

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Scott R9290

Drucilla Scott

f12VA

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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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[This file contains no application [but see below] although it appears from the correspondence contained in the file that the widow filed at least 2 applications for a pension. The only indication in the file as to what might have happened to the applications and documents submitted in proof of the claim is a reference in one of the letters to "5 pages" being sent to the Honorable E. W. Hubbard in the House of Representatives. In order to give some sense of what the applications might have contained, I have transcribed but 2 of the letters as follows.]

New Store December 7th 1841

Dear Sir

I am requested by Mrs. Drucilla Scott of this County (Buckingham) to say to your Department: that it appears from your correspondence with W. J. B. Bedford Esquire dated the 30th of October 1840 that she was claiming a pension for service rendered by her late husband Joseph Scott as a regular in the Revolution if that be the fact, (and she does not doubt of it from the correspondence) she or Mr. Bedford was mistaken, for the intent to claim for his services as a drafted Militia man from the County aforesaid and gave Mr. Bedford two discharges one given after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and the other after the Battle of Little York [October 19, 1781, being the date on which Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown] and that she is not certain that she did not give him three, but would not be positive now, each showing a tour of three months service; she was married to her husband before he entered the service; and has a distinct recollection of most of the prominent circumstances relative thereto, and has retained those discharges ever since the death of her husband; and if it is permitted should like to with draw them [one or more words obliterated by an ink blot] intended to claim anything more than above stated as a private; and she wishes to be informed if she has started wrong has the right now to present her case according to its true character.

Very respectfully your Obt Servt.

S/ John H. Routon

Pension office October 30, 1845

Sir:

The Supplemental declaration of Drucilla Scott, widow of Joseph Scott has been examined and filed with her other papers.

In her former declaration Mrs. Scott alleged her husband served three years in the Continental line, and performed two tours in the Militia of Virginia. Two discharges signed by

Charles Allen were produced as evidence of his Continental Service, but as they afforded no proof of service in the line, her claim for that service was withdrawn. The Militia service agreeably to Mrs. Scott's own statement did not amount to 6 months, her husband having been taken sick, he returned home before his sec. tour had expired.

She now present a claim for 3 tours of 3 months each, which he now distinctly recollects, but is unable to name the officers. The two discharges heretofore named and the testimony of Richard Smith are relied on to sustain this alleged service. This witness was not in service with Scott and consequently cannot have a sufficient knowledge of that service to testify to its duration. The two discharges do not show the length of each tour, but certainly they did not amount to 6 months. Unless the claimant can produce the testimony of two witnesses who were themselves in the service and who are enabled to state the commencement and duration of each tour of her husband's service with the names of the company and the field officers under whom it was performed her claim cannot be admitted.

I. H. Roulon, Esq.
New Store, Va.

Pension office, January 22 1847

Sir:

Agreeably to your request I have the honor to enclose herewith the original papers five in number, in the case of Drusilla Scott, widow of Joseph Scott deceased, under the Act of July 4, 1836. Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of them.

Hon. E. W. Hubard

H. of R. [House of Representatives]

On July 11, 2017 Les Campbell sent an email reading in part as follows:

Regarding your abstract of the pension application of Drucilla Scott, widow of Joseph at your website, denoted as R9290, I received information today from the National Archives & Records Administration.

After reading your summary, I did a Google search for Drucilla Scott, Buckingham County VA and came up with a declaration Congressman Edmund W. Hubbard read on the floor of the US House of Representatives on 23 Jan 1847 at the second session of the 29th Congress.

I also searched for the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions & found quite by accident that these records, along with their supporting documentation, is preserved in the textual records maintained by the National Archives, to wit:

NAI: 7971611, Petitions and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures and Related Documents Which Were Referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions During the 29th Congress.

Drucilla Scott's file is found there with file code HR 29A-G19.1. You noted that the file you abstracted looked incomplete, and it was. I am attaching two pdf files that contain roughly 18 pages of information that you can use as you see fit for your purposes. (In my opinion, this poor old woman was unjustly denied a pension as she had plenty of evidence).

The attachments read as follows:

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Third Section of the Act of Congress of the 4 July 1836 –

On this 3rd day of September, 1840, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Drucilla Scott, a resident of said County and State, aged 85 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 –

That she is the widow of Joseph Scott, deceased, late of the said County and State, who was a private in the Continental and Militia Service of Virginia, in the War of the Revolution – She declares, that her late husband in the latter part of 1776, enlisted as a soldier under Captain Garland¹ for the term of three years, in the Virginia Continental line – and was honorably discharged from service – She had his discharge, but has lost or misplaced it – That in the early part of 1781, he was drafted in the Militia under Captain Charles Allen for the term of three months and attached to Colonel Holcombs [probably John Holcombe's] Regiment of Militia, which term he served faithfully, as will appear from the accompanying discharge – That in the same year, 1781, being drafted again in the Militia in Captain Moseley's Company for the term of three months, he was unable from sickness to serve the whole term, and was accordingly discharged for sickness; as will appear from the accompanying discharge –

She knows the fact, that he served altogether at least three years, for which length of time, she claims a pension –

She further declares, that she was married to the said Joseph Scott in Buckingham County, Virginia, by Parson Peaseley, by publication of banns, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Old Episcopal Church, on the 4th day of January, 1774; that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Scott, died on the 6th day of October, 1793; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, and has never intermarried – She further declares, that her marriage took place before the last period of her husband's service expired – to wit, at the time, above named, All of which will more readily appear from the accompanying proof –

S/ Drusiller Scott, X her mark

¹ Edward Garland was the only Virginia Continental Army officer with the surname "Garland" who held the rank of captain as of 1776 that I could identify in resources available to me. In his affidavit quoted below, Richard H. Smith says that his father, Robert Smith, Giles Davidson and Joseph Scott served at the Albemarle Barracks. Capt. Garland Burnley is known to have been in command of a company of guards at the Albemarle Barracks.



Virginia: Buckingham County to wit:

I Drucilla Scott widow of Joseph Scott, deceased, do hereby certify that my late husband was a very indifferant writer – That the only Register left by him is the foregoing paper hereto annexed, which contains the age and birth of my oldest daughter Mary Childress wife of Richard H Smith – I have Ten children, and this is the Record of the eldest – She was born 10 February, 1775

S/ Drusiller Scott, X her mark

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

I Robert Mitchell² do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Joseph Scott, in the War of the Revolution, and recollect most distinctly that he and myself in the latter part of 1776, enlisted under Captain Garland for the term of three years in the Virginia Continental line, and was attached to the 14th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis – He served the said term faithfully, and was honorably discharged from service – The said Joseph Scott married in Buckingham County, and his widow is still living, resident in that County – He served also, in the Militia, afterwards, but was not with him – I am in the 85th year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution, and pensioner of the United States –

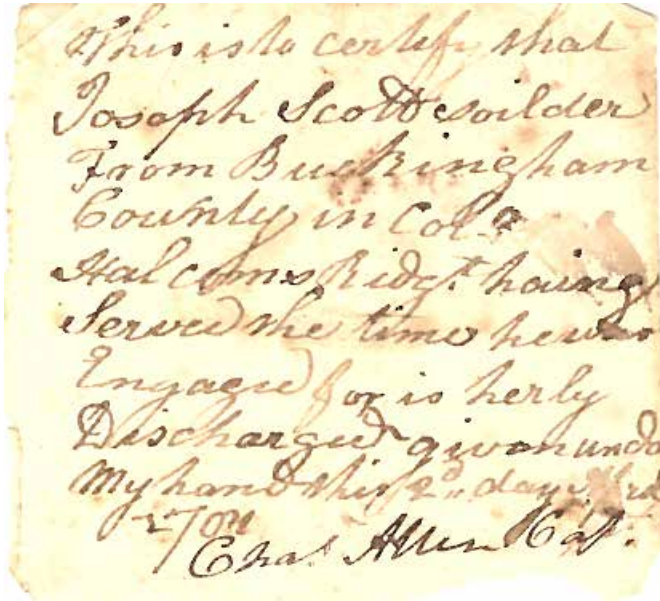
S/ Robert Mitchell, X his mark

This is to certify that Joseph Scott soilder From Buckingham County in Colonel Halcoms Ridgt.

² [Robert Mitchell W3441](#)

Haing Served the time he was engaged for is herby Discharged given under my hand this 2nd day April 1781

S/ Chas. Allen Capt.

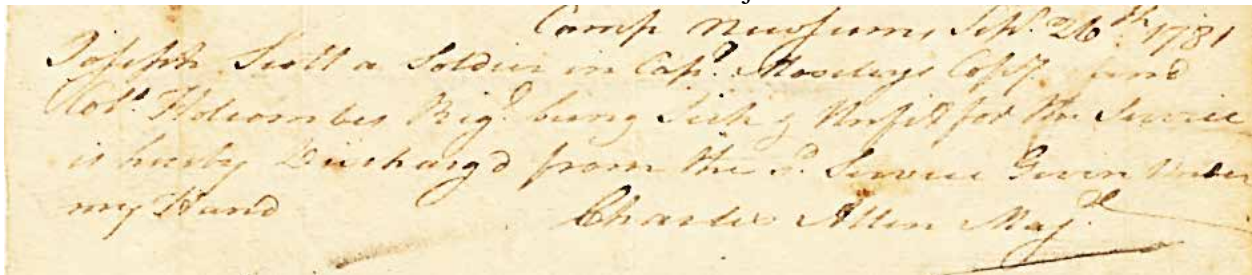


This is to certify that Joseph Scott soldier from Buckingham County in Col^a. Has been Sick having served the time he was engaged for is hereby Discharged given under my hand this 2nd day April 1781
Chas. Allen Capt.

Camp Newsoms Sept. 26th 1781

Joseph Scott a Soldier in Captain Moseleys Cop^y and Colonel Holcombes Reg^l being Sick & Unfit for the Service is hereby Discharg'd from the sd. Service Given under my Hand

S/ Charles Allen Maj^r.



Camp Newsoms, Sept. 26th 1781
Joseph Scott a Soldier in Cap^t. Moseleys Cop^y and Col^l. Holcombes Reg^l being Sick & Unfit for the Service is hereby Discharged from the sd. Service Given under my Hand
Charles Allen Maj^r

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the 3 Section of the Act of Congress of 4 July, 1836
State of Virginia Buckingham County, SS

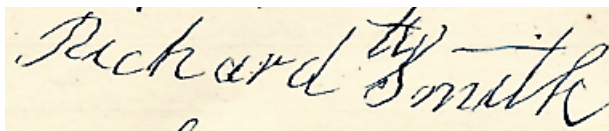
On this __ day of September 1845 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Drucilla Scott a resident of said County and State aged 94 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 4, 1836, that she is the widow of Joseph Scott late of said County and State, who was a private in the militia service of Virginia in the War of the Revolution: She declares that she was married to her late husband Joseph Scott previous to his entering the War of the Revolution, and that he served three tours in the Militia which she now distinctly recollects, to wit one tour of three months in the year 1780 at the Albemarle Barracks She does not recollect the name of the Captain or any of the officers, one tour of three months in the year 1781 in Captain William Jones Rifle Company march[ed] to the South and was in the battle of Guilford North Carolina

[Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] also another tour of three months in the year 1781 – but she does not recollect the names of any of the Officers he marched every time from the County of Buckingham Virginia and she believes that he was drafted every tour she having made a prior Declaration in which there are 2 discharges filed and the evidence of her marriage which is referred to as a part of this Declaration and in support of her claim, She having no further documentary evidence in her possession in support of the same – She further declared that she was married to the said Joseph Scott on the ___ day of ___ in the year 17__ that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Scott died on the ___ day of ___ 18__ will more fully appear by reference to the [documents] filed in her former Declaration in the pension office of the United States

S/ Drucilla Scott, X her mark

The affidavit of Richard H. Smith (aged 78 years) of Buckingham County Virginia taken to establish the Pension Claim of Drucilla Scott widow of Joseph Scott Dec'd who states, that in the year of 1780 his father Robert Smith, Giles Davidson³ and Joseph Scott, the late husband of Drucilla Scott, marched from the County of Buckingham to the Albemarle Barracks this affiant has a distinct recollection of the time when they were called out, this affiant does not know what length of time they were called out to serve at the Barracks perfectly recollects that they were gone two months if not three but could not say three months with certainty, this affiant's father and Joseph Scott Dec'd lived near neighbors at the time of the Revolutionary War and when they went to the Barracks and continued neighbors until the death of said Scott, Mrs. Drucilla Scott is still living and in her proper senses, this affiant also recollects that the said Joseph Scott served the tours in the year 1781, one at Guilford and the other at Little York.

S/ Richard Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script on a yellowed piece of paper. The signature reads "Richard H. Smith" with a flourish at the end.

³ [Giles Davidson S6790](#)