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Pension application of Samuel Scott R9307

Martha

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State of Indiana Montgomery County: Montgomery Circuit Court March Term 1851

On this 4th day of April A.D. 1851 personally appeared in open Court, before the court above named now sitting Martha Scott, a resident Montgomery County State of Indiana, aged eighty-three years who being first duly sworn according to law on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of and Act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836, and subsequent amendments thereto.

That she is the widow of Samuel Scott, who was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution, under Colonel Campbell, in the company at one time under Captain Dasey, She thinks from what she has heard him say during his lifetime, that he was in the services at some time, during the said war, under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], That to the best of [her] recollection she believes that her said husband, enrolled himself in the Army some time in the year 1778 he then lived near Abbingdon [sic, Abingdon] in Virginia, that she has after heard him speak of being enlisted, when he was the age of 18 years and served several Towers [sic, tours] against the Tories and Indians out on Clinch River which Was in the Year 1781: her said husband, served at the Battle of Kings Mountains [sic], that was under said Colonel Campbell, and with his Brother Thomas Scott,<sup>1</sup> who for said Services and others in connection with her said husband obtain his pension, as evidenced by a copy of his original Certificate hereunto annexed, that she has often heard the said Thomas Scott speak and tell of Services of her said husband and that they were together in the service from the time her said husband was of the age of 18 years to the close of the Revolution, and that said Thomas is now dead -- that he drew a pension to the time of his death, She further says that she has after heard James Carrothers, William Scott, Simon Frost, Ila Nunn speak of being in company with her said husband at the Battle of King's Mountain, in 1780, and that they all came back from said battle to Abingdon, together; they were gone out on that Tour, from what she has heard him say about 40 days, and over = She has often heard her said husband and the above persons tell, about hanging 13 Tories, (taken prisoner at the Battle of King's Mountain) on their return home. That she has heard her said husband speak of having at one time, during the said war stood guard on Holston River. That she has often heard her husband in his lifetime, and the above named persons, tell over there hardships, which they endured together in the War of the Revolution from the year 1778, to the Close of the War. She further makes oath and says that she has no papers showing that her said husband ever served That they have all been lost or destroyed, and that she does not know of any witness living who

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<sup>1</sup> Probably, the Thomas Scott whose application appears [Thomas Scott R9313](#) who says he was at King's Mountain while serving under William Campbell of Virginia.

was personally with her said husband in the said Services, that the above named persons whom she has often heard speak of being with him in said war are all dead, and that She is unable to produce any other evidence in support of her claim then traditionary, and hearsay -- as to the services of her husband.

She further declares that she was married to said Samuel Scott on the fifth day of August A.D. 1783, by one Charles Cummins a Minister of the Gospel, that they were married by publication being first made 3 weeks in the Wolf Hill meeting house, situate 5 miles below Abingdon in Virginia. That she and her said husband removed from that place, to Woodford County Kentucky in the year 1784, and afterwards to Jessamine County Kentucky where they continued to live till the time of the death of her said husband Samuel Scott, who died on the 12th day of December 1820. That said Deponent removed to Montgomery County State of Indiana in November 1843, where she still resides, that she has not been married since her said husband died the is still his widow. She further makes oath and says that there is no public record of her and her husband's marriage, and that the annexed piece of paper in their letters and figures to wit "Samuel Scott & Martha McCorkle, was married August the 2nd Day 1783." is the Original entry made by her said husband in his own handwriting and that the Family Bible from which the same was taken is now in the possession of said Deponent, and has been ever since the year 1783 -- She further swears that her maiden name was Martha McCorkle. She further states that there is hereunto annexed, the Original Church Certificate which Mr. Charles Commons gave to her and her said husband, at the time of their leaving Virginia, and removing to Kentucky as above stated with the mother (a widow) of said Samuel Scott, her said husband, and that said deponent has had said certificate ever since, that it is that handwriting of said Cummons who is the same person spoken of above as the Minister who married her and her said husband. She further states that she has never made application heretofore for a pension on account of the said Services of her said husband. She further makes oath and says that she remembers of her said husband going out on several Towers to Clinch River in order to stand guard, and that at one time she remembers of his hiring a John Allison to fill his place, that she fixed said Allison's clothing and outfit, he taking her husband's horse and saddle to go, this was after they were married, that is some time in the year of 1783 or 4. That she knows actually that her said husband was enrolled and stood in readiness, and actually served several Tours, from the time they were married (August 5th 1783) to the time they left Virginia in 1784 (the fall of) being all the time ready to march on warning, as was then the law -- and that to the best of her recollection her said husband was actually engaged, or enlisted, going out according to his term, from the year 1778, to the close of the Revolution, that he was actually under enlistment when they were married -- and continued as above stated.

S/ Martha Scott, X her mark

Subscribed and sworn to by said Affiant Martha Scott in open court the day and year first above mentioned

Attest S/ Jas. W. Lynn, Clerk

[fn p. 10: Thomas J. Scott, 45, testified on April 9, 1851 in Montgomery County Indiana in support of Martha Scott's application for a widow's pension stating that he is the son of Thomas Scott, a revolutionary war pensioner for his services in the revolution; that he has possession of his father's pension certificate; that Martha Scott's husband, Samuel Scott, was the brother of Thomas Scott, his father; that Martha remains the widow of Samuel Scott; that he has heard conversations frequently between Samuel and his father Thomas relating to their service in the

revolution and there being together at the battle of King's mountain, also at the battle of the Fort of the Blue Ridge and Virginia; that they were in the "regular services as "minute man", from the time Samuel was old enough to serve until the close of the war; that he recollects of hearing them discuss the hanging of 13 Tories by Colonel Campbell on his return home from the battle of Kings mountain; that "... that said Thomas was the Orderly Sergeant of his Company and has often told about tying the rope around the neck of the said Tories, and that Samuel was present, this he said Deponent has heard them tell over frequently, and at different places...."]

[fn p. 30: is the original of Thomas Scott's pension certificate dated August 9, 1833.]

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"I do hereby Certify that Thomas Scott Mail of Henry County Kentucky did served in a campaign against the Indians and 76 & he also served in the Expedition to King's mountain and 80. I also know he was frequently out after Indians & Tories during the war.

Mrs. Frost"

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"I do hereby Certify that Thomas Scott Now of Henry County Did the year 86 serve as Lieutenant in the Expedition under Colonel Logan against the Shawnee Indians & that during the Revolution & Indian wars he was frequently on Towers of Duty sometimes after the Indians & sometimes Tories.

S/ Jas Carothers"

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"John Scott his Bible [illegible]  
our Coming to Carolinas Oct 1763  
our Coming out of ireland in Jun: 1745  
Maried in March 13: 1740  
John Scott Departed this Life  
the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Novr

Margret Scott

Anodomini 1774                      Departed this  
Life Appril  
the 6<sup>th</sup> 1801

aged about 68 years  
Samuel Scott &  
Martha McCorkle  
Was Maried August  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Gay [?] 1783"

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"That ye Widow Scott lived in my Cong. [congregation] Six Years, behaved herself in a Sober Christian Manner; were in full Communion with us; & her Son Sam & his wife [illegible, looks like "Covergy"] was admitted to ye Privilege of Baptism to their Child & are free from any publick scan-

dal known to us, is certified by order of Session  
Sep. 26/1784 Chas Cummings, C. D. M."