

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Scott¹ R17708

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[f p. 2: Power of attorney dated December 1, 1833 given by Christopher C Scott of Greene County Alabama, administrator *De Bonis non* of the estate of John Scott late of Scottsbury Halifax County Virginia.]

[f p. 7: copy

I certify that John Scott continued in the Continental service of Virginia as a Lieutenant until the end of the war.

January 26, 1784

S/ Chs. Scott, M. G. [Charles Scott, Major General]

This is to certify that John Scott was appointed Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of L. Dragoons, raised by the State of Virginia on Continental establishment the 10th of August 1780 and that he served successively in that capacity until November 1782 when he was deranged, agreeable to a resolution of Congress.

S/ J. Belfield [John Belfield]

May 26, 1783

Major Dragoons

Mr. Scott was not deranged, but became a redundant officer and was liable to be called into service again until the end of the War.

S/ Ed Carrington, L. Col. [Edward Carrington, Lieutenant Colonel]

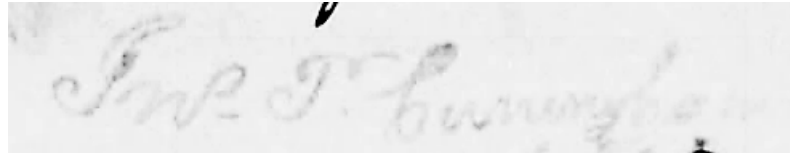
[All of the above certified September 7th, 1833 by the Secretary Commissioner of the state of Virginia as being true copies of documents in the executive Department of the state of Virginia.]

[f p. 13]

State of Alabama Greene County: Before me Thos. Wolstenholm a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally came and appeared John Cuningham [John Cunningham] of said County and state who after being first duly sworn according to law deposed and said that he was born and raised in the State of Virginia in the immediate neighborhood of the birthplace of the late General John Scott deceased who lived in Scottsburg Halifax County Virginia and was personally acquainted with said Scott a great number of years – That this deponent was himself engaged in the War of the American Revolution in several tours of duty performed in the Militia of the State of Virginia. That in the year A.D. 1780 (as well as this deponent recollects) whilst this deponent was absent on one of said tours of duty the said John Scott joined the Army of the American Revolution as a commissioned officer as this deponent learned soon afterwards by

¹ Va. Half Pay and BLWt2080-200—Lieut. of Va. Light Dragoons Issued Apr. 18, 1796 No papers

common report which report this deponent then believe and does now believed to have been true – But this deponent does not now recollect to what part of the service the said John Scott was at that time attached although he is inclined to think he belonged to the cavalry or artillery Regiment of the State of Virginia. But this deponent well remembers to have seen the said Scott a few months before the close of the war on a casual return of the said Scott to the house of his father for a few days and he then received the impression which gave rise to a settled belief which this deponent has ever entertained and does now entertained that the said John Scott was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State artillery Regiment and this deponent further saith that by common report and universal belief in said neighborhood (the truth of which this deponent never doubted and does now believed to be true) the said John Scott served in said post in said Regiment until the end of the war of the Revolution – and further saith not.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. Coker". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a document page.

State of Kentucky Todd County: This day personally came and appeared before me William M Terry a Justice of the Peace for said County Nathaniel Terry² who after having been duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of the Almighty God the truth to speak deposed and saith under said oath that he the said deponent served as an officer in the American Army in the War of the Revolution and that he was intimately acquainted with the late General John Scott of Halifax County Virginia for a great number of years previous to his death most of which time this deponent lived a near neighbor to the said General John Scott now deceased. That from what the deponent learned from the said General John Scott deceased from his brother officers who served with him – and from general reputation and universal belief in the neighborhood of the said decedent the deponent has not the slightest doubt but the said General John Scott deceased was an officer in the Army of the Revolution on the American side and that he served as such to the end of the war. As to the particular service in which the said Scott was engaged or the particular part of the Army to which said Scott was attached the deponent not having any personal knowledge cannot speak or say with certainty but from all the deponent heard and gathered from above mentioned sources of information he the deponent does believe that the said John Scott deceased was attached to and did serve as aforesaid in the Virginia State Line in the War of the Revolution – The deponent further saith that the said General John Scott departed this life on or about the 1st day of February 1814 and that at his death he left a widow and nine children (to wit) William T Scott, John W Scott, Thomas B Scott, James B Scott, Francis T Scott and Christopher C Scott all being sons; and Polly C (who married with John R Coker) Martha A (who married with James P Hill) and Elizabeth R C (who as this deponent has understood and does believe married with Turner D Bell). In the deponent further saith that he has understood and does believe that the above mentioned Thomas B Scott departed this life in the state of Alabama sometime in the year 1824 leaving no lineal heirs he having never been married as this deponent believes – further this deponent saith that the above mentioned John R Coker and Turner D Bell the husband of Polly C. and Elizabeth R C above mentioned have both departed this life as he has heard and does believe – leaving both the said females widows, the 1st known as Polly C. Coker and the latter as Elizabeth R C Bell as he has heard and does believe.

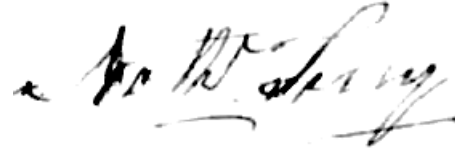
² [Nathaniel Terry W3054](#)

The deponent further saith that the widow of the said General John Scott departed this life sometime in the year 1817 – further the deponent sayeth not.

And I the said William M Terry Justice of the Peace as aforesaid do certify that the above was duly signed and acknowledged and sworn to before me 4th day of July 1833.

S/ William M. Terry, JP

S/ Nathl. Terry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nathl. Terry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "S/ Nathl. Terry".