

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Scoggins W2178      Unity      fn54NC  
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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

On this 23rd day of October personally came in open Court before Richard Gantt of the court of common pleas now sitting Willis Scoggins (a resident of Abbeville District State of South Carolina) aged seventy-one 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service at Halifax town on Roanoke River State of North Carolina under the command of Robert Temples a Captain and Abram Prim Lieutenant the Battalion was commanded by Robert Raiford as Major, that he entered for nine months on the Continental establishment. That after remaining about two months they were furloughed until the first of November 1778 when they rendezvoused at the cross roads on Tar River under General William Caswell, that they marched from thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River, thence to Elizabeth Town on Cape Fear River thence to the ten mile house near Charleston South Carolina, thence to Dorchester & then to Purrysburg where they joined General Sumter [sic, probably mistaken and intended to name Lincoln] & remained there three months or nearly so; thence they went up the Savannah River to the Two Sisters Ferry on Savannah River then to Golphin's Mills on Holly Creek in Barnwell District, thence they marched to Ashley ferry near Charleston where he was taken sick & sent by General Lincoln into Charleston to the hospital that on his recovery he again joined General Lincoln at headquarters near Stono ferry and remained with him until his time expired which was on the first day of August 1779, that when their times were out they were put under the command of Colonel Thaxton who marched them to Bacons Bridge on Ashley River & thence to Moncks Corner & thence to Halley ferry on Pedee River and on the next morning he got a regular discharge which he has since lost and that he knows of no man now living who served with him except his Brother Jones Scoggins who lives some where in the State of Tennessee but the place of his residence not known.

That he again entered the service under Captain Philip Thomas, Alexander Hobby was Lieutenant as a substitute in the place [of] Elkani Wilkinson for the term of three months which time he faithfully served and in this tour he was under the command of General Linington [sic, Lillington] that he entered the service on this tour about the 10th of December 1780 and was charged by Colonel Samuel Smith about the 10th of March 1781 that he rendezvoused at

Smithfield and from there they marched to Martinsboro in Pitt County then to Jo. Green's ferry on Neuse River then to Camelton near Cross Creek thence to falling Creek where he joined the main Army under General Greene, from thence we were marched to Colston's ferry on the Yadkin River and that he remained with General Greene until discharged and that he has no discharge nor know of no man that was with him in this tour.

That he again went out as a Volunteer in August 1781 under Phillip Thomas as Captain and served ten days during which time they marched to Green ferry on Neuse River with a view of dislodging Cornwallis who was gone before they arrived & they were again discharged (verbally).

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 any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

Test: S/ Jas Wardlaw, Clk

S/ Willis Scoggins, x his mark

[James Cospers, a clergyman, and Houston McNair gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 4]

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

Personally came and appeared before me James A Black a Justice of Quorum in and for the District aforesaid Benjamin Scoggins aged sixty-eight years and on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with his Brother Willis Scoggins during the Revolutionary war, and that he the said Willis Scoggins was out in the service of his country three different tours of service, one of which he thinks was a nine months tour in South Carolina as he believes in the fall of the year 1778 and got home again in August 1779 and that he served another tour of three months with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], in the spring of the year 1781, and another volunteer trip of about ten days in August 1781 to harass Lord Cornwallis on his passage through North Carolina. That he is the Brother of Willis Scoggins who now applies for a pension under the act of the 7 June 1832 that he believes the said Willis Scoggins to be about seventy-two years of age and barely entitled to a pension under the act of Congress of 7th of June 1832.

Sworn to and subscribed this first day of August 1832 before me.

S/ James A Black, JQ

S/ Benjamin Scoggins, X his mark

[The JQ noted in his attestation that the affiant lives in Jackson County Georgia, about 80 miles from Abbeville Courthouse and would find it extremely inconvenient to have to attend a session of the court to give testimony.]

[fn p. 23]

State of South Carolina Abbeville district: SS

Be it known that on the 10th day of May 1835 before me James A Black a Justice of Quorum in and for the State and District aforesaid, Personally appeared Solomon Hall<sup>1</sup> a resident of Abbeville District and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years and upon being duly sworn in due form of law saith that he was well acquainted with Willis Scoggins a pensioner of the United States during the Revolutionary War, that he found the said Willis Scoggins in Colonel John Armstrong's Regiment and as he thinks in Robert Temples Company at a place called Elizabeth Town in the State of North Carolina on the 10th day of November 1778 that they continued together until they marched through North Carolina and into South Carolina to Moncks Corner thence to the ten mile house and from thence by a circuitous route until they finally reached

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<sup>1</sup> FPA 21802

Purrysburg on the Savannah River on the third day of January 1779 where they remained a few days & thence marched to a place called the Two Sisters Ferry on the Savannah River where they remained sometime when Colonel Ashe's Regiment to which this deponent belonged was ordered up the River and finally crossed and fought the battle of Brier Creek in the State of Georgia that Colonel Armstrong's Regiment of nine months men remained on the South Carolina side that after the return of Colonel Ashe's Regiment into South Carolina he again saw the said Scoggins in service at a place called Golfins Mills on Holly Creek below Beach Island – that he left the said Willis Scoggins in the service and he verily believes he served out his nine months as a faithful good soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ James A Black, JQ

S/ Solomon Hall, S his mark

[fn p. 36: letter dated August 18, 1835 from William Hill, Secretary of State of North Carolina to JL Edwards, Commissioner of pension stating that the name Willis Scoggins could not be found on the rolls of the North Carolina Continental line.]

[fn p. 19]

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

Personally came and appeared before me James A Black a Justice of Quorum in and for the District aforesaid Benjamin Scoggins (a resident citizen of Jackson County Georgia) aged seventy-one years and upon being duly sworn as the law directs, on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with his brother Willis Scoggins during the Revolutionary War, that to his certain knowledge the said Willis Scoggins sent out with the nine months men in Colonel Armstrong's or 5th Regiment on or about the first day of November 1778 that to his certain knowledge Willis Scoggins his Brother never did return to his father's house for 11 months (they all lived with their father at the time) that when he did returned he brought a printed discharge and an Honorable acquittal from the service that he did both see & hear his discharge read repeatedly that he has every reason to believe both from his discharge and from the mouths of those that served in the nine months tour with Willis Scoggins that he was a good & faithful soldier, and that he the said Willis did afterwards go out a three months tour in the militia service under Captain Phillip Thomas, and was with General Linington the whole of the 3 months and got home a few days after the Battle of Guilford, and that he was out several scalps & volunteer services of short duration when danger was near.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th day of July 1835 before me

S/ James A Black, JQ

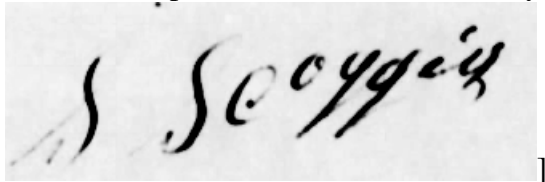
S/ Benjamin Scoggins, X his mark

[fn p. 14: On March 26, 1846 in Abbeville District South Carolina, Mrs. Unity Scoggins aged about 75 or 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Willis Scoggins; that they lived in Johnston County North Carolina after their marriage; that they were married in a County adjoining Johnston where she lived; that they ran off and got a license in an adjoining County which he thinks was Nash County just over the Tar River; that the marriage took place in 1786 in the month of September or October; she has no record of her marriage or of the births of her children; that they removed to South Carolina and have resided in Abbeville district about 57 years last past; that her husband died May 20th, 1845.]

[fn p. 16: In a subsequent filing, the widow amended her declaration stating "that she cannot recollect the County in which she was married, that she lived in Johnston County, and left after

the family with whom she lived had gone to bed, and went to the House of the father of her said husband in another County, and there staid till her husband could procure a license, which was 8 days, and then went to old James Hobbs and was married by Squire Harris, who lived near to her husband's father Nicholas Scoggins.... That she was married before she was 14 years of age and immediately left the country & went to South Carolina – she & her husband did keep a family record in a Bible, and her son Sylvanus Scoggins who now resides in Cobb County Georgia took off the said Bible with him when he moved, and she does not know that it can now be procured, the said record was made by Edward Prince in his own handwriting – Declarant's maiden name was Unity Stevens and she was raised by William Richardson – she does not know of anyone living who can prove positively their marriage, but hopes in one way or another to make it satisfactory. About 18 months after her marriage her first child Hudson was born & he now calls himself about 65 years of age, the next was Polly nearly 2 years after the birth of Hudson, they are both in Georgia – next was Nancy nearly 4 years behind them & she is present & calls her age 54 years last September, the next is Mahala & so on in the following order Betsey, Robert, Stevens, Didanny, John J Silvanus George W. Prince Wm Henry and two died – her youngest child was born about 1815 when she was 45 years old."]

[fn p. 21: on October 22, 1849, Sylvanus Scoggins of Cobb County Georgia, authenticated the family record of his parents Willis & Community Scoggins

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Scoggins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first letter "S" is large and prominent, followed by a period and the name "Scoggins". The handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[fn p. 8: family record: very faint:

Hudson Scoggin was born on 21st day July 1790

Mary Scoggin was born 25th day of May 1792

Nancy Scoggin was born the 13th of September 1795

Mahalay Scoggin was born the 16th April 1797

Elizabeth Scoggin was born 27th January 1799

Robert Sepen Scoggin was born the 14 Jaine 1801

Dedanney Scoggin was born the 11th April 1803

John Scoggin was born 25th September 1806

Silvanus Scoggin was born 21 May 1812

George Washington Scoggin was born 21st of June [paper torn text missing]

? William Henry Scoggin was born the 13th [paper torn text missing]

Susanna Scoggin was born 19th of February [paper torn text missing]

[fn p. 43: affidavit dated January 31, 1850 by Remiston Strickland, a resident of Franklin County Georgia, stating that he was born in Nash County North Carolina April 22, 1772; at the age of 18 he moved with his father to Abbeville District South Carolina; that while living in North Carolina he was acquainted with Willis Scoggins and Unity Stephens; that she was partly raised by William Richardson who lived either on Buffalo Creek or Little River.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.10 commencing March 4th, 1831, subsequently reduced to \$26.66, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]