

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Scott S14421

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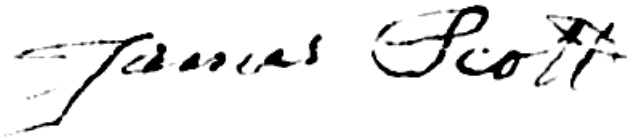
State of Kentucky Caldwell County SS

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before James C.u Weller, Morton A Rucker, & William Lauder Esquires justices of the County Court of Caldwell County State of Kentucky, now sitting James Scott a resident of said County & State, aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit: That he entered the service in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia as a private in the militia or state troops of that State, sometime in the year 1777 for a tour of six months, under Captain James Pendleton and Major William Roberts – that we marched from Culpeper into New Jersey, and round the back of Philadelphia, where we joined the main Army under General Washington. That his Regiment was commanded by Colonel Crawford. The British were at this time in Philadelphia, and it was Washington's design to attack them, but from some circumstance or other he did not do it, and went into winter quarters. That he remained in Washington's Army (under the command of Captain Rucker, instead of Captain Pendleton, who had been advanced to a colonelcy on our march out to join General Washington) until his term of service expired, and until the winter said in, we were then discharged and sent home. There was no engagement with the British during this time. That again, just before Cornwallis was taken at York, the precise length of time he does not remember, he again entered the service from the same County, under Colonel Allcock and Captain Kirk for a tour of three months, and marched to intercept Cornwallis on his march through the Country – not to engage him, but under the orders of General Washington, to play along before him, and harass his march as much as possible, but not to come to any engagement; which we did, and continued in the service, marching from place to place until the expiration of my term, and we were discharged and relieved by another party sent for the purpose – and this constituted his revolutionary services as a soldier. That he served with Lisman Bacey, Randall Staliard, Stephen Rucker and many others, but whether any of them are living he does not know – they are not in this country, and he cannot therefore procure their evidence, but he supposes his name is on the roll of the Virginia militia and to that he refers. He states that he was born in Culpeper County, Virginia in the year 1756 – that he was living in that County when he entered the service; that he entered both times as a Volunteer; and that he never received any written discharge, that he recollects, as he was marched home by his Captain from the first campaign, who did not give any written discharges, that he remembers. That he lived about 15 years in Culpeper after the war, and moved to South Carolina where he lived 5 years, and then moved to Tennessee & lived there 15 years, and then moved to Kentucky, Caldwell County where he now lives, & has for the past 15 or 16 years.

That he has his father's Bible in which his age was recorded, but the page containing the record has been torn out, and he now keeps his age from recollection, having often seen the record of it in said Bible. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He further states that there is no clergyman of his acquaintance living in his neighborhood whose attendance he can procure without much trouble and expense.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Scott

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

[William Vaughn, Thomas Johnson and James Perry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]