

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben R. Scott R9306

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District of West Tennessee

On this 23rd day of February 1822 personally appeared in open Court in the Circuit Court of the County of Rutherford, State of Tennessee (the same being a court of record) before the Honorable Nathaniel W Williams one of the Circuit Judges of said State Reuben Scott aged sixty-two years; resident in said County of Rutherford who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st May 1820, That he the said Reuben Scott enlisted for the term of three years in the fall of the year 1777 in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain William Brown, artillery Company, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, under the said engagement until he reenlisted in the same during the war until the expiration of the war, when he was discharged from said service in the town of Annapolis in the State of Maryland. That he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Camden [either the first battle of Camden August 15-16, 1780 or the second battle of Camden, also called the battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781], Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six in May-June 1781], capture of Augusta [Siege of Augusta May-June 1781 & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the affidavits of Joseph Harrison & Michael Obrien, His discharge having been long since lost. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule of property of Reuben Scott

- 1 Horse
- 1 Saddle
- 1 Bridle

S/ Reuben Scott, X his mark

The occupation of the said Reuben Scott is that of a farmer & owing to his age, decrepitude & other infirmities, he cannot prosecute his business so as to ensure a necessary maintenance; He has a family consisting of his wife Margaret aged 45 years, possessing a frail constitution, not

much more than able to close herself, & one child named David Bradford Scott aged 5 years.
Sworn to in open Court 23rd February 1822
S/ Wm Ledbetter

S/ Reuben Scott, X his mark

State of Tennessee Rutherford County Circuit Court February term 1822

Joseph Harrison¹ makes oath, that during the Revolutionary war in the year 1778 & 1779 he saw Reuben Scott who has this day made a declaration to obtain a pension at different times & places engaged a soldier in the service of his country in the company commanded by Captain William Brown. He particularly saw him at the battle of Monmouth engaged in the action. He knew him at least 2 years in the service while this affiant was a soldier, And believes that during that time he served his country faithfully.

S/ Joseph Harrison, X his mark

Michael Obrien² makes oath, that he enlisted as he believes about two months afterwards, in the same company of Captain William Brown, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison in the Continental establishment, to which Reuben Scott was attached & who was this day made a declaration to obtain a pension; And that he knows from his own personal observation that said Reuben Scott served for 6 or 7 years as a private soldier in the company above mentioned & that he was honorably discharged from the service & that during the said [This document ends here as posted on Fold3. HeritageQuest does not include this affidavit.]

[f p. 8: On September 19, 1854 in Franklin County Alabama, Mrs. Margaret Scott, 71, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Reuben R Scott; that he resided in Limestone County Alabama at the time he died; that he was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum for his service in the revolution; that he died on March 23, 1824; that she married him in the state of South Carolina in Sumter District on the 14th day of February 1799; and that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Manning; that she and her husband had 8 children; Samuel aged about 52 years, temperance Flannigan aged about 47 years, John James Scott aged about 44 years, Deannah Rutherford aged about 39 years, Bradford Scott aged about 36 years – the other children making the number 8 are dead; she signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: On June 21, 1855 in Franklin County Alabama, Margaret Scott, then stating her age as 74 years, filed another affidavit in order to obtain her bounty land entitlement in which she says her husband was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per year which he initially drew when living in Rutherford County Tennessee; that in 1823 he moved into Limestone County Alabama but continued to draw his pension in Nashville Tennessee until he died March 23rd, 1824; that he had moved to Rutherford County Tennessee from Sumter District South Carolina about the year 1801; that she was married to him in Sumter District South Carolina February 14th 1798 by James Richbo, Esq. and that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Mannin [sic]; that she has no record of her marriage; that she had the following children: Reuben Scott 55, Samuel Scott 53, temperance, Scott 47, James Scott 45, Dianah Scott 43 & Bradford Scott 39 years.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 23, 1822, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ FPA W8917

² Sic, Michael O'Brian or O'Bryan FPA s38974