

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Exum Scott W5994                      Alley Scott      NC  
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State of North Carolina }  
Granville County }

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1845 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Alley Scott aged Ninety years who having been duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section of the Act of Congress passed July the 4<sup>th</sup> 1836,

That she is the widow of Exum Scott who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and served Eighteen Months under Col. Nicholas Long, that they resided at that time in Halifax County North Carolina, and her husband served immediately under Col. Long as above mentioned. That they were married by Parson Burgess in the County of Halifax and the banes [sic: banns] of Matrimony were duly published before the celebration of the marriage that it took place as near as she can recollect in the month of March in the year 1774 that they had two children she thinks before Independence was declared. She recollects distinctly they had several children before her husband entered the service, In what year he served or in what Regiment she is unable to state any further than that he was at Halifax at the time the British came there [probably early May 1781], that she and her husband removed from Halifax County to the County of Wake in or about the year 1801. that her husband the said Exum Scott died in the County of Wake about the year 1823 in the Month of February aged about 72 years, And that she has remained a widow ever since. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, and that in consequence of Bodily infirmity and affliction she is unable to appear in open Court to make this declaration

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

Alley herXmark Scott

State of North Carolina }              Personally appeared before me Tignal Jones an acting Justice of the  
Wake County }              peace for said County on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1845 Gilbert Evans aged  
fifty seven years and made oath to the following Affidavit

That he was personally acquainted with Exum Scott for many years and often heard him speak of his services in the revolutionary War and heard him talk of his distress in leaving home to enter the army, and this deponent further saith that he has often heard his father (William Evans) who was also a revolutionary Soldier speak of the said Exum Scott as a soldier of the revolution and also has heard them talking together of their services & privations together in the war in the war and saith that the said Scott was always bore the character of a revolutionary soldier and always treated as such

Gilbert hisXmark Evans

State of North Carolina }  
Wake County }

Be it known that on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1846 before the subscribers acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County of Wake, personally appeared Shadrack Harriss aged 90 years who having been duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath testify & say, That he formerly resided in the County of Halifax State of No Carolina and removed many years since to the County of Wake, that he resided in the neighborhood of Exum Scott a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, that he was well acquainted from his earliest recollection both with Exum Scott and with his wife Alley Scott formerly Alley Swett, that he recollects most distinctly that Ally Scott formerly Alley Swett, was married to Exum Scott in the year 1774 by one Parson Burgess by publication of the Banns of Matrimony; he recollects the time of the marriage because it took place several years before Independence was declared and because they had one

or two children before the war commenced, the oldest one of whom Zachary Scott is now and has been many years a resident of this County. This deponent further testifies & says that he well recollects when Exum Scott was drafted under Capt Jesse Potts and Col Nicholas Long for 18 months, that he was off from home in the service that length of time, was in service when the British Army passed through Halifax, that he saw Scott sick with Small pox and that he was attended by Doct Pasteur who was a Surgeon in the Army. this deponent futher states he stood a draft twice, and each time drawd clear; that although he was not in service with Exum Scott, yet he is as well convinced as he is of anything whatever, that he served out his time, from the fact, that he saw him in service at the time above stated lived near by his family all the time he was absent from home, and recollects after his return, to have heard him speak of his services, as he did allways after as long as he lived' – This deponent further states that Scott, as well as wife & family allways bore a good character for honesty & integrity, and that Ally Scott who has made application for a pension on account of the services of her husband the said Exum Scott is the identical person to whom Exum Scott was legally married as before stated;

Shederick hisXmark Harris

State of North Carolina }  
Wake County }

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1848, personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Stephen Pearson resident of Wake County aged 62 years, who having been duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say – That he was well acquainted with Exum Scott late of Wake County, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, that he knew said Scott more than forty years ago, when he first removed to Wake County (as he understood from Halifax) and brot with him as his wife Ally Scott who has applied for a pension, that they were reputed to be married and lived together as such, up to the time of the death of Exum Scott. That his father Parrish Pearson was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and he has frequently heard him speak of Scotts services as though he was well acquainted with them That at various times he has seen his father & Scott meet at the Court House and public places, and relate to each other their services in the Revolutionary War and it was universally admitted that Scott served as a soldier. This deponent further States that he is well acquainted with all the family of said Exum and Ally and he is fully convinced from the ages of their children, with all whom he is and was well acquainted they must have been married prior or during the Revolutionary War. Zachary Scott must be twelve or fifteen years older than this deponent, and must be from his appearance and from the ages of the other children, at least 74 or 75 years old. There are a number of other children and several of them are very old persons, but Zachary Scott is the oldest of the family. This deponent further states, that Exum Scott was considered to be a man of truth & veracity and could have no motive in misrepresenting his services, as he died some twenty five years ago – and his widow allways bore the same character for truth – and all the children are truth telling, respectable people and all their statements, this deponent considers correct and entitled to full credit. [signed] Stephen Pearson

NOTES:

On 27 Feb 1846 George Pettiford (pension application W9223) also certified Exum Scott's service.

On 23 July 1845 Barney Scott, 68, of Wake County, stated that he was the third son of Exum and Ally Scott.

In Wake County on 11 Nov 1845 Zachary Scott declared that he, Guilford, and Barney Scott were sons of Alley Scott who died 15 Sep 1845. On 4 July 1846 Zachary Scott stated that he was nearly 72 and that one of his brothers had moved to Indiana.

On 10 Feb 1848 Frances Hudson, 81, stated that she was raised in the same settlement in Halifax County NC as Ally Sweat, who married Exum Scott.

In the 1790 federal census for Halifax County NC Exum Scott was listed as head of a household of nine "Other [i.e. non-white] Free Persons."