

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Scott S3864

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: September Term County Court 1832

On this day viz. September 29th 1832 personally appeared in open court before George H. Baillard, David C Hibitts, & Benjamin H Billings Esquire now holding said court and presiding therein as quorum Justices thereof, James Scott a resident of said County aged about sixty-nine years who being first 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 7th 1832. He was born in Isle of Wight County in the State of Virginia 10th day of January 1864. During his infancy his father moved to Halifax County in the State of North Carolina where he was raised and resided during the war. He volunteered or cleared the class a private soldier under Captain Peter Becoats [Peter Bacot] he thinks in 1783 for eighteen months and served under him about twelve months. His other officers were General Green [Nathanael Greene], General Wain [sic Anthony Wayne], Colonel Archer Lytle [sic, Archibald Lytle], Major Blount [Reading or Reddin Blount] and Lieutenant Robert Bell, General Greene was commander in chief. He was first stationed on Ashley Hill in South Carolina where he joined General Greene's Army from thence he marched to St. James Island in South Carolina and was stationed there until he was furloughed by Colonel Archer Lytle. He was in no battle during his tour, and peace was made before he was furloughed, which was (as he then understood) the cause of his being furloughed: He understood when he was furloughed, that he was to be [in readiness] at a minutes warning. He returned to Halifax County North Carolina where he remained until 1796 or thereabouts, when he moved from thence to Wilson County in the State of Tennessee, where he has resided ever since.

He received for his services a certificate he thinks calling for \$72, but he only got in reality \$12 for it – He has long since lost his furlough, but refers the Department to a document sent home by him by General Desha, then a member of Congress, about 5 years ago, which document furnishes the testimony of Captain \_\_Hadley<sup>1</sup> and George Avery<sup>2</sup> who knows him, and who was with him all the said tour. He also thinks that his name is recorded, with the particulars of his service on the books of the Department.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or territory in the United States.

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<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, the file does not contain the affidavit of Captain Hadley. He died in 1830. [Joshua Hadley](#)

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<sup>2</sup> [George Avery W8335](#)

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 29th September 1832.

Test: S/ Josiah McClain, Clerk

S/ James Scott, X his mark

[John Jones, a clergyman, Henry M Pitman and E A White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Wilson County December Term County Court 1833

This day came James Scott the same person who has made the foregoing declaration into open court before David C Hibitts, Tanner Spalding & \_\_Esquires now sitting & holding the County Court of Wilson County State of Tennessee, the same being a court of record, & made on oath the following amendatory declaration, viz., Since the return of his papers he has conversed with George Avery who was in the service with him & after talking over occurrences with him, he states to the best of his recollection & calculation he did serve 12 months in the revolutionary war as stated in his original declaration. He has no documentary evidence of his services, nor has he any record of his age, but is satisfied that he has stated it correctly in his original declaration. He further states that Captain Hadley, whose affidavit he sent on about 5 years ago, is dead, and that there is now no living witness known to him, by whom he can prove his services, except George Avery whose affidavit is appended.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

December 24, 1833

Sworn to in open Court 25th of December 1833

S/ J. J. McClain, Clerk

S/ James Scott, X his mark

George Avery makes oath in open court that James Scott, whose name is signed to the foregoing original & amended declaration is well known to him, that they entered the service together at Warrenton Courthouse North Carolina and served 12 months, though we entered into service for 18 months, but were furloughed or discharged as stated by him in his declaration. We served under the officers stated in the declarations, at least he distinctly remembers their Captain was Peter Becoats & indeed the other officers

S/ George Avery, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]