

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Scott: S32511

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State of Indiana}
County of Dearborn}

On this 13th day of October 1834 personally appeared before me John M Pike, one of the Special Judges of the County & State aforesaid James Scott aged over 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the Benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 in May or June, in [William] Woodfords Brigade, William Heath [sic: T. Will Heth] Colonel - John Patton Captain, Jesse Davis Lieutenant, Arthur[?] Lynn Ensign - Virginia State Troops or as it was called, the Continental Army - Entered service in Winchester Virginia - marched & joined the grand Army. Enlisted for 3 years in Woodfords Brigade - was at the Battle of Princeton in the Winter after entered the service [3 Jan 1777], and afterwards was at the Battle of Brandywine, in the fall [11 Sep] of 1777. fought near a small creek called Brandywine, about 20 miles from Philadelphia - Lafayette & Woodford were both wounded here. The American Army had to fall back, up the Schuylkill to Reading or Chester; A month or two afterwards was at the battle of Germantown [4 Oct], Was also at the Battle at Monmouth N Jersey [28 June 1778] William Alexander commanded the left wing - in which I was- Was discharged from Woodfords Brigade at the end of three years from my entering it - received a written discharge, but it was burnt with my other papers, & my Certificate, about 35 years ago at the house of James Piles in Henry County Virginia. In a few hours after my discharge I enlisted again in Lee's Legion Major [Henry] Lee, afterwards Colonel commanded us Captain [Michael] Rudolph - Lieut. [Edward] Manning - Ensign Poor. Marched to the south with [Horatio] Gates, & was at the Battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780], where Gates commanded and at Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] where Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] commanded us & Colonel [William] Washington was taken prisoner Was afterwards [sic] at the battle at Guilford N Carolina [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 March 1781] Green commanding & Cornwallis [sic: Cornwallace] commanding the British Marched back & was discharged at Richmond in the summer of 1783 - Got a written discharge this time, but it was burnt with the others - Was born between Liverpool & Baltimore on the ocean (as I am informed, in May 1758 Have no record of my age. Lived in Prince Edward Cy. Virginia, when I went to Winchester & enlisted - Lived in Virginia at Botetourt, near 20 years after the war - went to Illinois and made my home there till 4 or five years ago, since which time my home has been in the County of Dearborn State of Indiana Have no documentary proof & know of no witness living by whom I can prove my service John Howard - Enoch Blasdell - Samuel Huston John Denniss are persons in my neighborhood who are acquainted with me and can testify to my character & the public belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. — [signed] James Scott