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Pension Application of William Scott S7461

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State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward Sc:

On this 17th day of Sept 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Prince Edward, now sitting, William Scott a resident of this County and state aforesaid, aged seventy four 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.

That he entered the service of the United States in the manner and performed the services as herein stated. Viz: He enlisted he thinks it was in the year 1775 or the year 1776, he does not certainly recollect which year it was, in the County of Charlotte in Virginia, in the minute service for one year, under Lieutenant Douglass Watson, in Capt William Collins Company, marched first to Petersburg Virginia, where he joined the Regiment tow which Capt. Collins Company was attached, commanded by Colo.Ruffin and Majr Glenn; does not recollect the number of the Regiment, from Petersburg he marched to Williamsburg, from thence to Yorktown, thence to Guinns island [Gwynn Island], where we joined the army under the Command of General Dangerfield, where he was engaged several days [8-11 Jul 1776], fighting against the Britttish Troops under the Command of Lord Dunmore; during the engagement several (he thinks seven) of Lord Dnmores ships was destroyed after Lord Dunmore was driven from his position near Gwynn's island, he went up the river, and the american army watched his movements some days, the exact time not recollectd; news arrived that the Indians were troublesome on the frontiers, the Regiment to which he (Wm Scott) was attached (being riflemen) were orderd to go out against the Indians. He the said Scott accordingly marched with his regiment to Holstein island on Holsten river [sic: Long Island on Holston River at present Kingsport TN]; a few days before their arrival at that place there had been a battle there between the van of the army and the Indians [Battle of Island Flats, 20 Jul], the main body of the American army went in pursuit of the Indians. And the Regiment to which he (Scott) was attached, at that time commanded by Colo. Morgan was stationed at Holstein island, they remained there, and in that neighbourhood, untill their time of service expired, and they were orderd to return home, but he (Scott) got no written discharge. The circumstances were these. Colo. Morgan had become very unpopular with the soldiers, and the day before they were to be discharged, they were informed they would be mustered for that purpose the next morning, some persons disposed to show their dislike to Colo. Morgan, that night broke his sword near the hilt and shave the main and tail of his horse. the next morning when he went to mount his horse he was so enraged at the tricks that had been played on him, that he rode off without regularly discharging the troops, but ordered them to march to New London, Bedford [now Campbell] County Virginia where he would meet them, and give them discharges, but he did not meet them. nor did they get any written discharge. He William Scott does not know of any person now living by whom he can prove his services performed in this tour.

the next tour he was called to perform was in the month of February 1778, he was drafted in the County of Charlotte Va as a young man, and he always thought it was for two years service. he hired a substitute to perform this tour of duty. the substitutes name was John Arthur to who he (Scott) gave one hundred pounds, on presenting his substitute he (Scott) got a discharge signed by Thos. Read stating it to be for one years service from the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1778, the discharge is dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 1778, and is now before me. Thomas Read was Colonel and also clerk of the County Court, tho writing is now from age almost unintelligible, so that he does not know whether he meant to have signed it as clerk or as Colonel, for this service he (Scott) thinks he was entitled to land, if he was, he says he is still entitled to it, as he has never received any, nor has ever applied for any.

The third and last tour he performed in the year 1779, he was drafted as a Militia Man in the County of

Charlotte, Virginia, and marched from Charlotte Court House in a Company commanded by Captain William Morton, about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1778. to Saulsbury [sic: Salisbury] North Carolina, where joined other Virginia troops from thence to Charlotte town in North Carolina, from thence to Campden [sic: Camden] South Carolina, and from thence to Stono near Charlestown, South Carolina, there joined the main army under Gen. [Benjamin] Lincoln while there, an attempt was made to storm a British fort, but the Americans were repulsed [Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 June 1779]. the name of the fort is not recollected. his discharge is now in his possession dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 1779. signed by "Wm Hubbard Maj. Virg. Brig." 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Question. Where and in what year were you born? Answer I was born in Ireland the 3<sup>d</sup> December 1759, was brought to America at four years old.

2<sup>nd</sup> Q. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

A. The record of my age is in my family bible now in my possession.

3<sup>d</sup>. Q. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? answer I lived in the County of Charlotte Va when called into service, removed to Pr. Edward about 1781. or 1782, where I have lived ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you Volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer I never was a substitute. the other questions are answered in the body of my declaration.

5<sup>th</sup> Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and Millitia regiments as you can recollect, and the General Circumstances of your service?

Answer. I have in the body of my declaration so far as recollected.

6<sup>th</sup> Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service. Ans. Yes. I have two in possession, the third I did not get for the reasons set forth in my declaration.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I will name Arthur[?] Bell William C Bell Nathan G. McGehee, Henry N Watkins, Asa Dupuy, James W Womack & Adam Calhoun & James Begger[?].

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Wm Scott

Wm Scott A Soldier in Lieut Henrys Comp'y of Charlotte Militia from Virg'a having serv'd his time is hereby Discharg'd

Given under my hand at Summers house the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1779 Wm Hubard  
Maj'r Virg'a Brig'e

#### NOTES:

Scott wrote as follows in support of the pension application of the widow of George Berkley (Berkely) W8130: "The company marched from Charlotte in January 1779 and at Salisbury in North Carolina Capt Morton returned back home, and the command of the company was transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Bacon, and afterwards to Lieutenant Henry, untill 13<sup>th</sup> of July, 1779, when I was discharged. Major Wm. Hubard and Col. Burwell were commanding officers of the Regiment. Genl Lincoln commanding Officer in Chief."

On 2 April 1833 it was stated that Scott was infirm and a cripple.