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Pension Application of David Scott S25425

VA

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[The following is the only original document in the federal pension file. See endnote.]

We William Williams & Edward B. Jackson practising Physicians & Surgeons of the County of Harrison in the [page torn] of Virginia report that we have recently examined the disability of David Scott formerly a Captain in the United States service, & now on the list of Pensioners, & who appears to be, & says he is seventy seven years of age and we find that he has lost the use of his right fore arm & hand, by a gun shot wound, entirely; that he is wholly disabled & prevented from obtaining a subsistence by manual labor. given under our hands the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1814 [signed] Wm. Williams E. B. Jackson

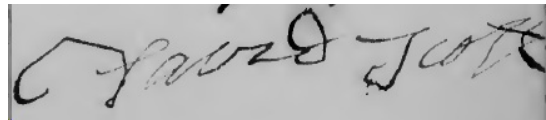
[The following are from [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Monongalia County]

To the Hon'ble the Speaker & rest of the Members of the General Assembly.

The Petition of David Scott of the County of Monongalia Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner a Captain in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Gipson [sic: John Gibson], was ordered on an Expedition against the Savages in the month of February One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Nine [sic: 1778; see endnote], under The Immediate command of Brigadier General [Edward] Hand and in an Engagement agt the Salt lick Towns, your Petitioner received a Shot in his right arm, which shot shattered the arm & entered the Body of your Petitioner, the Ball extracted, the arm became the Object of care; in the Course of Two Years However your Petitioners arm was perfectly sound (the arm rendered useless) partly at his Own expence

Your Petitioner therefore Prays for such Relief as the Laws provided & the Wisdom of the Hon'ble House shall Judge Equitable – & your Petitioner as in duty Bound Shall pray &c



November 2<sup>d</sup> 1784 referred to Claims

[The following is among the [Revolutionary Pension papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

In the House of Delegates November the 14<sup>th</sup> 1784.

Resolved that the Petition of David Scott late a Captain in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment praying Relief in Consideration of a Wound which he received in his Arm in an engagement with the Indians at the Salt Lick Towns in the year 1779 is reasonable. and that he be put on the List of pensioners 1784 Nov'r 23<sup>d</sup> Agreed to by the Senate Teste J Beckley CHD

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A Copy Teste John Beckley CHD

On Examination of the wound received by Capt. David Scott who was by a Resolution of Assembly in November 1784 put on the Pension List I find a Ball has passed somewhat in a Longitudinal Direction thro' the Joint of the right arm so as to occasion a perfect [illegible word] – the free use of the arm is greatly impeded & if requisite to have recourse to hard Labour for subsistance some disability is certainly sustained.

W. Foushee [William Foushee, Surgeon]  
December 2<sup>d</sup> 1786

I DO, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that David Scott G[?] about 49 years of age late a Captain in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of The United States as to entitle him to the sum of Thirty Pounds yearly: which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1786.  
Edm. Randolph

[The following are among [Revolutionary Bounty-Warrant papers in the Library of Virginia:](#)]

I do Certify that David Scott Esquire was appointed a Captain in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment early in the Spring of the year 1777. I well remember that his appointment was prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> of March in that year, when I perfectly recollect seeing him in the service but he being afterwards detached for the protection of the frontier, I am not enabled to say how long he remained in service. Given under my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1806.

James Wood. formerly B. Genl Cont'l. Army.

To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia [William H. Cabell] and the Honorable the Council of State Having been informed that A Military warrant for 4000 acres of Land has Issued in favour of A certain David Scott, who was a Captain in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on continental establishment The said Scott was commissioned as such and raised a company whose Inlistment were for the term of three years and in the beginning of the year 1777 went into actual service and in the month of August or September in the year 1778 at Pittsburg by the sentance of a General Court martial was broke of the service, which sentance was as well as I recollect nearly in these words, that the said Captain David Scott had been Guilty of a breach of a certain section or sections of the Articles of War, that he had with held his mens pay after drawing the same, that he had discharged one of his Sergants and afterwards ordered him into actual service again, and one or more crimes which he had been guilty of that I do not recollect, we find the said Cap'tn. Scott to have been guilty of certain section of the Articles of War and Dismiss him of the service, and that his place of abode together with the crimes he has been guilty of, be inserted in the public news papers, to which sentence the General then commanding at Pittsburg (to wit) General Laughlen McIntosh [sic: Lachlan McIntosh] approved of But the part of being published he oमित on account of his Connection and Family should any doubts arise concerning the authenticity of this charge further Information may be had by applying to General James Wood and a copy of the record are to be had, I give this information that frauds of this kind may be detected together with others of as deep a dye, that is the same person drawing money yearly out of the Treasury of the United States as an Invalid petitioner which sums of 300 Dollars for many years, together with the sum of 100 Dollars for many years amounts to a faire sum — I am Gentlemen with due respect your most Obed't. Hum'l Serv't



7<sup>th</sup> April 1806

[The envelope is postmarked Morgantown VA. The signature is that of John Evans, pension application S8444.]

NOTES:

A typed summary in the federal pension file states that Scott was allowed a pension under the act of 7 June 1785 and also received 4000 acres of bounty land in 1806 for three years service in the Virginia Continental line, and that original papers were destroyed by fire either in 1801 or 1814. Other pension

applications indicate that David Scott commanded a company raised in Monongalia County in present WV in the regiment of Col. John Gibson at Fort Pitt and elsewhere.

In February 1778 Gen. Edward Hand led an expedition from Fort Pitt intending to punish the Mingo Indians for siding with the British. After being turned back by weather, he instead attacked Indians at Salt Lick in present Mahoning County OH. His troops killed and captured several women, earning the expedition the title of "Squaw Campaign."

Frances B. Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution states the Capt. David Scott retired on 30 Sep 1778.