

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Scott R9312 Alice Scott VA
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State of Indiana } SS: On this Fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand
Boone County } eight hundred and fifty, personally appeared in open court before the
Court of Probate for the County of Boone and State of Indiana, now sitting Reuben Scott a resident of
Jackson Township in the said County of Boone and State of Indiana, Aged forty seven years on the 16th
day of April last past, son of Samuel Scott and Alice Scott, his wife, who are now deceased, the said
Samuel Scott Died on the eighth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty three and Alice
Scott his Wife died on the tenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, who, being
first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath make the following Declaration in behalf of his
deceased Father & Mother the said Samuel Scott and Alice Scott his Wife, in order to obtain the benefit
of the acts of Congress in such case made and provided. That the said Samuel Scott entered the service of
the Untied States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, as he is informed by the
said Samuel Scott in his lifetime & others and verrily believes.

That the said Samuel Scott was Born in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty and
entered the service in 1775 as a Volunteer under Captain Joseph Cloyd on New River in Montgomery
County and State of Virginia (his statement of the precise time not recolected nor the different officers he
the said Samuel Scott was under in the service not recolected in rotation nor his marches & stations in
rotation as performed) was under Colonel William Preston also under Colonel Wm. Christie [William
Christian]. also Captain McCortle [probably James McCorkle] Captain Robertson & Capt. Wm. Penn
[William Penn] & Captain How [probably Daniel Howe, pension application S5565] and Stephen Trigg
administered to him the said Samuel Scott his oath of Fidelity to his Contry and was under several
engagements, but the statement of the precise Number and length of each not recolected, he the said
Samuel Scott continued in the service untill some time in the year of 1781. He the said Samuel Scott was
Marched from Culbersom's bottom [sic: Culbertson's Bottom at present Crumps Bottom in Summers
County WV] on New River to Moravian Town in North Carolina [Bethabara, Bethania, or Salem], and to
a place called Bluestone and to Watauga Fort there stationed three Months and then back to Cloyds Fort
in Montgomery Via [sic]. He the said Samuel Scott was Marched to Hosston [sic: Holston] River at the
Blockhouses and was also marched in Carlina the year after his second child was born who was born in
Nov. 1780 and my Mother Alice Scott had to frequently take her children to the Fort while her Husband
Samuel Scott was engaged out in the service. He the said Samuel Scott was in no regular Battle, but said
he would have been, but he believed some of his officers were a little cowardly and did not like to push
themselves forward. The duration of each term of engagement cannot be particularly given, but the said
Samuel Scott did serve with an embodied Corps caled into service by competant authority, that he was in
the field or in garrison, in all not less that four years, and for the time during which the service was
performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit. And that I know of no documentary evidence to
prove the service of the said Samuel Scott as his discharge was destroyed by the burning of his house and
that I know of no person, whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to his service other than the
Deposition of Forrest Farley and Sollomon Farley that are herewith enclosed. He the said Samuel Scott
was a private through out his services in the War of the Revolution. I am informed and believe that the
said Samuel Scott and the said Alice Scott his Wife was Married in the Winter of 1776 and that I know
of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to their Marriage other than Mrs. Hannah
Crow of Pulaski Co, & State of Via. whose Deposition is herewith enclosed.

Every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present is hereby relinquished and
Declares that the name of the said Samuel Scott is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] Reuben Scott

Question 1st by the Court. Where and in what year were your Father the said Samuel Scott Born. Ans. In Augusta Co. Via. in the year 1750

“ 2nd I have no record of his age and do not know of any

“ 3rd [When he entered service he lived] In Montgomery County Via, and from thence he moved to Giles Co. Via. and from thence he moved to Lee Co. Via and there Lived untill he died.

“ 4th He Volunteered

“ 5th I know of no further statements of his officers and service than I have above stated.

“ 6th I have heard him say that he had received discharges and they was consumed in the burning of his house.

“ 7th John Muncy and Thomas Caldwell and Elizabeth Scott, who does Testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution, whose evidence is herewith enclosed.

State of Indiana } ss:
Boone County } [13 May 1850]

Be it known that before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Elizabeth Scott, the Wife of Nathaniel Scott alias Elizabeth Caldwell aged forty seven past who being duly sworn deposeth and sayth, that she was well acquainted with Samuel Scott Deceased, and that he died on the 8th day of August AD 1833 and that she went into the family in Sept. 1823 and continued in the family untill 1831 which period the said Samuel Scott related to me at divers times of his services in the Revolutionary War.

Question do you recollect of his stating the time he entered the service and what officers he served under
Ans. I do not Recollect the time, not expecting to be called upon to testify. I heard him frequently tell of being under Captain How & Captain Cloid and Col. Preston & Col. Wm. Christie I have heard his state that he liked Col. Christie better as a soldier than Col. Preston and I was acquainted with Capt. How's children I hear him speak of being under others but cannot recollect their name or office.

Question. do you recollect of hearing him state how long he served in the War.
Ans. I do not recollect the different periods but have a distinct Recollection of his relating his services before he was Married and after he was married, which was as I am informed & believe in the Winter of 1776 and I have heard him state he was in the service after his second child was born who was in the year 1780 and he lived at the Narrows of New River when he entered the service and I cannot recollect of his different marches and stations but recollect of his saying he was marched in Carlina & wonce near Charles Town [Charleston SC] and from what I have heard him state he served pretty much all through the War.

Question Was he a man that was generally believed to be a man of truth and veracity
Ans. He was a man that I had utmost confidence in and often heard him spoken of as a fine man and good soldier before I was acquainted with him I was born and raised in about Eight miles from him and have heard my parent speak of him and others that I was acquainted with that was with him part of the time in the service. When I first went into the family he was afflicted with the palsey and had been for fifteen years before and continued so untill his Death

Question Did Alice Scott continue his Widow untill her Death.
Ans. She did, and Died January 10th 1838 and further sayth not.

Elizabeth herXmark Scott

Commonwealth of Kentucky }
Harlan County to wit }

This 7th day of Oct 1848 Solomon Farley on his solemn oath stated, that he is now near ninety years of age and that he became acquainted with Samuel Scott in Culberson's bottom. he states that the s'd. Samuel Scott came there as a revolutionary soldier in company with other soldiers who came there to

defend a fort which stood upon his father's [Thomas Farley's] land in s'd bottom. I can remember that the s'd Scott was a faithful soldier for several years in the war of the Revolution I know that the s'd Samuel Scott was in service in and previous to the year 1775. Samuel Scott was in the service at the time of the battle of Bunkers hill [Bunker Hill, 17 Jun 1775]. I do not know whether Samuel Scott was ever in any battle or not, but he did serve under Col. Robinson, Cols William Penn and Col. or Capt. Cloid. I can not now remember whether Cloid at that time was a Col. or Capt, and further this affiant states not.

Solomon hisXmark Farley

State of Virginia; Pulaski County (to wit)

This day [5 June 1849] Mrs Hannah Crow, aged eighty three years, personally appeared before me John Caddall a Justice of the peace in and for said county, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposed and saith. I was acquainted with Samuel Scott from my childhood up to the time he moved from Giles county to the county of Lee in this state embracing a period of about 40 years. I have no distinct recollection that he served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war, but think it probable that he did serve a tour under Capt. Joseph Cloyd at a Fort on New River at at Culbertson's bottom, against the Indians in the year 1774. Samuel Scott married a cousin of mine Elsy Muncy as well as I recollect in tin the winter of 1776 and were married as I understood by the Rev. Richard Whit. The said Samuel Scott & Elsey his wife had 12 or 14 children Viz – Jane, Francis, Nancy, Samul, John, Ruth, Rachael, Elsey, Mary, George, Reuben and Nathaniel and Martha. Samuel Scott was considered a brave man, & a true friend to his country.

Hannah herXmark Crow

Commonwealth of Kentucky }
Harlan County to wit }

Know all men by these presents that I Forris Farley upon my solemn oath state that Samuel Scott came to Culbertson's bottom a long with other soldiers of the Revolution to defend a fort that stood upon my fathers land I further state that I saw and knew Samuel Scott to be in the service about the time of and after the declaration of independance which was about the year 1776 and after that time I saw him several times at differant periods serving as a soldier. I think I saw him under Captain Robinson Captain or Col. Penn and Captain or Colonor Cloyd.

Question when & where did you become acquainted with Samuel Scott.

Ans. I saw Samuel Scott in Culbertson's bottom first he came there in the army under Cloyd who left him under Pen & Robinson

Under whom did he come ans under Cloid

At what other time & place did you see Samuel Scott. Answer some time after the soldiers were discharged from Culbertson's bottom I saw Samuel Scott marched from wakers Creek in the County of Withe Va [sic: Walker Creek in Wythe County] to Carolina – was Samuel Scott a private or an officer

Ans. he was only a private soldier

What became of the fort at Culbertson's bottom

Answer it was burnt by the indians [in 1778 according to James Caldwell W9770]

Did Samuel Scott ever serve under Captain Howe ans Howe I think not for Howe was chosen by my father as a spy and served in that capacity for seven years. Hezekiah Philips was also chosen by my father as a spy but was dismissed for running because in so doing he discovered Howe & my father to the indians Phillips run faster than father & Howe & they were forced to dodge out of the track and hide behind a log & four indians passed by them a fifth came up and stoped oposite to them Howe tried to persuade father to shoot him down stating as a reason that he had discovered them & was waiting for the other to return but father refused & they all escaped

do you know whom Samuel Scott married

Answer Alsy Muncey

By same was the wife of Samuel Scott ever forted answer she was.

Where at Ans. at my fathers fort at Waker's Creek and also at Cloyd and on Toms Creek at one Shells

Were you ever in a battle I was with the indians but not with the bitish I was under Col Parris [sic: George Pearis] but the reason I was not in the battle he had with Burk [sic: Tory Capt. Ben Burke, skirmish at Shallow Ford of Yadkin River in NC, 14 Oct 1780] was because I belong to the flank guard and we never got up till after the battle was fought Burk got killed seven bullets being shot through him I further state that a more true and faithful soldier than Samuel Scott never entered an army I knew him to be a faithful soldier in the revolution and lived within a mile of him for several years after peace was made

and further this affiant does not now state.

Forris hisXmark Farley Sr

Sworn to and subscribed before as a Justice of the Peace this 25th day of August 1849

William Turner JP.

State of Indiana } SS: Be it known that on this 6th day of May AD 1850 personally appeared before me
Boone County } the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County John Muncy aged
fifty eight years past who being duly sworn Deposeth and sayth that he was acquainted with Samuel Scott
(now deceased) twenty seven years before his Death whose heirs are now making aplication for his
pension that he Died on the 8th Aug. 1833 and that he heard him relate at diferent times his servises in
the Revolutionary War. That he dose not recollect of his statement when he entered the service, that he
lived at the time he entered the service in Montgomery (or where Montgomery now is) in the State of
Virginia & was a Volunteer & I cannot recollect the first officer but herd him state frequently that he
served under Capt. Cloyd and Capt. Howe and Colonel Preston. I heard him say he was marched to
Moravian Town in North Carolina, and at Long island on Holston [now Kingsport TN], & was stationed
on Wautago River [sic: Watauga River] in Tennessee 3 months at one Time was at Blockhouses on
Holston River & was marched different times to the 3 Forks of New river and was marched on to giann
[probably Guyandotte River] in Vir'a. & was marched to Bluestone, and was marched for Charlestown in
S. Carolina but did not reach the place the Troops being turned back [probably shortly after the surrender
of Charleston on 12 May 1780]

Question. Can you say from what you have heard him say how long he was in the service.

Ans. I cannot, but from what I can recollect of hearing him state it must be over three years.

Question. State whether you could rely on his statements as true

Ans. I had the utmost confidence in every thing he stated and never heard it doubted & that he was a
good soldier

Question. Did you hear him state whether he was in any Battle or not.

Ans. I do not recollect of his stating any regular Battle that he was engaged in. And further sayth not.

John hisXmark Muncy

Thomas Caldwell also deposeth and sayth that he is fifty years old past and that he was well
acquainted with said Samuel Scott thirteen years before his Death that he died on the 8th Aug. 1833 that
he had frequently heard him state & talk about his Revolutionary Servises but cannot recolect the name
of the various officers that I have heard him state he served under, Except Capts. How & Cloid nor
cannot recollect his marches nor period of service.

Question Could you put confidence in what he would say. Ans. Samuel Scott was a man in good repute
for truth & verasity & I could believe his statements and further sayth not.

[signed] Thomas Caldwell

NOTE: A document in the file dated 8 Sep 1851 lists the heirs of Samuel and Alice Scott as "Reuben
Scott and Nathaniel Scott, Francis Scott and others."