

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Scott Scruggs (Scott Martin) S38357

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Virginia, to wit:

At a Court of Cordially Session, continued by adjournment and held for Nelson County in the Courthouse, on Thursday the 27th day of March 1828.

Be it remembered that on this 27th day of March 1828, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Nelson, being made a court of record by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, Samuel Scott Scruggs Senior formally called Scott Martin, resident in said County aged seventy years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Samuel Scott Scruggs under the name of Scott Martin, enlisted for the term of two years, on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Jordan Cabell, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stevens in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the ___ day of ___ 1779, when he was discharged from the service in the State of Pennsylvania; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State, except Virginia; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That he believed he could make out by his own exertions without the aid of Government to support himself, and tried to do so.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly 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

a tract of land containing 70 acres, worth about \$2 per acre	\$140.00
one black horse about 17 years old	15.00
3 head of horned cattle	18.00
10 head of hogs	15.00
\$150 owing to me from my son Saml. S. Scruggs for land	<u>150.00</u>
	\$338.00

– my occupation a Farmer, but from age and disease I am unable to pursue it, I have one daughter living with me aged 20 years, from bad health and unable to contribute anything to my support. –

That since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property

Description of property	Name of person to whom sold	Time of sale	Amount of money or description of property received in return
125 acres of land	55 acres sold to Saml. S. Scruggs Jr., my son	1826	\$150

S/ Samuel S Scruggs, X his mark

[Thomas Jones gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he served in the same company at the same time with the applicant Samuel Scott Scruggs, Senior under the name of Scott Martin. Alexander Brown gave testimony that Samuel Scott Scruggs is indebted to the mercantile firm of Rives & Brown of Nelson County Virginia in the amount of \$139.82 with interest from the 1st day of August last. Daniel M. Harris, Constable of Nelson County, gave testimony that he holds and execution against Samuel S Scruggs Senior in favor of Lorenzo D. Aistrop assignee of Doctor Arthur Hopkins for the sum of \$16.42, full medical services. On May 28, 1828, the veteran made an amendment to his declaration in which he says that he sold 55 acres of land to his son for \$150 the proceeds of which were used to pay the sum due Rives & Brown of \$139.82 plus interest and also he has paid the Constable of Nelson County the sum of \$8 in part payment of the sum due L. D. Aistrop on the judgment held by him.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 9, 1828, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]