

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Scott W4455

Elizabeth Hord

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Tennessee Fentress County: Sct.

On this the 5th day of November 1853 before me Charles W Witt a Justice of the Peace for said County personally appeared John Scott aged eighty-four years a resident of Morgan County, Tennessee, who being first duly sworn says that he is the legitimate son of Robert Scott, who was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he is informed and believes and so states as follows, to wit.

Robert Scott on the 19th day of February 1776 enlisted in the Artillery under Lieutenant Samuel Denny & served as Gunner until January 1st 1777 and has Bombardier till the 1st day of February 1777, and was then as Declarant is informed and believes and so states, appointed a corporal, that in January 1778, said Scott was in Captain Dandridge's Company. That on the 29th day of May 1778, said Scott with his Company joined Head Quarters at Valley Forge. That said Robert Scott of Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Continental Artillery being unfit for further duty was honorably discharged on the 11th day of October 1779 making his service altogether three years, seven months and twenty days.

That the detail of service of said Robert Scott here presented is taken from an old memorandum book, the property of said Robert Scott, in which appears to have been a pocket memorandum book used by him during the war and after its close.

The Declarant states that this book has been in his possession ever since the death of his father said Robert. That he was acquainted with his father's handwriting & the minutes of said Robert in said book, herewith filed as part hereof, are in his said Robert's handwriting. He is informed and believes and so states that said Robert was orderly Sergeant of his company during a portion of his service. He desires a strict and thorough examination of the Rolls and if such be the fact, he desires the pension office to admit it as if now proven.

He states that said Robert Scott died in Washington County State of Virginia on the 20th day of March 1790.

Robert Scott was married to Elizabeth Snow mother of Declarant in York England in the year 1767, and she said Elizabeth died in ~~Russell~~ Washington County State of Virginia on the 11th day of October as 1839.

This Declarant was born in York, England on the 24th day of June 1769,

Declarant states there is no other child of said Elizabeth but himself living that he is aware of.

He takes the above dates of marriage & his age from an old book published in London in the year 1767 which he herewith files, & which has been in his possession since his father's death, as well as some Continental money herewith filed.

He states that some of the dates in the old book filed becoming extremely dim he wrote over them in order to preserve, yet a careful [one or more indecipherable leave faint words] will show the old traces.

He states that his father and mother arrived at Burwell's ferry on James River from mainland when Declarant was 4 years old, to wit in the year 1773.

That they lived three years near Williamsburg, Virginia, moved thence to Yorktown & lived there about four years, & moved thence about 19 miles from Yorktown & were living there at the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], his then place of residence being in Elizabeth City County.

He thence moved to Petersburg, Virginia after having lived in Elizabeth about 4 years, and finally died in Washington County Virginia of Consumption brought on by cold contracted in the service & was attended in his last illness by Doctor Hord. That his residence was about 6 miles from the 7 mile ford. He states that after his father's death his mother moved to Preston's salt works near Kings salt works & Declarant & mother remained there about 15 years then moved to Russell County Virginia & lived there several years & finally returned to Washington County, that is to say Declarant returned but his mother died in Washington County & is buried in Russell County Virginia.

Declarant states that he was in Williamsburg, when the news of the Declaration of Independence reached there and well remembers it. He states that he knows of his father's leaving home to join the service of his return after his discharge & has often times heard him relate the incidents of the War, and he is entirely willing to give in detail his recollections of the important transactions related to him by his father if required so to do.

He states that his father was a Carpenter and wagon maker by trade.

Declarant states that the first note on the flyleaf of the back of the Laws of England filed as an exhibit is in the handwriting of his father, also the notes at the top of the second page same book a portion of which was written over by Declarant. He states that some of the entries in the memorandum book were made by him but all those pertaining to his father's services are in his father's handwriting. He well in due time file affidavits to prove the date of his mother's death.

He has to rely solely on the proof presented for the proof of marriage.

He states that after the death of his father his mother said Elizabeth, intermarried in the year __ in the County of Washington State of Virginia with one Alexander Hord who died about 18 months after said marriage, leaving said Elizabeth again a widow and she so remained until her death this October 11th 1839.

He has thus made a clear and complete statement so full as he can do, of his father's service, marriage & death & his mother's marriage & death. Being informed of the great difficulty of establishing a Revolutionary Claim in the Pension, he has been thus explicit & sends the books &c as exhibits which he hopes will be carefully preserved.

He prays the service of Robert Scott to be fully investigated.

He does not know that a single statement he has made will be corroborated, but relying on the justness of the claim & the truth of the memorandum he risks the case.

He personally knows of his father's leaving home to join the Army & his return from the Army. He knows not of a single witness by whom he can prove his discharge but refers to the following minute in the little book herewith filed in his handwriting is

"Robert Scott of Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Continental Artillery being unfit for service is hereby discharged, October 11th 1779." It is true that subsequent to the date of this it the definitive Treaty of Peace the [several words too faint to discern] interval of four years

between the dates this minute [several words too faint to discern] of Captain Charles Hanzel four guineas, October 11th, 1783, yet he does not know whether said Robert ever entered the service after his Discharge from Colonel Harrison's Regiment or not.

He prays an investigation of this case under the act of July 4th 1836 or any other act varying on the case & prays a Certificate of Pension to issue to him as the sole known surviving heir of said Elizabeth widow of said Robert, for the amount due her at her death.

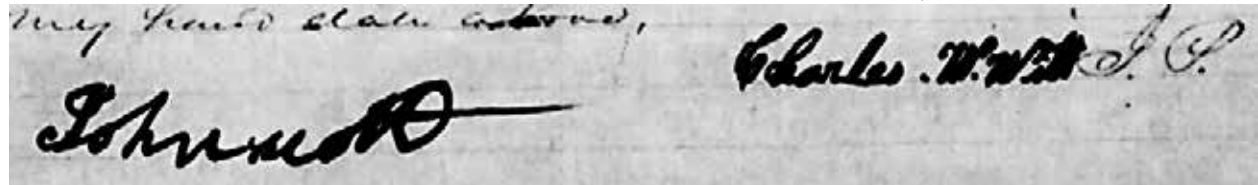
The Declarant states that on his account of his extreme old age being eighty-four years of age and living at a distance of about 35 miles from the County Seat of the County of Morgan in which said [several words lined through and illegible] and near the Fentress County line he has obtained a Justice of the Peace of that County to qualify him to this Declaration.

He desires the Office to correspond with William J Dabney, Esquire of Albany Kentucky, who is my authorized attorney. He is for the reason above stated unable to appear in open Court, & is also only to get over the line. He desires if the rolls show his father to have been orderly Sergeant to have the Certificate accordingly, but in whatever capacity the rolls show him to have served he desires the certificate to be granted wanting for nothing more than that to which he is justly entitled.

Sworn to & subscribed before me by John Scott, personally well known to me on this 5th day of November 1853 and I certify that I have entire confidence in his statements, & that I believe him to be the age stated, and that on his account of his age and infirmity & great distance from the Courthouse, it is impracticable to make his Declaration in open Court. Given under my hand the date above.

S/ John Scott

S/ Charles W. Witt, JP

The image shows two handwritten signatures on a document. On the left is the signature of John Scott, written in a cursive hand. On the right is the signature of Charles W. Witt, JP, also in cursive. Above the signature of John Scott, there is some faint, illegible handwriting that appears to say "my hand state above".

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State of Tennessee Morgan County: SS

On this the 12th day of December 1853 personally appeared before me Jesse Adkins a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid John Scott aged 84 years a resident Citizen of Morgan County Tennessee he lives about one mile from me where he has lived for 11 years he being a man of first-rate character his statements being entitled to full credit and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following amendment to his Declaration made some months or 2 [indecipherable word] for the purpose of obtaining the amount of Pension due his mother Elizabeth Hord deceased formerly Elizabeth Scott:

Declarant states that his said mother married Hord as stated in his first declaration that poured died as he stated that Declarant's mother Elizabeth lived near all the time with him from the time she last became a widow until her death which took place as before stated, that she had lived a widow upwards of 40 years from the death of poured until her death that Declarant lived in Washington County & his said mother Elizabeth Hord though she was after called by a great many Scott lived with Declarant at the time of her death. Declarant makes the old Pocket Book & English Statute book with the record part [indecipherable word] which book contains the records of ages marriage &c that since his attorney prepared his 1st declaration he has found in his Bible he sometime after the death of his mother entered in his Bible, the date of her death,

that he put it down Elizabeth Scott that she went by the name of Scott more than Hord Mr. Hord lived but a short time after their marriage. Declarant states that the period of her death he now takes out of his Bible in the presence of Squire Adkins and that it was made in his own handwriting & has been kept ever since near the time of her death by Declarant. Declarant states that he is the only child now alive of said Elizabeth and Robert Scott that she never had any children by Mr. Hord or since his death. Declarant states that his father served as he has before stated & died as before stated – that his mother died as before stated at his place that the record heretofore handed to his attorney has been kept since his father' death that the land he has never heard of since, the [indecipherable word] was placed in the hands of Rep. Roane that Kith Roane¹ was in the same Regiment with his said father and may be of the same company that Jistin Cartright² was in the same Company perhaps was at least acquainted in the same he states that he has now furnished all the records he is able to furnish & relies confidently on the Rolls showing his service.

S/ John Scott

[Veteran's widow's son and heir was granted a pension in right of his mother in the amount of \$96 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending October 11, 1838.]

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² This MIGHT be a reference to Justinian Cartwright or Cartright FPA S30316

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Addendum to Robert Scott W4455

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Do Certify that Robert Scott Inlisted in Colo. Charles Harrison's [Charles Harrison VAS1411] Reg't of Artillery the 18th day of Jan'y 1776 to serve two years but Before the two years Expired he Reinlisted for three years, which time He Served Agreeable to a Discharge from General Scott [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] given under My hand this 19th Day of Sep'r 1788

copy.

John Dandridge Capt. [W6993]

5th Con'l Reg't Artillary

Rich'd Sep'r 18th The above Scott was Corporal in the Reg't at the time of his Discharge

Ed. Carrington [Edward Carrington W6635]

L Col 1th R. Art

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The within Robert Scott having but little time to Serve is heareby Discharged.

October 11th 1779

Ch's Scott BG

A Copy H. Randolph