

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Scott S37370

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Francis Scott aged 60 years, now a citizen of Barren County Kentucky states & declares on oath that he served in the American revolutionary war as a soldier about three years. He enlisted about the year 1777 or 1778 (to the best of his recollection) in Captain Wallace's Company, Colonel Heath's [William Heth's] Regiment & General Charles Scott's brigade, in the Continental Line. He had first entered the service for 18 months, but, before the expiration of that time, he again enlisted to serve during the war, and was finally discharged about the year 1781 in Frederick County Virginia, after having been marched thither with the prisoners taken with Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. The written discharge which event obtained has been lost or destroyed, & cannot now be produced. The said Francis Scott further states and declares that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Francis Scott, X his mark

State of Kentucky Sct.

I Christopher Tompkins a Circuit Judge for the state aforesaid & presiding judge of the Baron circuit Court do certify that Francis Scott, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing statement, this day personally appeared before me & made oath, that the facts & allegations above set forth are true. Given under my hand this 15th of July 1818

S/ Christopher Tompkins

The within named Francis Scott states & declares on oath (for the purpose of correcting what he apprehends to be a mistake in the within Declaration), that he now believes he enlisted in the spring of the year 1779, & was discharged in the spring 1782 – that he was taken prisoner at Charleston [May 12th, 1780], and was discharged from the service in the spring after Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781]. Sworn to before me this 3rd February 1820

S/ Christopher Tompkins

State of Kentucky Sct. On the 16th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court, to wit, in the Barren County Court being a Court of Record for the County of Barren, and made such by an act of Assembly of the said State entitled an act to reduce into one the several acts establishing County Courts and regulating the proceedings therein and concerning the appointment of Justices of the peace and their jurisdiction approved December 17th 1896 [sic, 1796?]. Francis Scott aged 62 resident in the said County of barren who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows: He enlisted in the spring of the year 1779 in Captain Walton's Company Colonel Heath's Regiment & General Charles Scott's Brigade in the Continental line that at first enlisted for 18 months but before that time expired he enlisted to serve during the War for further particulars he refers to his

Original application for a pension sworn to before the Honorable Christopher Tompkins on the 15th of July 1818 and the additional Certificate of said Tompkins dated 3rd February 1820, and I do also swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed that is to say one horse Colt a Stray, 1 cow and calf, 2 sows and shoats, 1 pot and skillet, dresser and furniture including knives plates forks cups &c 3 wheels & loom. My occupation is that of a farmer but am unable to support myself and family by my labor my family consists of my wife Margaret Scott aged about 55 years, by daughter Frances Scott aged 25, my son James Scott aged 13 – Subscribed Sworn to and declared in Open Court this 16th day of October 1820

Teste: S/ W. Logan, Clk

S/ Francis Scott, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 15, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Francis Scott S37370

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

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Enlisted for the war about the time above stated in his affidavit, and the deponent well knows that the said Francis Scott served in the said Revolutionary until the time above stated, when the deponent saw him return home with Regimental clothes on, after the close of the war; and that he knows this to be the same Francis Scott, who is now applying for his Land Bounty. Thomas James

[certified in Barren County KY 10 Dec 1821]