

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonah Scoggins W24913

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State of Illinois Greene County: SS

On this 3rd day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before Samuel D Lockwood Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Greene & State of Illinois Jonah Scoggins a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years the 13th day of last October who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Brunswick County Virginia October 13th 1763. That he was living in Bute County North Carolina in the year 1778 – About the middle of June, when he was drafted, (or chosen by balloting) for 9 months and that he entered the Service of the United States as a private, commanded by Captain Robert Temples first Lieutenant Abraham Primm, Ensign Tho. Brickle, and was marched to Halifax on the South of Roanoke River, that there he was stationed about 10 weeks, his company was under the command of Major Charles Pinckney.

That he was marched thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River and there he was placed under the command of Captain Philip Taylor (a regular officer). That he was marched to Purrysburg on Savannah River. That he there was appointed 1st Sergeant which office held three months that he stayed at Purrysburg about two months, being placed under the command of General Lincoln upon his arrival at that place. That he marched up Savannah to Golphin's Mills in pursuit of the British – After that he was marched to Charleston stayed there 8 or 9 weeks, went from Charleston to General Lincoln's Station about 20 miles distant, went thence to the mouth of Goose Creek stayed there until he was discharged which was on the 5th day of September 1779 but that he did not arrive at home until the 25th day of September reckoning in the 20 days he had served one year 3 months and some days. One-year of which time he was a private & 3 months 1st Sergeant.

That in the fall of 1780 he was living in Johnson County[sic, Johnston County] North Carolina when he volunteered & entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Phillip Thomas 1st Lieutenant Alexander Hobby Major Dennis (other officers not recollected) & marched to Cross Creek against the Tories and served three months a private. That he volunteered & entered the service in September 1781 commanded by Captain John Whitley, Major Robert Rayford and marched towards Yorktown from Johnston County North

Carolina in pursuit of Cornwallis but was discharged at the end of ten days. So this affiant claims a pension for one-year six months & ten days service (one-year three months and ten days as a private & three months as a 1st Sergeant.) That he was discharged at the expiration of the first term of service aforesaid by Colonels John Armstrong & James Thaxton [James Thackston] who gave him a printed discharge. That at the expiration of the second term of service he was discharged by Colonel Samuel Smith who gave a written discharge and that the last time he was verbally discharged. That his discharges were burnt. That about 14 years ago he proved his services as a revolutionary soldier before Benjamin Shackelford Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Christian, Kentucky by William Wallace who is now dead. That he directed a copy of the proof to Washington City but he knows not what has become [of] it. That he recollects to have seen many regular officers while he was in the service, that he was with regular troops and was commanded by regular officers as much as 9 months during the first term of service. That he recollects particularly to have seen General Greene, Colonel Pulaski, Colonel Huger [sic, Huger], General Marion. That he cannot recollect the names or numbers of regiments he was in except one who was the 5th Regiment which he entered upon going into service the first time. That after the War he moved to the State of South Carolina lived there about 3 years, moved to Georgia, lived there 2 years, moved to North Carolina lived there about 2 years, then moved to Knox County Tennessee, lived there 12 years, moved to Christian County Kentucky lived there 16 years, moved to Jefferson County Illinois lived there 4 years moved to Morgan County Illinois lived there 2 years then moved to Greene County Illinois where he has lived in his present neighborhood for the last 2 years. That he is well acquainted with many persons in his present neighborhood who can testify concerning him among whom he would mention George W Clendenin, Robert Scoggins & John Van Cleave.

That he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That 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 or territory. That he has no record of his age but that he knows his age from what his parents and relatives have told him to be as he has stated in this declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Moses Bledsoe, Clk

S/ Jonah Scoggins, X his mark

[John Van Cleave, a clergyman, and Robert Scoggins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 15: On May 15, 1845, in Greene County Illinois, Ann Scoggins, 79 on the 10th day of June last, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jonah Scoggins, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him January one, 1789 and Marion County South Carolina by publication of banns by one Charles Blackwell, a Minister of the gospel; that her husband died January 25, 1845 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 4: family record]

Elizabeth Scoggins daughter of Jonah and Anny Scoggins was born May the 10th 1790

Nancy Scoggins Daughter of the above was born February the 10th 1792

Anny Scoggins daughter of the above was born April the 30th 1794

Seburn Scoggins son of the above was born October the 16th 1796

Charlotte Scoggins daughter of the above was born September 5th 1799

Hightower Scoggins son of the above was born February the 13th 1813

Lucy Scoggins daughter of Anny Scoggins was born October the 20th 1813

George W Scoggins son of Seburn and Anny Scoggins was born the 7th day of December 1820

Polly Ann Scoggins Daughter of Charlotte Scoggins was born September the 12th 1823 [last 2 digits unclear]

Martha Witte was born April the 10th ????

Marriages

Elizabeth Scoggins and Robert was married June the 11th 1818

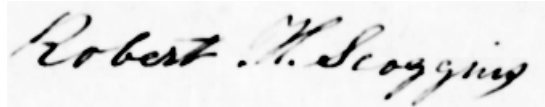
Seburn Scoggins and Anny Gentry was married the 23rd day of April 1818

[indecipherably faint entry]

Charlotte Scoggins & John Watson was married March 11th 1830

Robert H Scoggins & Martha Witte was married November 23rd 1836

[fn p. 18: On December 19, 1850 in Greene County Illinois, Robert H Scoggins filed a claim stating that he is the only heir of the late Jonah Scoggins and Anna Scoggins his wife; that his parents were married in the "District of Orange in the State of South Carolina on the first day of January A.D. 1789"; that his mother died in Greene County Illinois October 28, 1850; that he files this claim to obtain the pension due his mother under the various pension acts at the time of her death.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert H. Scoggins". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[facts in file: the widow is named as Miss Anna Hitower at the time of her marriage to the veteran; she was born June 10, 1765

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.78 commencing March 4th 1831, for one-year 2 months and 10 days service as a private and 3 months service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]