

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Scott¹ R2020 Susanna Elizabeth Clarke² f132VA
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]


[f p. 12: On July 8, 1833 in Todd County Kentucky, Mary Davenport, 14, and orphans of Ballard Davenport appeared in court and with the consent of the court shows Richard J Davenport as her Guardian.]

[f p. 94-5]

The affidavit of Susanna E Clarke given at Russellville in Logan County Kentucky on Monday the 5th day of August 1833

This affiant now in the 70th year of her age saith that she intermarried with Captain John Scott of Gloucester County in the State of Virginia in the year 1781, she further saith that she had four children by said Captain Scott to wit William B Scott; Mildred S Scott, Lucy Scott who intermarried with one Branch Bibb, and John W Scott, said Mildred Scott intermarried with one Ballard Davenport, by whom she had three children, who are still alive to wit Doritha, Richard, James and Mary Ballard she herself having departed this life, and said William B Scott is also dead, but left two sons, who are still living, George B Scott, and John James Scott. This affiant knew Captain Scott whilst in the Army of the United States before she married him, she frequently afterwards heard him say that he served as an officer in the Virginia State line indeed she saw him repeatedly his commission as Lieutenant of Artillery she made him a case for his Commission before their marriage to the best of her recollection her former husband the said Captain Scott belonged during his service in the United States as before stated to Colonel Marshall's Regiment at least for a part of the time, this affiant's maiden name was Bibb, after the death of Captain Scott, she married one Richard Clarke who is also dead; she is now a widow living in Todd County in the State of Kentucky.

S/ Susan E. Clarke

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan E. Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Susan E. Clarke".

[f p. 52: copy of a certificate dated June 22, 1783 signed by Colonel Thomas Marshall in which he certifies that "...Captain Lieutenant John Scott was received by me as a Cadet in the Regiment of State artillery about April or May 1778, that he was appointed an officer in the same Regiment about the 3rd of December 1778 and continued in service till the 6 February 1782

¹ Va. half pay Act. July 5, 1832

² Former widow

when he was declared a Supernumerary." Also a copy of a certificate from James Quarles, Major stating "I do hereby certify that Lieutenant John Scott was appointed an Ensign in the 3rd Virginia State Regiment the 15 May 1777 and served in the said Regiment until the 18 April 1778."]

[f p. 13]

State of Kentucky Logan County SS September 12 1833

This day Susan he Clark late Susan he Scott aged seventy years personally appeared before me Philip C Slaughter a Justice of the Peace in & for the County & state aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that shortly after John Scott as she understood from him & from others became a supernumerary officer in the Army of the Revolutionary war in 1781 she intermarried with him, that the said John Scott was a Lieutenant in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall of the Virginia State line of Artillery as she understood and believes having frequently seen his commission & previous to their intermarriage made a case for it. That after his term of service expired he was called Captain Scott. That she had by said Scott the following children, William B. Scott, Mildred S Scott, Lucy Scott and John W Scott, Lucy Scott, intermarried with Branch Bibb, Mildred Scott intermarried with Ballard Davenport and had the 3 following children viz. Doratha, Richard James & Mary Ballard who are still living but their mother Mildred is dead, William B Scott is dead, but has two children only viz. George B Scott & John James Scott who are now the legal representatives of said Captain John Scott deceased who departed this life on the ___ day of June 1790.

S/ Susan E. Clarke

[f p. 16: copy of the last will and testament of John Scott of Prince Edward County in which he names his wife Susanna Elizabeth Scott; his children William Scott, Mildred Smith Scott, Lucy Scott and John Scott; his mother Mildred Scott; slaves Betty and her 3 children, Sall, Peter & James; his will is dated May 1, 1790 & was probated July 18, 1791 and further proved August 16th, 1791 in Prince Edward County Virginia.]

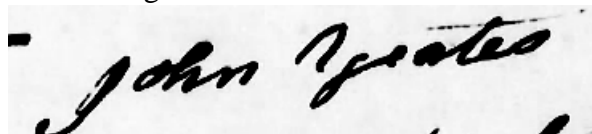
[f p. 101 75 him and him]

State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

I do hereby certify that I knew a Captain Lieutenant John Scott in the State Regiment of Virginia – he belonged to the State artillery – He was a man of middle size, thin visage, light complexion according to my best recollection – I think the said Scott was raised in all came from the County of Gloucester. Given under my hand this 11th day of December 1834.

S/ John Yeates³

late Lieutenant of State Regiment of Artillery
Virginia line

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Yeates". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[in the certification, the affiant is referred to as Captain John Yates]

[f p. 19] State of Virginia Charlotte County to wet

³ [John Yeates \(Yates\) S7988](#)

I Joseph Wyath of the County of Charlotte do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with a certain John Scott who came from the County of Gloucester and Mary during the Revolutionary War a Miss Elizabeth Bibb daughter of William Bibb Esquire of Prince Edward County after the close of the Revolutionary War. The said John Scott moved from the County of Gloucester and settled in the County of Prince Edward. He also died in the County of Prince Edward to the best of my recollection sometime in the year 1791. The said John Scott was a man of middle size thin visage and light complexion as described by Captain John Yeates of Halifax who was in service with him. I have frequently heard the said Scott speak of his military services in the Revolutionary war and think I have seen his Commission but will not be positive on that subject. To the best of my recollection he belonged to the Virginia State Regiment of Artillery. I have always understood from those who all to know, and do verily believe he was the identical Captain Lieutenant John Scott described by Captain Yates in his affidavit.

I further certify that the said John Scott departed this life leaving a last will and testament and the following children at the time of his death to wit William Scott, Mildred Smith Scott, Lucy Scott and John Scott all of whom are residents of the State of Kentucky if alive. The said John Scott also left a widow who is still living in Kentucky. Given under my hand this 20 day of December 1834

S/ Joseph Wyatt

[f p. 21]

Charlotte County State of Virginia

I do certify that John B Scott born in the County of Prince Edward was a Lieutenant in Washington's Cavalry of the line on Continental establishment – he resided in the County of Prince Edward till the end of the war, then he removed to the County of Halifax where he died. I do further certify that there was another John Scott of the County of Amelia who also belonged to the Continental Line of and Infantry Regiment – he died in the County of Amelia sometime after the end of the war. I saw a Mister Scott in the County of Prince Edward who was said to be of the revolutionary Army and who had intermarried with Elizabeth Bibb the daughter of William Bibb of the said County, but in what Regiment he served I do not know. From under my hand this 23rd of December 1834.

S/ Clement Carrington⁴

late Cornet in Colonel Lee's Legion

[f p. 99]

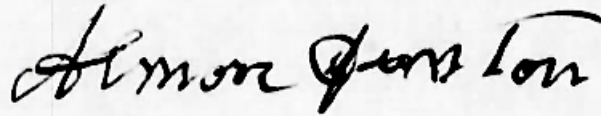
State of Virginia Gloucester County to wit

I Almon Dunston⁵ of the County of Gloucester do hereby certify that I knew & was well acquainted with a certain John Scott who was Captain Lieutenant of the Virginia State Regiment – he believes in the State Artillery, he was a man of middling size, thin visage, light complexion to the best of my recollection the said Captain Lieutenant John Scott was raised and enlisted in the Revolutionary Army & from the County of Gloucester & I do further certify that my age is 71 years and that I served in the Revolutionary Army with the said Captain Lieutenant John Scott 3 years & that he belonged to Colonel Thomas Marshall's Regiment of the Virginia State line. Given under my hand this 12th day of January 1835.

S/ Almon Dunston

⁴ [Clement Carrington S46427](#)

⁵ [Almon Dunston W731](#)



[f p. 55]

Richmond October 2nd, '34

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd of July reach me two days past, on my return from a visit to our mountain Country.

The Society of the Cincinnati was I believe composed entirely of the officers in the Continental service. I do not think the officers of the State Line were admitted into it.

The Rank of Captain Lieutenant was confined to the Artillery service but was bestowed in the Continental as well as State regiments of artillery.

I was not acquainted with Lieutenant or Captain Lieutenant John Scott of the state artillery. There is however no doubt of his title to half pay. A Board of Field Officers of which my father [Colonel Thomas Marshall] was president was directed to report the names of the officers who were entitled to Half pay, and the name of Captain Lieutenant John Scott is on their report. This document has always been considered as conclusive evidence in favor of the officer whose name is found on it. A copy of it is filed in the war office at Washington.

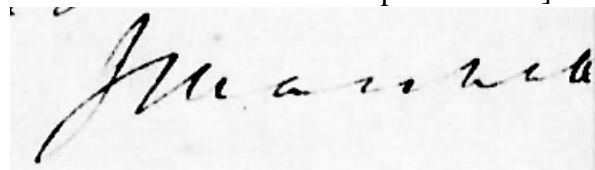
That there were two other subalterns of the same name in the Continental service constitutes no objection to the claim. Scott is a common name on the South side of James River and there is scarcely a family someone of whom is not christened John. But the same man could not be at the same time an officer in the Continental infantry and in the State artillery.

The right of Captain Lieutenant John Scott of the State artillery is unquestionable, and there was but one Officer of that name in that Regiment.

I am dear Sir with great respect & esteem

Your Obt. Serv.

S/ J Marshall [John Marshall, Chief Justice of the
US Supreme Court]



Hon. [?] M. Bibb

Yellow Bank Kentucky

[f p. 31: On August 20, 1851 in Logan County Kentucky, John W Scott, a resident of Butler County Kentucky, 55, and Lucy Bibb, 63, formerly Lucy Scott, and Branch H. Bibb, 70, her husband, filed a claim under the 1836 act stating that John W Scott and Lucy Bibb are the only surviving children and heirs at law of Elizabeth Clarke, formerly Elizabeth Scott, widow of their father Captain John Scott; that their mother's full name was Susan or Susanna Elizabeth but was more frequently called Elizabeth; that their father John Scott was a Captain or Captain Lieutenant in the Revolution; that their mother was a widow and July 1836; that she died in Todd County Kentucky on the last day of July 1836.

John W Scott
Branch, H Bibb
Lucy Bibb

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[f p. 4-5: On January 14, 1835 in Gloucester County Virginia, Wm Taliaferro gave testimony that he was a relation of Captain John Scott; that Captain Scott was an officer in the revolutionary war; that he had conversations with his uncles Thomas and James Baytop on the subject of the revolution and the officers who served in it; that Captain Scott intermarried with Miss Bibb of Prince Edward County. His relationship to the veteran is not stated.]