

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Scruggs W3045

Elizabeth

f32VA

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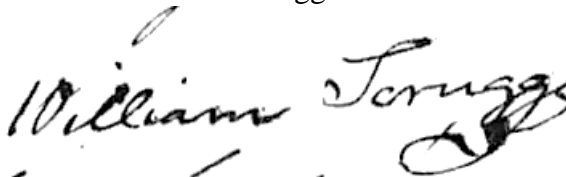
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The declaration of William Scruggs in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

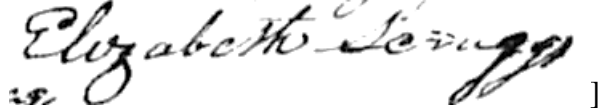
On this 20th day of August 1832 William Scruggs personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Scott Resident of said County and State of Kentucky aged \_\_ and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress 7th of June 1832

That he said William Scruggs during the Revolutionary war was a resident citizen of the United States in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia. That in the month of June 1780 he served a tour of militia duty for 3 months. They rendezvoused at New London, marched for the lower parts of Virginia the officers not recollected as the men were detached to various duties Colonel James Calloway of said County marched at the head of the militia at this time from New London marched to Cumberland old Court House about 70 or 80 miles distant. That he served a second tour of militia duty early in February 1781, as a volunteer for 3 months. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Lynch & Major John Calloway called the Virginia volunteer Regiment I was under the command of Captain David Boyd or Beard, William Ewing was Lieutenant & John Campbell Ensign – were marched into North Carolina & joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] at or near the Hanging Rock on the Reedy Fork of Haw River. They were detached as Infantry to Colonel William Washington's Corps of Horse a few days after this we met Cornwallis at Guilford Court House. They were in that Battle [March 15, 1781] and continued with him till late in the evening. We marched off in the rear of the whole Army in good order under Colonel Washington, whose horse was a great protection marched to the Hills Iron Works 12 miles off rested 2 days & pursued Cornwallis into South Carolina crossed Rocky River & there discharged. In September 1781 performed another tour of militia duty of 3 months then. He was ready to march to Little York Cornwallis being here and in a proclamation being issued that any man apprehending a deserter from our Army & delivering him to the Colonel of the County should have credit for a tour of duty for 3 months he accordingly apprehended a deserter under the proclamation & obtained a credit for a tour of 3 months making 9 months in all, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

S/ William Scruggs

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Scruggs". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ William Scruggs".

[f p. 6: On October 24, 1838 and Scott County Kentucky, Elizabeth Scruggs, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Scruggs, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him December 4th, 1784; that he died July 6, 1833; that she remains his widow; that the marriage took place in Bedford County Virginia; that Polly F. Scruggs was born October 2, 1787 which is the best evidence in her power to produce of her marriage.

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[f p. 5: family record

Births

Polly F Scruggs was born  
October 2nd, 1787

Deaths

Died June 28, 1833  
aged 45 years 8 months 28 days

William Scruggs was born  
April 1st 1763

Died July 6 1833  
aged 70 years 3 months 5 days

Eliza Scruggs was born  
March 4th 1800 and

Died July 15th 1833  
aged 33 years 4 months 11 days

[f p. 15: On October 26, 1838 in Scott County Kentucky, Judith Scruggs gave an affidavit in support of the widow's application. She states she was present at the wedding of the veteran and his widow Her relationship to the applicant or his widow is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]