

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Scott S31350

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State of Kentucky Gallatin County: Sct.

On this 15th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Gallatin County Court now sitting Robert Scott a resident of the said County of Gallatin Kentucky aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon 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 that is to say in very early times his father moved from Pennsylvania when this declarant was born to the Fort at Wheeling in Virginia and carried the declarant and the balance of his family with him. That he continued at the said Fort until early in the spring of 1781 – that whilst he was at the Fort at Wheeling the Indians were very troublesome and during the war of the revolution the said Fort was attacked whilst this declarant was there on two different occasions. Upon the last occasion this declarant thinks it was in 1778 there was only about 15 persons in the Fort and this declarant was in the house of Mr. Lanes [could be Zanes] with his family just at the outside of the Fort and the descent of the Indians was so sudden and unexpected that the persons in the house were compelled to remain in it and make the best defense they could he states that he assisted in its defense actively and the siege of the house & Fort continued about 3 days and the Indians they had retired without taking either that although he was quite a boy at the time his services continued to be required to assist in defense of the place and frontier and immediately adjoining until he moved from there in the spring 1781 – that he was not idle nor indeed could he be for self preservation required the utmost vigilance of all – he states that in the month of March 1781 as well as he remembers having moved from Wheeling to Jefferson County Kentucky he entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier under Captain Floyd at Floyd's station on Bear Grass in Jefferson County Kentucky and he there remained as a part of the garrison of the Fort at that place from the said month of March 1781 till around August 1781 embracing a period of five months during all which time he served faithfully as a part of the garrison of that place and in scouting parties against the Indians –

He further states and declares that in the month of August 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier upon a tour of 6 months in the Company of Captain Floyd and joined General Clarke [George Rogers Clark] at the falls of the Ohio upon an expedition to Vincennes – that he marched with the troops upon said expedition and continued with them [several words too faint to discern] turn actively engaged in the service and upon the return of the expedition to the falls of Ohio he there was kept in garrison till the expiration of his said term of service and he then returned to Floyd's Station where he was again immediately enrolled under Captain Floyd as a part of the garrison of

that place where he continued under Captain Floyd actively employed against the Indians until December 1782 – that he engaged in many skirmishes and scouting parties against them during his service and encountered much hardship, difficulty and fatigue and danger – that in the year 1782 he served as above named after his the expiration of tour under General Clark not less than 9 months.

He states and declares that he continued at the Fort at Floyd's Station during the winter 1782 and spring 1783 and that in the spring 1783 in the month of April as well as he remembers, he was again enrolled under Captain Floyd as a volunteer soldier & continued at the said fort as a part of its garrison not less than 6 months ending in October 1783 that there was not as much disturbance during the year 1783 from the Indians as there was the year preceding but that his services were as unremitted during this year as in any other year.

He states that during the revolution he was young & he is now old and his memory does not serve him in relation to the minute circumstances of his service but he knows that he did not serve as a private soldier against the Indians in the War of the revolution less than 26 months and for that service he claims a pension. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Scott



Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1764

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have none now it has been lost

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – When I was in Wheeling Virginia I performed some service in my other services I lived in Kentucky in the present County of Jefferson & there remained about 10 years & then moved to Henry County Kentucky and there remained about 6 years & then moved to Gallatin County Kentucky where I have lived ever since

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was a volunteer.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I recollect General Clark who was a regular officer. I recollect Colonel Logan & Colonel Floyd my services were at the frontiers against the Indians – I was out with General Clark upon an expedition to Vincennes. When I was at Wheeling I was in the battle at the siege of that place though a boy and I do not remember who were the officers there except Captain Mason who had command of the Fort.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received any discharge in writing

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name Frederick Coghill & John Foster

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Scott

[John Foster and Frederick Coghill 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.]