

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Scott W5997  
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[fn p. 9]

State of Tennessee, Fentress County

On this the \_\_ day of December 1833 personally appeared before me Robert Richardson one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Fentress State of Tennessee Thomas Scott a resident citizen of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky living in the extreme part of the County close to the Tennessee Line at Fentress County who from old age and loss of bodily strength is unable to attend a court of record and the near Justice of the Peace to him being gone to the Arkansas so that he cannot get a Justice of the Peace in the Kentucky side they being extremely unhandy and he being handy to a Justice in the Tennessee side in Fentress County he is wholly unable to go to a court of Record or go to a Justice the [illegible word] he would have to in his own County he being afflicted with the dead palsy he is aged 78 years agreeable to his undoubted account he being born the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1755 he having no record of his age was born in Maryland not certain in what County and carried to North Carolina Wilkes County he being first duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes this declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 he states he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in said County of Wilkes some time in the early part of the summer of 1777 a volunteer private to serve a tour of \_\_ months under Captain James Morrows [sic, James Morrow] on against the Indians the precise time of entering the service not recollected marched to Cryder's Fort stationed there some time then marched to various places about the Catawba River and Silver Creek and back to the Fort was finally marched back and verbally discharged by his said Captain he moved to Burke County said State and in the spring of 1778 he again volunteered under Captain Charles Forester to serve three months more and went on to Cathy's Fort and would march up and down the Catawba River and having finished his tour of three months he was verbally discharged by his said Captain and some short time after he again volunteered under his last mentioned Captain and went to said Fort again continued in service about three weeks and was dismissed for a while and returned home, and were shortly called out again he still went a volunteer under said Captain and was in the service a great part of the fall and winter he serving some times about twenty days and then about ten days sometimes more and some times less owing to the intervals between times having done the service in detached pieces he cannot state precisely how long he served but according to his best recollection he served not less than nine months against the Indians as a private volunteer he never had any written discharge, he again volunteered and entered the service under Captain Barton [John Barton] as a light horse some time about twenty days before the battle of King's Mountain and went on and was in said Battle after the battle and after having helped to take care of the wounded he was verbally discharged, having served thirty days or agreeable to his best

information making ten months total according to his best recollection he continued to live in Burke County said State until twenty five years ago and has lived in his present neighborhood at the State Line between Kentucky and Tennessee for the last 25 years he has no doubt he can prove his character as a man of veracity and having been Reputed as a soldier of the Revolution by his neighbors generally in the Kentucky side and Tennessee side of the State line he will name Alexander Beaty David Jones Lewis Devault Colonel Bramlett and he has no doubt but by fifty men that has well known him for 25 years though there is no clergyman within his present neighborhood and cannot get one without considerable Trouble, he has no written or documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service he hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Scott, X his mark

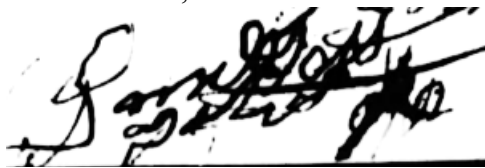
[Benjamin Brashear and Jabez Dabney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Morgan County

I Samuel Scott, and acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Morgan State of Tennessee hereby certify that I have it from undoubted and authentic sources both from my deceased father and mother, to wit, Thomas Scott, and Lettice Scott, whose maiden name was Lettice Russel, that, they were married in Burke County North Carolina in the year 1775. I cannot give the specific day nor has no record of the same, but that it is the account, that he has no doubt of, that he himself was born in Burke County North Carolina on the 19th day of June 1777, that he recollects his said father going into the service he believes it was at the time he went to the teams mountain, that it is in accordance with the information he has ever been in possession of that his said Parents were married in the early part of the Revolutionary War and that they had one other child to wit Mary older than myself, that I am firmly of the opinion that my said father performed all his service in the Revolutionary [war] after his said marriage, that they continued to live and lived until his said father was death as husband and wife, that she remained a widow ever since his said father's death and she is now dead and died on or about the last day of January or the first day of February in the year 1837. Given under my hand as the son of said Lettice and acting Justice of the peace as above stated January 28 1837

S/ Saml Scott, Justice of P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Scott', written over a horizontal line.

[fn 5: on January 8, 1839 in Morgan County Tennessee, Thomas Scott, administrator of Lettice Scott Deceased filed a claim on behalf of his grandmother, Lettice Scott, deceased, the widow of Thomas Scott a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$33.33 per annum under the 1832 act; he states that his grandfather Thomas Scott died he believes March 1, 1834 near the Kentucky State line in the edge of Kentucky leaving Lettice his widow until her death on the last day of January, 1837, when she died; that her maiden name was "Lettis Russel" [Lettice Russell?]; that his grandparents were married he believes in Burke County North Carolina sometime in the year 1775.]

[fn p. 17: finding by the court in Morgan County Tennessee on August 5, 1839 that Mary West, Samuel Scott, Nancy Davis, Lettice Long, Richard Scott, Gemima Blair, Jane Brashear and Elizabeth Beaty are

the only heirs of the bodies of Thomas Scott, deceased pensioner, and his wife Lettice Scott who died on the last day of January 1837 or the first day of February 1837.]

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County: On this the 22nd day of May 1845 personally appeared before me Francis Winfry a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Martin Grider<sup>1</sup> a revolutionary pensioner of my neighborhood his statements are entitled to full credit and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following affidavit – to wit that he affiant lived in Burke County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War and was well acquainted with Thomas Scott who lived in Iredell County about 5 or 6 miles from Affiant – and witness and said Thomas Scott served together under Colonel Clevealand [Benjamin Cleveland] and was at the Battle at Kings Mountain – witness was then taken to Swannanoa a light horse trip with his Company this was in the year of 1780 or 1781 and Scott went under his Captain some other direction = he has now forgotten where to we were under different Captains witness was well acquainted with Letice Russel who was afterwards the wife of Thomas Scott and knows they was husband and wife in the time of the war but cannot state the exact date of the marriage but knows they were husband and wife near 65 years ago that he was married near where witness lived in time of the war – that they were reputed as husband and wife and reputable people through life and died in Cumberland County Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May 1845

S/ Martin Grider, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the same rate commencing March 4th, 1834 and ending February 31st [sic, January] 1837 when she died.]]

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Martin Gryder S31078](#)