Tour - -
- 5th Tour under Capt Rutledge's horse company in which
Captain Rutledge was killed by the British near Wilmington
North Carolina three months Tour.
- 6th Tour as a Lieut in Capt Morris's company of Cavalry three months
Tour.
- 7th Tour in Capt Kingham's horse company three months Tour
- 8th Tour served as a beef drawer for the army four months Tour
by the order of the General - - -