

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Scott S31952

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State of Georgia Coweta County:

On this the 8th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us Henry Henderson, Richard B Wootten & John D Hinton Judges of the Inferior Court of said State & County now sitting William Scott a resident of Coweta County in said State aged seventy years who being 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated –

That he entered the service in the month of June or July in the year 1778 as a drafted or classed man in the Militia of the State of Virginia to serve a tour of three months – Rendezvoused at Fluvanna Court House and marched under the command of Captain Richard Nappier [Richard Napier] to Williamsburg all of the same State – at which place we joined other troops and remained at and near in the vicinity of that place till our time of service expired when we were discharged: The Regiment was commanded by Colonel George Thompson.

In the spring of the year 1779 the month not now recollected, he served a tour of three months in the place of Littleberry Moon under Captain Nicholas Hamner, was marched to Charlottesville in Allegheny County in the State of Virginia to guard some British & Hessians prisoners Stationed near that place. That on his arrival at this place his Company was joined by two other Companies commanded by Captains Timberlick [Timberlake?] & Burley. This body of troops was commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney.

In the month of April in the year 1781 he came to his turn as a classed man of the Militia to enter the service again. That he entered under the command of Captain Anthony Haden and Rendezvoused at Fluvanna Court House in the State of Virginia, was marched to Mayo's Hills near the City of Richmond on James River at which place the company joined a body of Troops commanded by General __ Nelson: during our stay at this place (which was but short) we received information that Cornwallis & Tarleton had arrived at Petersburg (Virginia) and our Company not being able to a post them we were compelled to retreat, traveling in various directions to we crossed the Rapidan River at a place called the Raccoon Ford; where we remained a few days and were joined by General Anthony Wayne, Colonel Febiger's or Febaker's [Colonel Christian Febiger's] Regiment and some others from the South branch of the Potomac. – Upon the reinforcement of the troops as above named we crossed the Rapidan River and advanced towards the Enemy. Their head quarters at that time was at Elk Hill on James River previous to arrival at Elk Hill the enemy commenced their retreat towards York Town – we pursued them and on our march we were joined by Generals Lafayette, Steuben, and Washington together with the troops under their command the whole Commanded by General George

Washington, we continued our advance after the Enemy till we drove them to York Town at which place they surrendered in October 1781 – he was then discharged and performed no more active service after that time.

During our advance after the enemy as above stated his Captain was taken sick and the company placed under the command of Captain Humphrey Brooks & during the service of this tour he served as an orderly Sergeant – he served under such Continental officers as above stated – That he was never in a general engagement with the enemy – That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person that can testify to his services – 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.

William Scott

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Scott". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Answers to Interrogatories of the War Department

Answer to the 1st. He was born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia on the 26 July 1762.

Answer to the 2nd. He has none, but has seen his father's register of the ages of his children which was left with his sister in Virginia.

Answer to the 3rd. He was living in Fluvanna County in Virginia he has since lived 7 years in the state of North Carolina (Burke County) from thence he removed to Greenville district South Carolina from thence to Georgia where he has resided the last 6 years and at this time resides in Coweta County in said State.

Answer to 4th. He was classed and served as such when it came to his turn, and in one instance supplied the place of Littleberry Moon a tour of 3 months

Answer to 5th. He knew General George Washington – General Lafayette – Greene, Steuben and others – the regiments he served in and the general circumstances attending them have been related in the declaration.

Answer to 6th. He received a discharge at the end of each tour – that when he was leaving Virginia he thought them of no use to him with other papers he lost them.

Answer to 7th. He refers to William Nimmons and Anderson J Berry

S/ William Scott

[William Nimmons and Andrew J Berry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Coweta County

Personally appeared before us John D Hinton, Richard B Wootten and William Spatling justices of the Inferior Court in and for said County & State now sitting William Scott who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that from old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time he entered the service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below and in the following grades –

For 3 months in the year 1778 as a drafted or classed man in the Militia of the State of Virginia, rendezvoused & marched under the officers as set forth in the preceding declaration.

For the term of 3 months in the year 1779 as a substitute for Littleberry Moon entered the Army in the spring of the year the month not now recollected and served under the officers as set forth in the declaration and served as a private in each of the above named Tours.

For the term of some few days over 6 months as an orderly Sergeant in the service between the 1st and 10th of the month of April in the year 1781 under Captain Anthony Hayden and served under the officers as set forth in the declaration till after the capture of Cornwallis which took place in the month of October following – and about the 18th or 19th of the same month of the same year he was discharged – which discharge was destroyed as set forth in the declaration – and that he has no documentary evidence whereby he can establish the same – and deponent further deposeseth & saith that during his service of the 3 tours as set forth above that he was engaged in no pursuit or employment other than the actual service of a Militia soldier in the United States Army on the American side.

Sworn & subscribed before us this 17th day of May 1833

S/ William Scott

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for one year and 8 days in the Virginia service.]