

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Scott S7469

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[Transcriber's note: The digital images of this application as posted on both Fold3.com and Ancestry.com are severely compromised. The first page of the application is substantially illegible in both versions except for a few miscellaneous words. What follows is my best attempt to decipher the images. If anyone has a better transcript, please consider making it available to us. Rather than skip making any transcript, I have transcribed what I can but have also included the summary letter prepared by the Department of the Interior in response to inquiry.]

North Carolina Iredell County

On this 16th day of November 1833 personally appeared before me John Scott, aged 74 years of age on the 5th day of June last [balance of the first page is substantially illegible in both versions available online]

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Prisoner & as I understood was put on board a British ship at New York. From Fort Lee where I was placed under General Washington, we retreated to Trenton, in a [indecipherable word] manner, and crossed the River on rafts – camp that night on the West side of the River – here General Washington received a recruit from the militia of Pennsylvania, Virginia & Maryland. We then recrossed the River and captured 900 Hessians or thereabouts at Trenton – the Prisoners were then taken across the River – Washington with his recruited Army pursuing the enemy to Princeton New Jersey – Here the Hessians & enemy were dispersed & driven towards the City of New York – After this skirmish I took sick and was left on the West side of the Delaware River – General Washington departing with the principal part of his Army to go into winter quarters and if I recollect correctly Valley Forge – the winner of [paper torn] fortunately I met with an honor of a small wagon going to Philadelphia, where I remained [indecipherable word or words] & met with a conveyance to Lancaster County where an uncle lived; & with whom I remained until the following spring when I recovered & was conveyed by him to my father's residence in York County in the month of April – making in all eight months –

In the year 1779 I removed to North Carolina, Orange County. In the year 1780 I volunteered in a Company commanded by Captain William Hodge – Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Mebane, and was in active service one month – principally in Randolph County North Carolina, subsequently I served one month

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months under the same officers and in the same [indecipherable word or words] section of country – principally in the Counties of Randolph & Guilford North Carolina.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State or (if any) not to his knowledge.

North Carolina Iredell County

Sworn & subscribed before me November 16th, 1833

S/ Saml King, JP

S/ John Scott

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Scott", enclosed within a rectangular border.

[Henry N Pharr, a clergyman, and Thomas Lackey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories

1. Where were you born?

A. I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania & removed from there into York County in the same State when 9 months old.

2nd. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

A. I have no record of my age the Bible which contained [it] got wet & lost.

3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolution and where do you now live?

A. I was living in York County Pennsylvania when I was first called into service, and until the year 1779 when I removed to Orange County North Carolina from there I removed to Mecklenburg County state aforesaid where I remained 4 years from which County I removed to Iredell County said state where I have lived ever since and continued to live.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

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A. I was a volunteer on each occasion on which I served & was not a substitute on any one side.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. First tour of service in the Militia under Captain David Wilson, Colonel Kennedy, (Major not recollected) when I was transferred to Washington's Army, I have no recollection of any Field Officer under General Washington. Second term in North Carolina I was under Captain Hodge – Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Mebane.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it?

A. I never received a discharge to my knowledge.

7th. Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I never received a Commission but entered occasionally a short time as a Sergeant-Corporal

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June 13, 1934

John Scott – S.7469

BA-J/AWF

Mr. W. Harry Thomson
La Jose
Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to John Scott, Senior, who served in Captain David Wilson's company, Pennsylvania troops in the Flying Camp.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S. 7469, based upon the Revolutionary War service of John Scott.

He was born June 5, 1759 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and when nine months of age moved to York County, Pennsylvania; names of his parents on not stated.

John Scott enlisted, while residing in said York County, in 1776, served as private in Captain David Wilson's company, Colonel David Kennedy's Pennsylvania Regiment in the Flying Camp; he was in both battles of Trenton, battle of Princeton and served about eight months. He was taken sick and carried to an uncle (name not given), who lived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he remained until the spring following, reaching his father's home in York County, Pennsylvania in April.

In 1779, John Scott moved to Orange County, North Carolina, and enlisted in 1780, served one month in Captain William Hodge's Company, Colonel Alexander Mebane's North Carolina Regiment, and subsequently served one month in same company and Regiment.

After the Revolution, John Scott moved to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and lived 4 years, when he moved to Iredell County, North Carolina.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 16, 1833, when a resident of said Iredell County.

There is no data in this claim relative to thee [sic, wife?] and children

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Very truly yours
A. D. Hiller
Assistant to Administrator

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]