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GOFF, SAMUEL, *continued.*
from militia to serve at Rhode Island for 4 weeks in a regiment under Capt. Samuel Fisher; travel allowed to and from camp at Providence; *also*, Capt. Israel Hicks's co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's regt.; enlisted Aug. 1, 1780; discharged Aug. 5, 1780; service, 5 days, on an alarm at Tiverton, R. I.

GOFF, SIMEON, Rehoboth. Private, Capt. Samuel Bliss's co., Col. Timothy Walker's regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 28, 1775; service, 3 mos. 11 days; *also*, company return dated Oct. 6, 1775; *also*, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Roxbury, Oct. 26, 1775.

GOFF, SIMEON. Drummer, Capt. Carpenter's co., Col. Simeon Cary's regt., Gen. John Fellows's brigade; list of men stationed at New York and White Plains for 5 months and dismissed Dec. 1, 1776.

GOFF, SIMEON. Private, Capt. Ichabod Wade's (Light Infantry) co., Col. George Williams's regt.; service, 21 days; company stationed at Tiverton Oct. 7, 1777. Roll sworn to at Rehoboth, Feb. 10. 1778.

GOFFE, JAMES. Seaman, brigantine "Hawke," commanded by Capt. Jonathan Oakes; engaged May 3, 1777; service, 1 mo., with the fleet under Commodore John Manley. Roll sworn to in Middlesex Co.

GOFFE, JOHN. Private, Capt. Lemuel Clap's (1st Dorchester) co., Col. Benjamin Gill's regt.; enlisted June 13, 1776; discharged June 16, 1776; service, 3 days.

GOFFE, LOVEL. Private, Capt. Nathaniel Ide's co., Col. Carpenter's regt.; enlisted Aug. 13, 1779; discharged Sept. 12, 1779; service, 1 mo.; company detached from militia to serve at Rhode Island for 4 weeks in a regiment under Capt. Samuel Fisher; travel allowed to and from camp at Providence.

GOFFE, SIMEON. Drummer, Capt. James Hills's co., Col. Williams's regt.; service from Sept. 29, 1777, at Tiverton; reported "enlisted out Oct. 9, 1777." Roll sworn to at Rehoboth.

GOFFS, EZRA. Drummer; pay roll for 6 months men raised by the town of Rehoboth for service in the Continental Army during 1780; marched to West Point July 7, 1780; discharged Dec. 25, 1780; service, 5 mos. 28 days, travel included.

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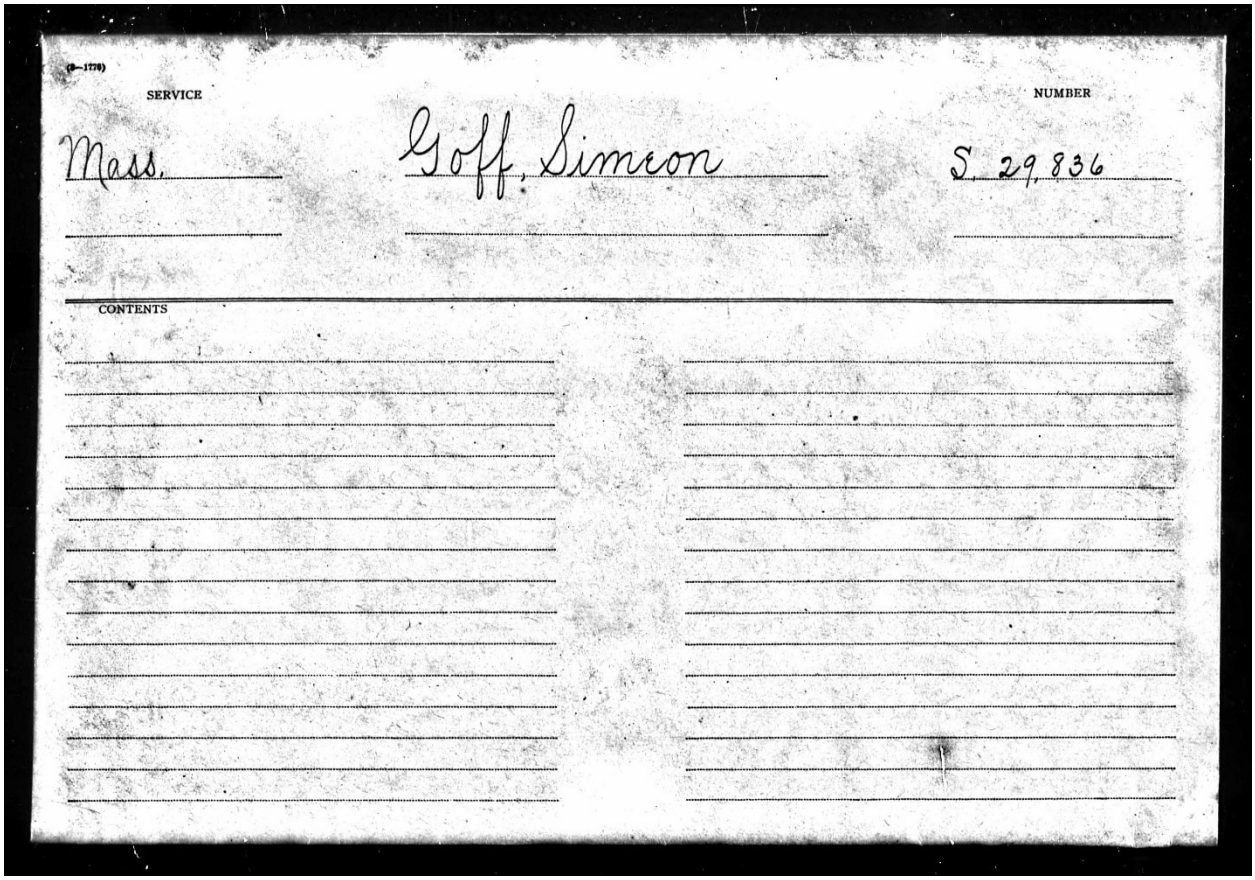

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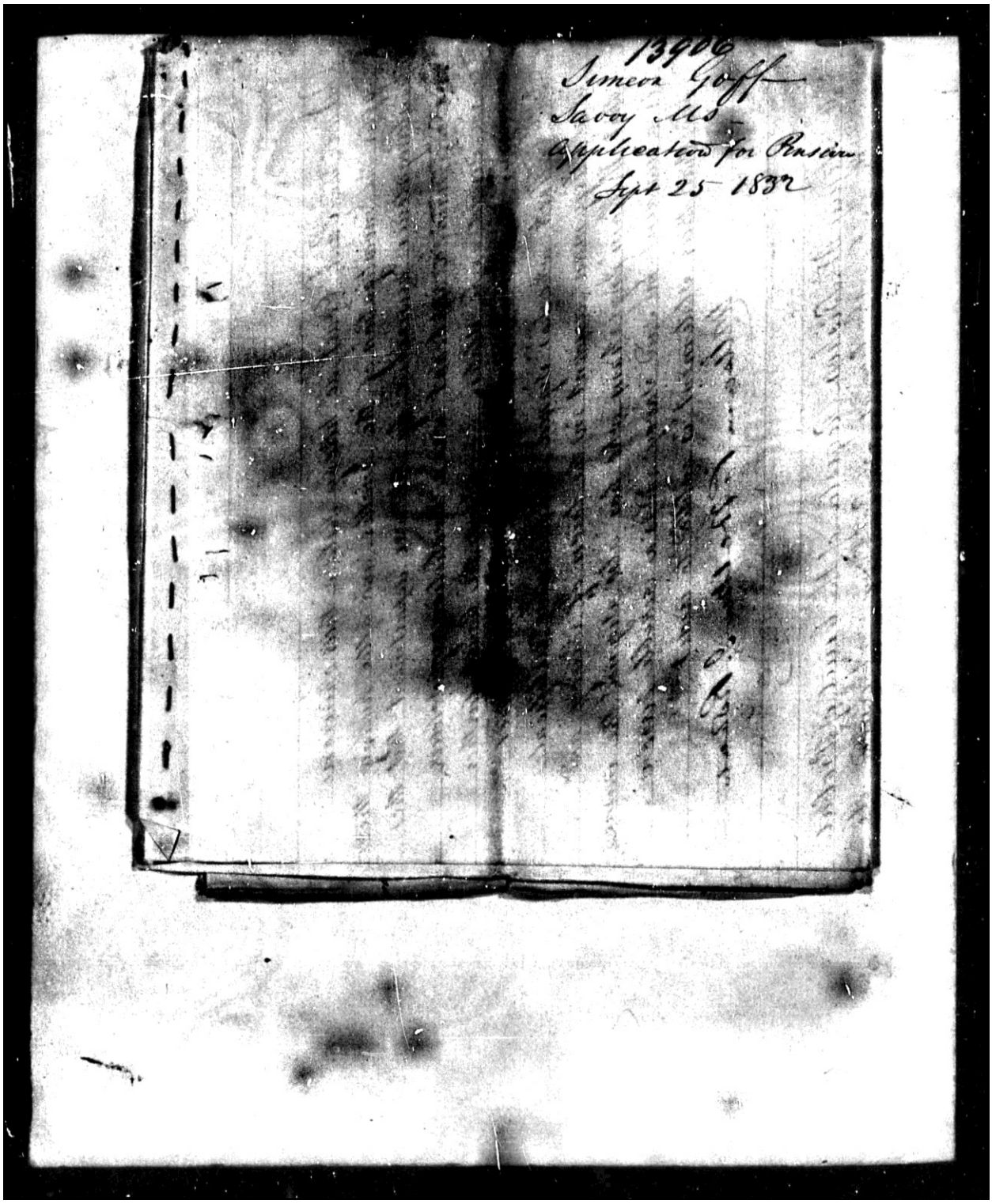

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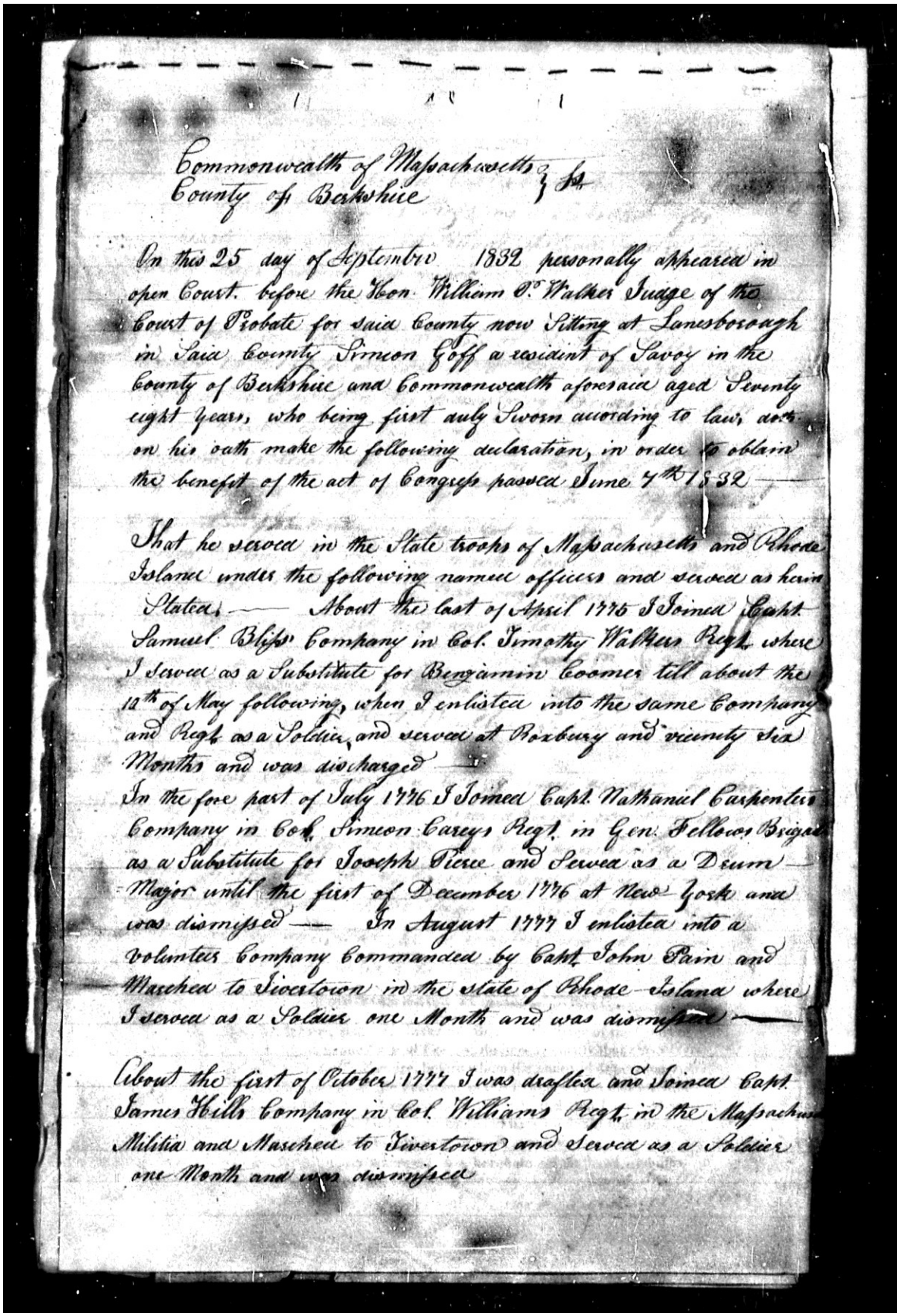

Commonwealth of Massachusetts } ss
County of Berkshire

On this 25 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. William C. Walker Judge of the Court of Probate for said County now Sitting at Lanesborough in said County Simeon Goff a resident of Savoy in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth aforesaid aged Seventy eight 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 ——

That he served in the State troops of Massachusetts and Rhode Island under the following named officers and served as herein Stated —— About the last of April 1776 I Joined Capt. Samuel Bliss' Company in Col. Timothy Walkers Regt. where I Served as a Substitute for Benjamin Coomer till about the 12th of May following, when I enlisted into the same Company and Regt as a Soldier, and served at Roxbury and twenty Six Months and was discharged ——
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My name is recorded in the town Book of Rehoboth and I have a record in my house — In proof of service I refer to deposition of John Ingraham, Amos Goff and Jabez Briggs annexed —

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State

Simeon Goff

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

W. P. Walker J. Probate

We Nathaniel Mc Cullock a Clergyman residing in the Town of Savoy and William Ingraham residing in sd. Town hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Simeon Goff who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy eight years of age, that he is reputed and believed in

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Berkshire, ss. I, HENRY W. BISHOP, Register of the Court of Probate in and for said County, do hereby certify that Snellen Bablitt Esquire, before whom the annexed deposition was taken is one of the Justices of the Peace within and for said County, duly and regularly appointed, and that I am well acquainted with his hand writing, and have no doubt that the Signature annexed to said deposition is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this twenty fifth day of September A. D. 1832. Henry W Bishop Register of Probate

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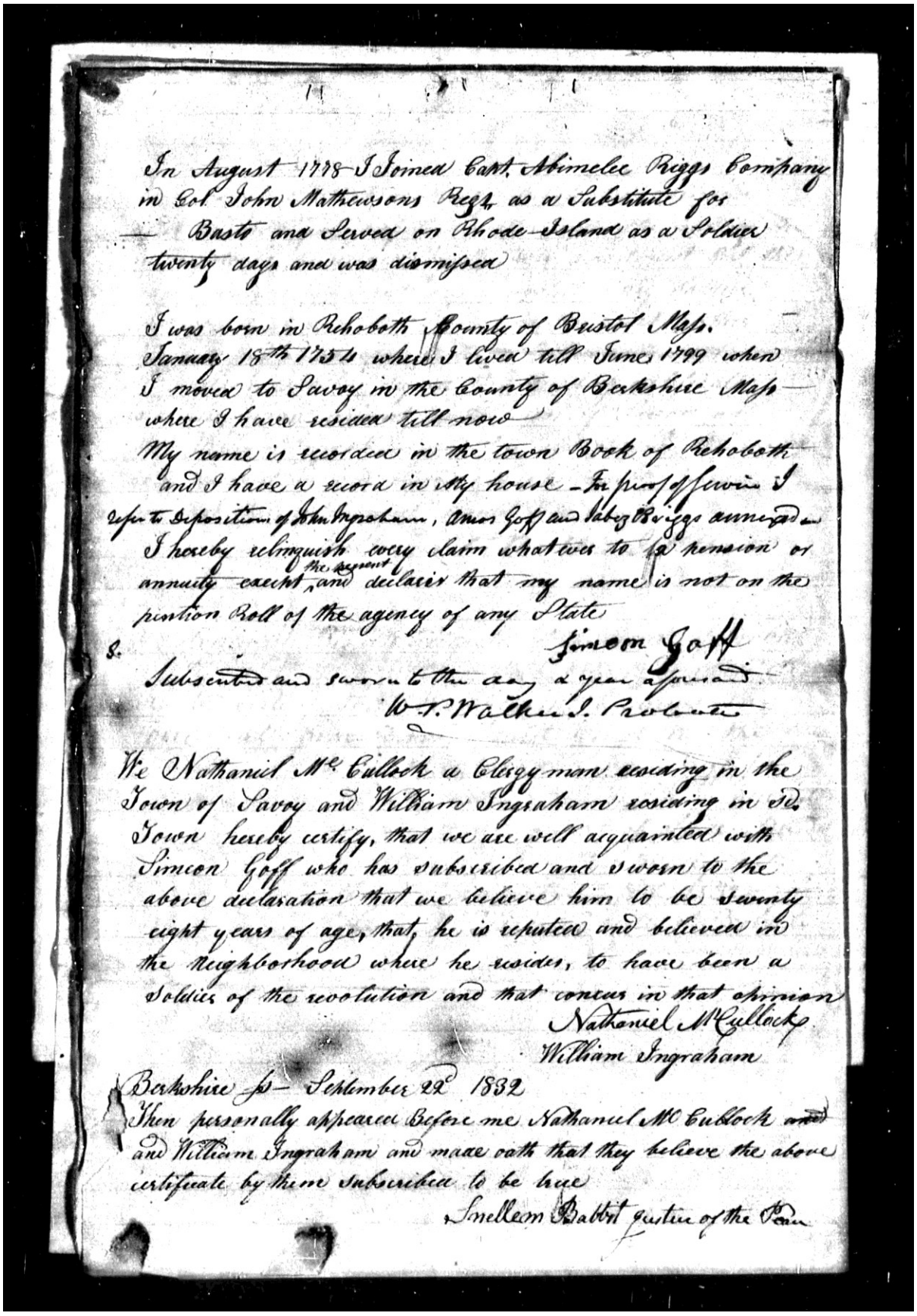

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Nathaniel M'Culloch

William Ingraham

Berkshire ss — September 22d 1832

Then personally appeared Before me Nathaniel Mc Culloch and and William Ingraham and made oath that they believe the above certificate by them subscribed to be true

Smellem Babbit Justice of the Peace

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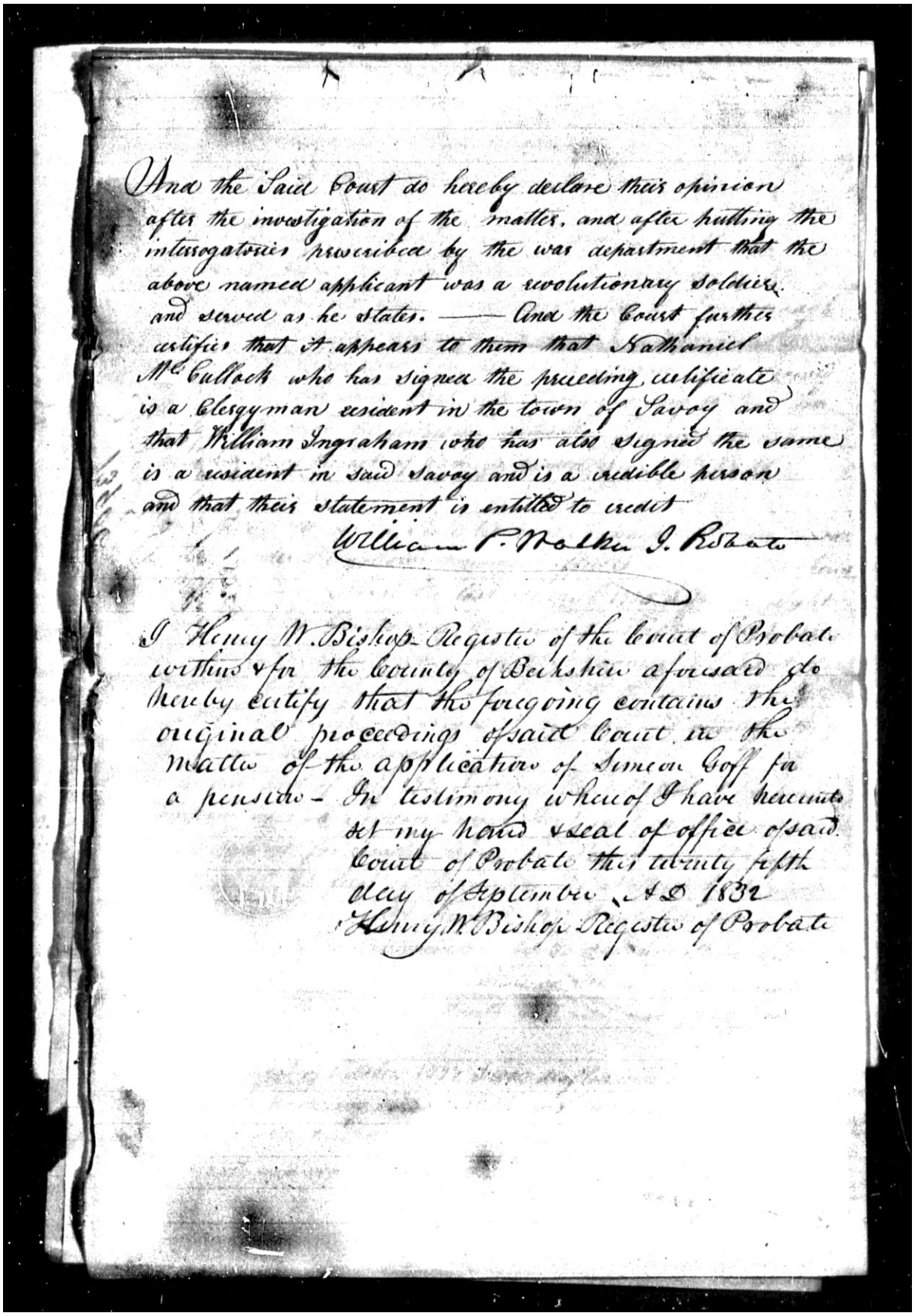

And the Said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. —— And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Nathaniel McCulloch who has signed the preceding certificate is a Clergyman resident in the town of Savoy and that William Ingraham who has also signed the same is a resident in said Savoy and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit

William C. Walker J. P.

I Henry W. Bishop Register of the Court of Probate within & for the County of Berkshire aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said Court in the matter of the application of Simeon Goff for a pension - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office of said Court of Probate this twenty fifth day of September A.D. 1832

Henry W. Bishop Register of Probate

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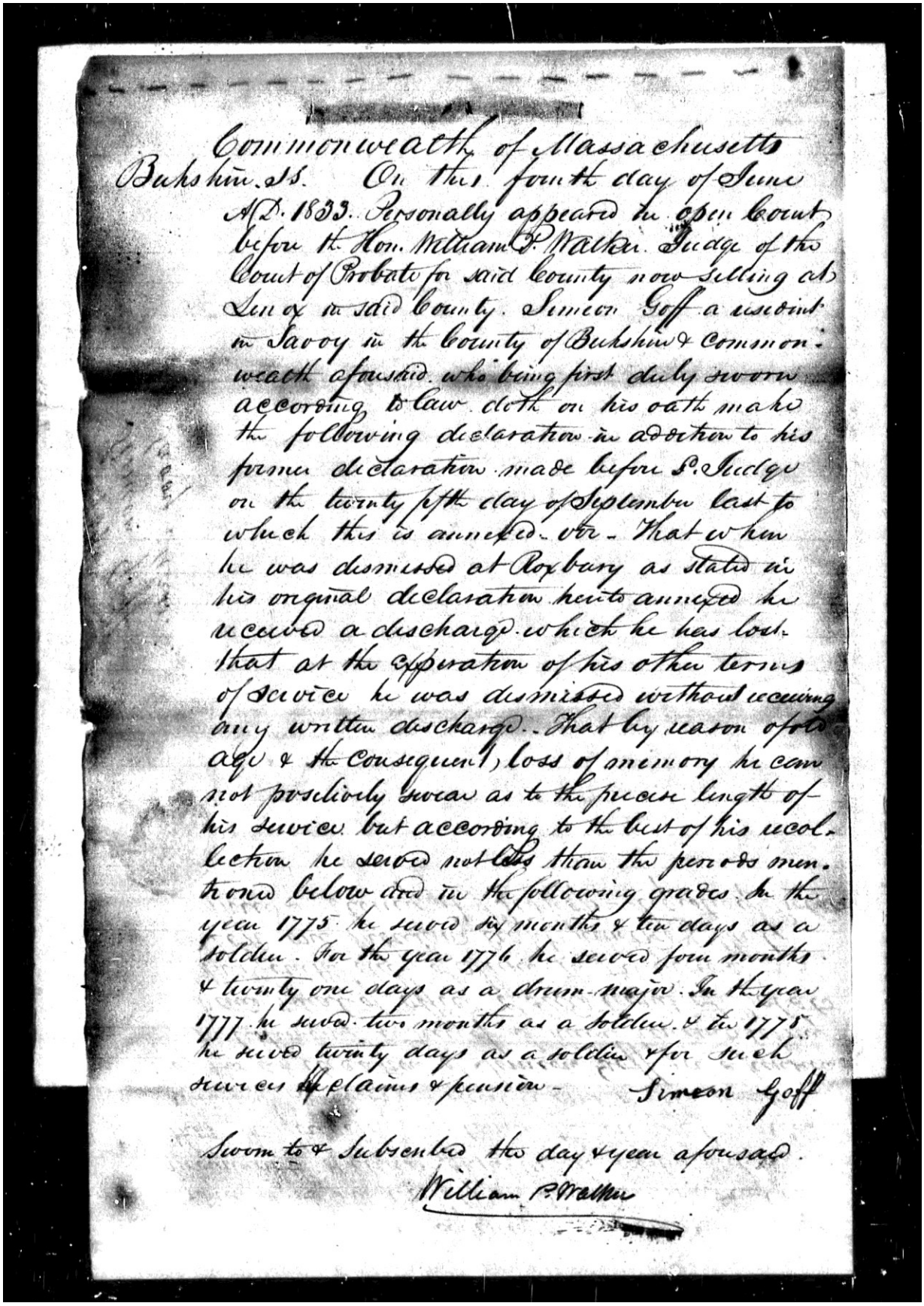

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Berkshire ss. On this fourth day of June
A.D. 1833. Personally appeared in open Court
before the Hon. William P. Walker. Judge of the
Court of Probate for said County now sitting at
Lenox in said County. Simeon Goff a resident
in Savoy in the County of Berkshire & Common-
wealth aforesaid. who being first duly sworn
according to law. doth on his oath make
the following declaration in addition to his
former declaration made before S. Judge
on the twenty fifth day of September last to
which this is annexed. viz - That when
he was dismissed at Roxbury as states in
his original declaration herein annexed he
received a discharge. which he has lost.
that at the expiration of his other terms
of service he was dismissed without receiving
any written discharge. That by reason of his
age & the consequent loss of memory he can
not positively swear as to the precise length of
his service but according to the best of his recol-
lection he served not less than the periods men-
tioned below and in the following grades. In the
year 1775 he served six months & ten days as a
soldier. For the year 1776 he served four months
& twenty one days as a drum-major. In the year
1777 he served two months as a soldier. & in 1775
he served twenty days as a soldier & for such
services he claims a pension - Simeon Goff

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.
William P. Walker

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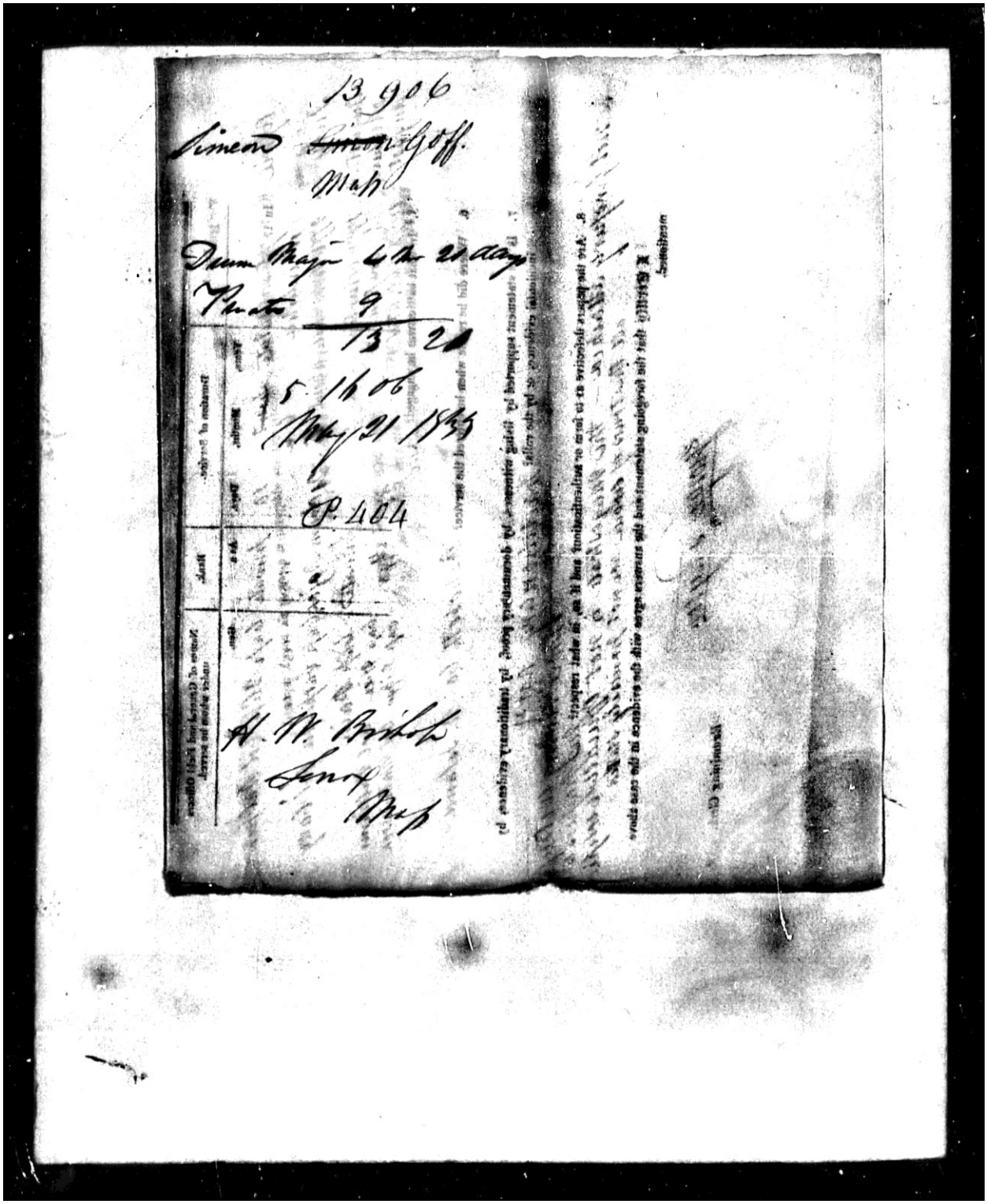

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BRIEF in the case of Simeon Goff
Co of Berkshire **in the State of** Mass
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? Supr Court

2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

3. How old is he? 73

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.
April In 1775	substitute	absent	10	private	Capt Bliss Col Walker
" 1776	enlisted	6		"	" "
July " 1776	substitute,	about 6	21	drum Major	Capt Carpenter Col Carey
August " 1777	volunteer	1		private	Capt Pain
October "	"	1		"	Capt Rice Col Williams
August 1778	substitute	1	20	"	Capt Riggs Col Mathewson

5. In what battles was he engaged? none

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Rehoboth Co R. Island

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? traditionary and three living witness

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? The papers are not properly attested — the Magestrate is not officially designated all the tours of service are not precisely stated

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

George Taylor

Examining Clerk.

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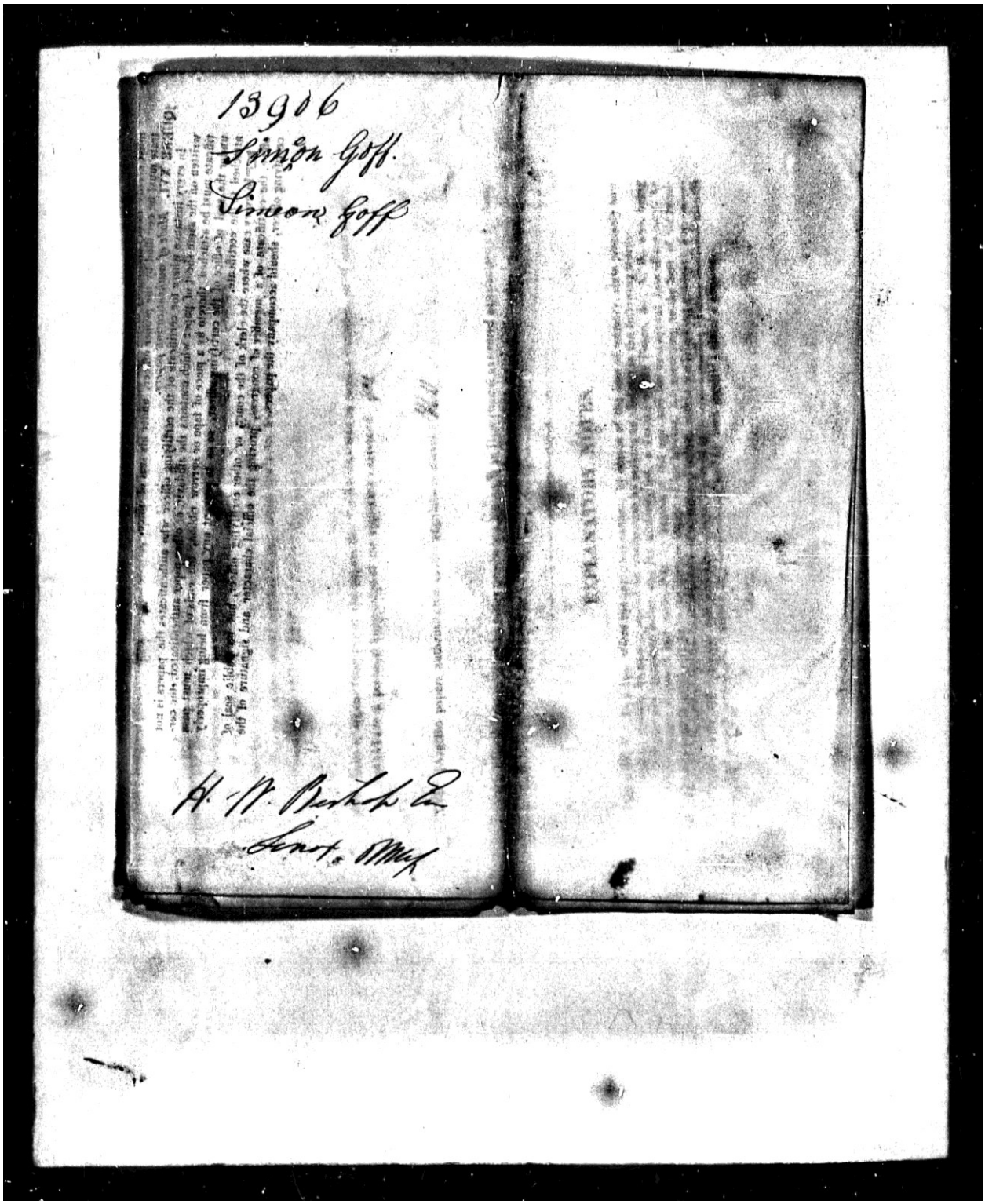

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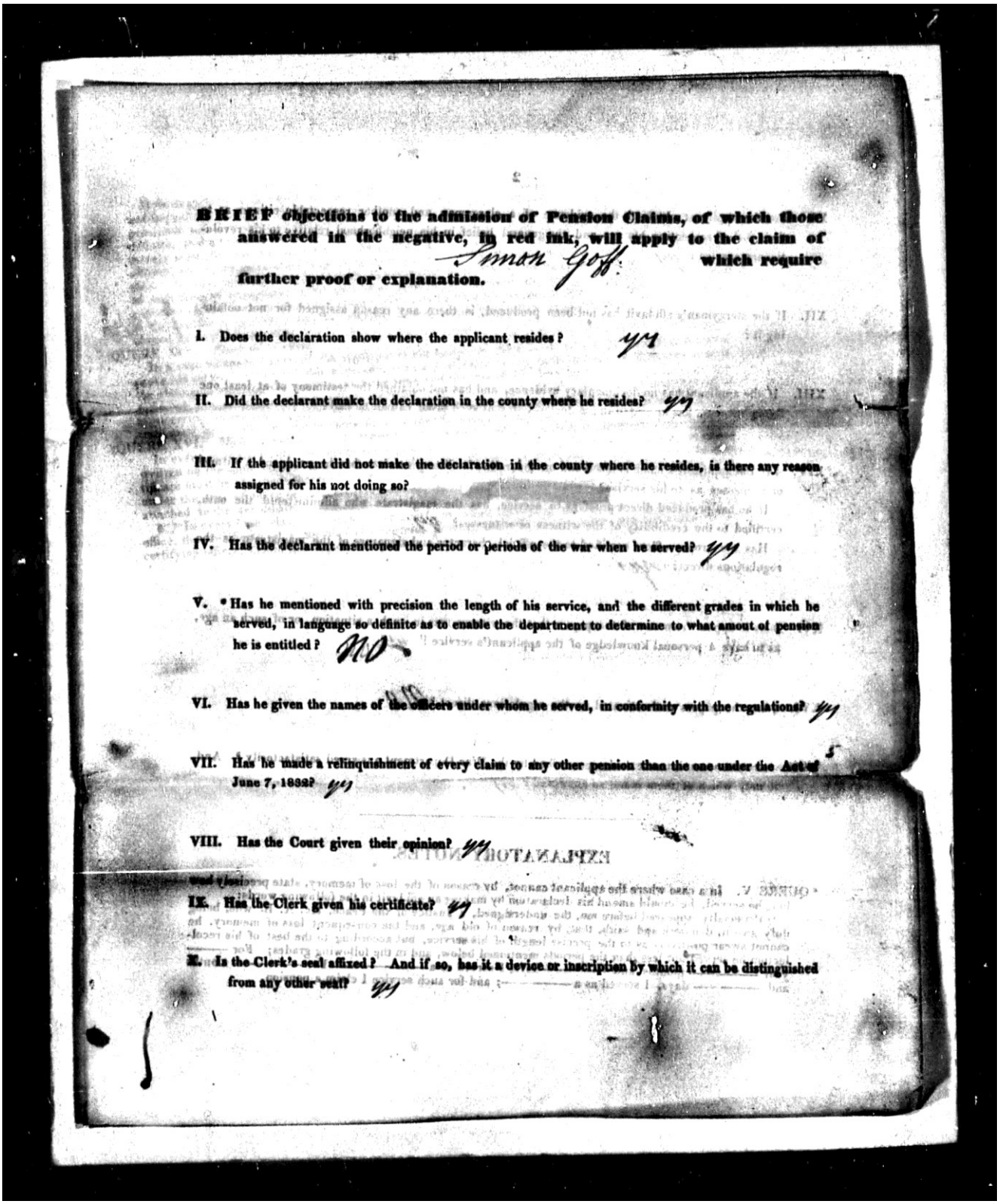

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of Simon Goff **which require further proof or explanation.**

I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? yy

II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? yy

III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?

IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? yy

V. Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amout of pension he is entitled? No

VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? yy

VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? yy

VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? yy

IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? yy

X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? yy

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XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? yes

XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it?

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had?

XIV. †If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service?

If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses? yes

Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct? yes

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service? yes

XVI. ‡Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? no

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered? yes 2 6

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

*QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For ——— year ——— months, and ——— days, I served as a ———; For ——— months and ——— days, I served as a ———; and for such service I claim a pension.

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It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours; the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shewn under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

†QUERE XIV. *Proof of Service.*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

‡QUERE XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers.*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

☞In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

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(Transcribed November 15, 2026; H A Ralston)

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***Simeon Goff** (signature)*

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Subscribed and sworn to this day & year aforesaid…

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Nathaniel McCullicky(signature)

William Ingraham(signature)

Berkshire, Ms.- September 22, 1832

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