

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

County Land Warrant Information relating to Alexander Scott BLWt168-100 f8VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/18/12

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I Alexander Scott late a Soldier in the first Regiment of Artillery in the Service of the United States do hereby for value Received, sell, Assign and Transfer the Proportion of Land due me for my Services aforesaid unto William Widderburn and do request that a Warrant may issue to him or Order which shall be binding on me.

S/ Alexander Scott, X his mark

Given under my hand this 7th day of April '79 four [1794]

On the 7th day of April '79 four [1794], came the above signed Alexander Scott and acknowledged this conveyance to be his free Act and Deed

S/ Reuben Nowell, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Amherst

I do hereby authorize and empower the Honorable Francis Walker & Anthony New to settle, adjust and receive from the [indecipherable word] of the above Power of attorney given under my hand the 10th Day of April '794 [1794]

Teste: S/John Higginbotham, Q

S/ W. Wedderburn

I do hereby Certify that Alexander Scott did serve as a Mattross [matross] in the 1st Regiment of artillery to the end of the War and do believe that he was enlisted for the War.

Given under my hand this 11th April 1794

S/ E. Langham [Elias Langham]¹

late Lt. 1st Regt. Arty

*I do hereby Certify that Alexander Scott did serve as a
Mattross in the 1st Regt. of Artillery to the end of the War
and do believe that he was enlisted for the War.
Given under my hand this 11th Apr 1794
E. Langham
late Lt. 1st Regt. Arty*

¹ [Elias Langham S41747](#)

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Addendum to Alexander Scott BLWt168-100

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 9 April 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains mostly illegible statements by James Bowling (W5863) and Alexander Gillespie.]

THESE are to CERTIFY that the bearer hereof Alexander Scott a Soldier in the first Artillery regiment, having faithfully served the United States from the first of July 1782 to this date and being enlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American army.

Given at the war office the 6th day of June 1783

By order of the secretary at war,

B. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]

Jos Carlton Secy

Registered in the books of the regiment,

William Eskridge Lt & adjutant.

Amherst County to wit.

This day William Thurmond [BLWt1996-100] personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that he is acquainted with Alexander Scott and knows that he served in the Revolutionary War and that he frequently saw him in the Army, and that he waited on Capt Ambrose Bohannon [Ambross Bohannon BLWt280-200] who commanded a company of artillery and that he was at the Barracks at Winchester in Virginia in the year 1783 at the close of the war given under my hand this 21st December 1829

Amherst County to wit

This day William Lavender [W8080] a citizen of the County of Amherst a Soldier of the Revolution and a person [several undeciphered words] character and unimpeachable honesty appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he is well acquainted with Alexander Scott an applicant for a pension under the late Act of congress. That he knew him well before the Revolution and that he well recollects that when he was marching through the lower part of the State of Virginia to a place then called [undeciphered] Alexander Scott at a place called Bottoms Bridge with a portion of the Army which had stopped there for a short time and a short time afterwards he saw said Scott again in New Kent County with the Army. This affiant did not belong to the same force [several undeciphered words] and is not able to say under what officers said Scott served, nor is he able to say with certainty when said Scott entered the Army or how long he served. But he knows that said Scott was in the Army and he thinks it was sometime in the year 1780 or 1781 when he saw said Scott at the places above mentioned. After then he understood that Scott was marched off to some other places and he saw him no more during the war. He is now well acquainted with Scott and has no doubt but the statements made [several undeciphered words] his services are true having always believed him to be worthy and respectable man whose statements are entitled to credit Given under my hand this 20th of December 1832.

Wm H Garland

To His Excellency the Governor and Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Petition of Alexander Scott a free man of colour, Humbly complaining respectfully sheweth: That during the War of the Revolution and as well as his memory now impaired by age will serve him he thinks in the latter part of the year 1780 or the first of 1781 He joined a company of Artillery commanded by a certain Capt Ambrose Bohannon, and that he served therein until the close of the said war and was discharged honourably at Winchester Virginia some time in the year 1783 That his said service did not begin upon original enlistment in the said company which was a company of Virginia Troops on

Continental Establishment, but he joined it as a substitute for a man named Cartright [probably Justinian (Jesse) Cartwright S30316] a regular and private soldier in the said company who had theretofore joined it for and during the war That after substituting for the said Cartright he was employed at the Barracks at Cumberland old Courthouse [illegible], he aided in guarding some british prisiners. That he remained there he thinks about [undeciphered] months, when the troops were ordered to [illegible], and had taken up their line of march, but had not progressed far before they were recalled and marched to a place below Richmond called Bottom Bridge, where they remained but a short time, when they were ordered to Winchester Va where he well [several missing words] he was discharged the service some time in the year 1783. That he received a written testimonie of fathful service and honourable discharge, but in the great lapse of time he hath lost it. That he remembers at this time but few of the officers of the corp to which he was attached, or with whom they were associated, but that he acted as a waiter upon Capt Bohannan, and he recollects, that Col Sam'l Hawes [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450] was at some times the commander of the troops, he recollect a Capt Buren[?], who were regular officers.

Your Petitioner states that he is an unlettered man, and that he was ignorant until recently that he is entitled in consideration of his said services to three hundred acres of land from the Commonwealth of Va and that he has never made application for it. He is advised that the bounty of 300 acres promised in lieu of 200 acres theretofore given See H. S. at Large Vol 10. page 331 was intended as a reward for the services of the soldiers who performed them and that although he joined his company as a substitute for another yet that he is entitled to all the benefits of the law promised to his principal because he and not the principal paid the consideration (services) for those promises. That he is entirely confident that he had joined the said company before the [undeciphered] April 1781 and being now in extreme old age (80 years) and verry poor he hopes that his country will do him justice. Alexander hisXmark Scott Amherst County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Alexander Scott and made oath, that the foregoing Petition subscribed by him is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand this 23rd day of February 1833 Wm H Garland