

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Scott W8582

Ann McCants¹

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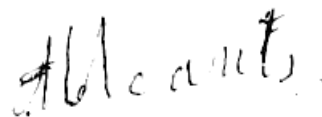
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have 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.]

State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 12th day of January 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Ann McCants aged 82 years a resident of Charleston formerly of James's Island [James Island] near said city who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to be entitled to the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836, That she is the widow of Archibald Scott deceased formerly of James's Island planter, who was a soldier in the militia of said Island during the war of the revolution and served therein under arms for two years – deponent saith her said husband Archibald Scott, served at Fort Moultrie in 1776; at James's Island, and at the siege of Charleston in May 1780; Deponent saith he served at other places but she cannot now recall the particulars nor the names. Deponent remembers that her uncle Mr. Benjamin Stiles, deceased also formerly of said Island, commanded the Company of Militia of said Island who, because his men refused to make some attack upon the British during said War, resigned in disgust: and Deponent saith her husband Archibald Scott was elected Captain in his room; and continued to act as Captain several years – and Deponent believes that he was as a Captain twelve months before the surrender of Charleston. Deponent saith that at the surrender he was made a prisoner while under arms & remained as a prisoner several months. Deponent saith that the enemy confined her husband for a short time in the vaults of the Prevost and to his own house on said Island & that in an attempt to escape he suffered much from exposure. Deponent saith that when the British evacuated the City in December 1782 he resumed the command of the James's Island Corps, and continued in command of it for several years after Deponent saith that she was married to the said Archibald Scott on the 3rd of February 1774 on James's Island by the Reverend John Dundas of St. John's Parish near said Charleston, Episcopal denomination, and that said Archibald died in the year 1786, In or about 1787 she married John Woodberry who died 1794 – In 1797 deponent married Mr. William McCants, who died in 1829 – and that she is now a widow and has remained a widow ever since said year of 1829, as will appear by reference to the proofs annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written & I also certify the credibility of the affiant.

S/ Thos. Lee, District Judge of US for South Carolina

S/ A. McCants



¹ Former widow. The cover sheet contains the note "Widow's second husband John Woodberry, was a Lieutenant South Carolina militia see papers in above claim." John Woodberry X939 in HeritageQuest.com index.

[fn p. 5: the widow evidently submitted her wedding ring as part of the evidence in her application because they is a note signed by 2 pension examiners saying that they have examined the ring submitted by the applicant and find the words and figures engraved thereof as follows: "A. S. to A. R. Feb. 3, 1774."]

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston On this 13th day of July 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Ann McCants aged 82 years a resident of the City of Charleston who being duly sworn Deposeth in a reference to the point of her marriage, that the Gold Ring which accompanies this statement and which was engraved on the inside thereof, the words following, to wit AS to AR FEB. 3, 1774 that is to say Archibald Scott to Ann Rivers February 3rd, 1774 and was intended to commemorate and did state and does state truly the date of her marriage to said Archibald Scott. Deponent saith that said ring was given her and said engraving was caused to be made their own by her said husband at the time of her marriage as aforesaid and that said ring has been ever since in her possession.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann McCants". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

[fn p. 7: last will and testament of Ann McCants: she leaves her house and plantation on James island to her niece Mary Taylor, wife of Josiah Taylor of Charleston; nephews, George Rivers and Benjamin Stiles Rivers; niece Lore Royall wife of Cross Key's Royall; nephew Robert Mallory Rivers; to Robert Bee, son of her half sister Mrs. Keziah Bee; cousin Naomi Anderson; to Thomas and Edward Mellichamp, sons of my deceased cousin Eliza Mellichamp: the will is dated March 17, 1837. The will lists many other devisees and legatees together with many slaves and 'servants' named.]

[fn p. 23: lieutenant's commission signed by Gov. John Rutledge to John Woodberry; commission dated October 12, 1781.]

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: on this 11th day of May 1840 personally appeared before the undersigned Joseph Righton² aged 78 years a resident of Charleston who being duly sworn according to law Deposeth that in reference to the specification of the service of Archibald Scott deceased under arms during the War of the Revolution, this Deponent has reason to believe that said Scott was under arms during the alarms subsequent to the invasion of the State by the British in the spring and summer of 1776 – and in the spring and summer of 1779 under Prevost and during the Siege of Charleston in 1780. Deponent from his personal knowledge of these events, and of said Scott's conduct been them, has reason to believe and does believe, he served 12 months under arms as a private and has no doubt of the fact.

S/ Jos Righton

[Veteran's Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$93.31 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending 17 August 1839 the day of her death.]

² [Joseph Righton W22074](#)