

Revolutionary War Records: The Miscellaneous File

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We are familiar with the Revolutionary War pension records, but are you familiar with the American Revolutionary War Records known as the Manuscript File? Actually the whole title is National Archives microfilm # M859—Miscellaneous Numbered Records in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775—1790's. These files contain important information often about men whose names can not be found in other records. The subject matter mainly concerns services performed by individual military officers and enlisted men; settlement of pay and other accounts; operations of several large staff departments of the Continental Army responsible for supplying and paying troops, including pay, accounts of supplies received and delivered; certificates of non-indebtedness; commissions; letters sent about military operations between military staff departments to and from subordinates and civil officers and private citizens about departmental matters (i.e., military orders, oaths of allegiance and office, powers of attorney); receipt for supplies; resignations; returns of supplies; personnel; and statements of service performed by individuals.

These files were originally numbered from 1 to 50208 but only about 35,500 discrete numbered documents, from one to several pages may be included in one numbered item. Fortunately these miscellaneous manuscripts are indexed—there are 125 microfilm rolls of numbered documents and another 39 rolls of index.

Seventeen Goff/Gough listings appear in the index; however, in researching the numbered documents I found Goffs listed before and after the actual papers I was seeking. Index citations are:

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| 1. Goff
Captn North's Company
Book 38, p. 141 | 2. Oliver Gofe
Col. Harpers Regt., NY
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| 3. Isreal Gorf, Soldier
Book # 45, p. 39 | 4. John Goff, Soldier
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| 5. John Goff
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(QM. Gen. Dept.) 29424, p. 15 | 6. John Goff
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| 7. John Goffee
Selectmen of Derryfield, NH
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Capt. Jonath p. ? Ear ? Co.
Col. Albert Pawling Rgt., NY Private
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| 9. John Gough
Col. Jos. Glover's Regt. Of Foote SC
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See manuscript 31083 | 10. Joseph Goff
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| 11. Mary Goff
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Witness NY
Manuscript 8112 |
| 13. Richd Goff SC
Manuscript 31085 | 14. Roswell Goff
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15. Saml Goff
Manuscript 17612
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17. Wentall Goff
d. ?

Manuscript 26771, p. 7; 28623, p. 6; 28674, p. 6; 28675, p. 10

16. Sam Goff
Conn.
Manuscript No. 160

The following are examples of what is in the manuscripts:

In manuscript 371, for Joseph Goff, Col. Seth Warner's Reg., Conn. (microfilm roll 2—3691/2—770), "Joseph Goff late of Col. Seth Warner's Regiment—CT.

By bals. To be Certifyed as Interest from 1 Janry 1782—97.78
By balance to be certifyed as Int. from 1 Janry 83— 80..
By balance to be certifyed as int. from me 2 Nov 83— 67.33
Accountants Office July 13, 1792 Settled in pursuance
of Act of the ?five Session of the Second Congress of the US,
passed the 27th March last.

(signed) Joseph Flowers Acct.

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No. 277

Jos. Goff

Connecticut Line

Settled July 13, 1792

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Also, manuscript 12438, vol. 2, p. 68 (microfilm roll 38—12087-12439), not in index, but found accidentally while searching for Oliver Gofe, is for Joseph Goff.

"Sir please to pay James Bryan all my pay in Col^o harper Regt. Of Series and this shall be a sufficent voucher for the same.

Witness Zacharie Low

his

(signed) Joxeph X Gooff

mark

pay the within to Mathew holiday

Nov 17 1784

it Being for value Rec

Joseph Goff

James Bryan

to

James Bryan

Oliver Gofe is indexed Manuscript # 12437, but was found # 12439, vol. 2, p. 68.

"Warrenborough October 12 1781

Sir pleas to pay to Archibald Harper the amount Dew me for five months and five days Servis don in Colo Harpers Ridgement as a Corprell—Except one pound five for which I have allrady given an order for

To Leut and paymaster
Isaac Parks—?Stinraby
witness

Wm. Harper

Oliver Gofe

to

Archd Harper

Capt. Vromans

his

Oliver X Gofe

mark