

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Scott S32509

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State of Illinois, McLean County

On the third day of December personally [sic, personally] appeared in open court before the County commissioners being a court of record of McLean County now sitting John Scott a resident of Kickapoo precinct in the County of McLean & State of Illinois aged Seventy who being first duley [sic, duly] sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June the seventh 1832. That he entered the servis [sic, service] of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I did enter the service of the United States under the command of Colonel William Camble [sic, William Campbell] & Captain James Dysart and his subaltern officers in the year 1780 in the Month of Many and served the following towers [sic, tours] of duty (viz.) early in the Month of May as above all officers having received information that the Tories were committing murder and other depredations in Wilks [sic, Wilkes] County North Carolina, we therefore struck our line of March and with speed we came to the place and having taken sum [sic, some] of them prisoners, they gave security for thare [sic, their] good behaviour [sic, behavior] and all hostilitys [sic, hostilities] Seased [sic, ceased] thare [sic, there] and this being the case we returned home near the last of July and arley [sic, early] in the Month of August we received orders to March for South Carolina in pursuit of Col Forgason [sic, Patrick Ferguson] a British commander having a large body of British & Torys [sic, Tories] under his command, and we marched into North Carolina (now the East end of Tennessee) and there incamped [sic, encamped] until Col Seveir [sic, John Sevier] & Col Isaac Shelby made up their troops & there they joined us & amduately [sic, immediately] we were marched passing over the mountains in and threw [sic, through] Rutherford County from thence into the South & down the South side of Broad River to the Cowpens & there receiving infermation [sic, information] that the Enmmoney [sic, enemy] was lying at the Cherrikee [sic, Cherokee] Ford on said River we tharefore [sic, therefore] marched for that place and continued our line of March all might but the enemy having removed we therefore without receiving any refreshments continued our line of March and on Kings Mountain we came up with the Ennemy [sic, Enemy] and kild [sic, killed] their commander & a number of his soldiers and made prisoners of the residue of them and took their waggons [sic, wagons] from them. This however was not done without some loss on our side there was twenty one or there about killed on our side, amongst the slain was Captain William Edmiston, Reece Bowen & John Baty & the wounded not recollected and after Berrying [sic, burying] our dead we employed [sic, employed] those wagons to carry our wounded back to Col Walker's on Broad River to

which place we were marched the prisoners and our officers there, holding a council it was thought proper, to burn the wagons, and having received proper Testamoney [sic, testimony], against one Col. Mills (a Tory officer) and six of his adherents, they were adjudged guilty of Murder, and by us immediately hanged & here [sic, here] we were [sic, were] to leave our wounded, but a young man by the name of Israel Highter¹ being shot through the thigh [sic, thigh] he desired is taken along the Mountain until Dutch Gap as he could cross at and I with two others was appointed to this duty, all of which I promptly performed and the battle of King's Mountain being on the Sixth day of October 1780 [sic, October 7, 1780] I therefore was not able to reach home until the last of November, my way being impeded in consequence [sic, consequence] of danger, at times, and, the bad Situation of the wounded man, and my fellow soldiers started home at the same time I started with the young man and having returned home and previous to dismission [sic, being dismissed], my before named Col. Campbell gave orders for two companies of his Mounted Volunteers to keep them Selves [sic, themselves] in readiness to march, I having all the while, and in all the before named services belonged to Captain Dysart's company of Mounted Volunteers and so I continued and we killed our Selves [sic, ourselves] in readiness to march and on the first of February 1781 we received orders, and struck a line of march and crossing the Mountain at the flour gap [sic, Flower Gap] down through the Moravian Towns and into Guilford County where General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was encamped and Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] not far off, there we joined head Quarters and on the next day our brave Col Campbell marched us down on the British lines to watch the movements of the Enemy and on the third day being the sixth day of March we received orders to dismount and our horses and saddles and bridles &c being placed in the care of persons appointed to that duty we therefore marched immediately to fire on the British being then in hearing of their drum beat but we had not advanced more than one half mile before the British fired on those horseman, scaterd [sic, scattered?] and took some horses and mine was one of them appraised to Sixty dollars together with my saddle and bridle all which I lost on that day but we in a few minnits [sic, minutes] after hearing the firing of the pistles [sic, pistols] of the horse we were advanced in close firing distance of the Enemy on the Caney fork of Haw River at Whitsels Mills [sic, Wetzel's Mills] at which place we had a Sevear [sic, severe] scrimmage with the British, and on the day following we again got into General Greene's camp and marched with the General a few days but the weather being Blustary [sic, blustery] and cool & we having lost our blankets we therefore received orders to march for home but I being near three hundred miles from home, and a foot (as I have lost my horse) I did not reach home until near the first of May 1781 and my services in all as a Mounted Volunteer in the United States service amounted to about twelve months under arms as a private. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Court-- 1. whare [where] and in what year were you born --Ans, I was born in Pennsylvania York County in 17[last two digits are illegible]. (Court) have you any Record of your age and where is it --Ans. My age was recorded in my father's large Bible from thence I found it -- (Court) where were you living when called into service and

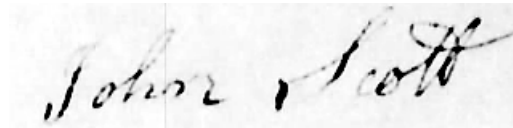
¹ Moss gives this man's name as Israel Hayter or Hyter. Bobby Gilmer Moss, *Roster of the Loyalists in the Battle of Kings Mountain* (Blacksburg, S.C.: Scotia-Hibernia Press, 1998) 116.

where have you lived since (An) I lived when called into service in Washington County Virginia from thence to South Carolina from thence to Tennessee from thence to Indiana from thence to Illinois where I now live I have already referred to two some of the regular officers whom I served with in service – (Court) did you ever receive a discharge from the service By whom was it – give and what has become of it – (An) I received a discharge from my Captain but do not distinctly Recollect what became of it (Court) State the names of persons in your neighborhood to whom you are known and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior your Soldiership [sic] & service as a Revolutioner [sic] (An) I refer you to James Latta a clergyman and John Glenn who can testify concerning me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid (S/ John Scott)
[James Latta, a clergyman, and John Glenn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois McLean County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid John Scott who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, for one-year I served as a private mounted volunteer in the United States of militia troops – and for such service I claim a pension and the deponent further saith that as to defining precisely to a day when he was called into service and when disbanded he cannot be precise as he has no papers or memorandums from which positively to decide and the deponent further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 25th day of May 1833

S/ John Scott

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Scott". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.