Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Scott S41144 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. PA

Statement of William Scott, residing in Venango County in the State of Pennsylvania, who applies for a pension from the United States in pursuance of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed the 18th of March 1818

Said William Scott saith, that in the year 1775 he enlisted in Captain James Chamber's company, in the first or Rifle regiment, commanded by Colonel Edward Hand in the Continental establishment, for the term of one year. That he served in said company and Regiment for the term of his enlistment, and received his discharge at Long Island, which discharge has been long since lost. The said William Scott further saith, that some time in the year 1776, he again enlisted in Capt Samuel Kinsley's company, in the fourth Regt. in the Penna. line on the Continental establishment, for three years or during the war. Said Reg't. was then commanded by Colonel Richard Humpton. Said William Scott further States, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], (where he received a wound in the side) at the Siege of Yorktown, when General Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781]; was afterwards marched into South Carolina, and was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] – after the Siege of Yorktown, and before marching into South Carolina, was drafted into Captain James Price's Company of Artillery, in the Reg't. commanded by Colonel [Thomas] Proctor, and was afterwards transferred into Captain Bush's company in the Second Penna. Reg't. commanded Colonel Josiah Harmar, in which Reg't, he remained until he was honorably discharged at the close of the war, which discharge he has long since lost.

The said William Scott hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension that may heretofore have been allowed to him by the laws of the United States, and further saith, that from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support Mellanfolt

[14 April 1818]

Venango County

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Ss

On this 31^t day of August in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open court of common pleas being a court of record for the said County of Venango, agreeably to an act of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing it as such William Scott aged Seventy years and ten months resident is said County who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows

In the year 1775 or 1776 he enlisted in Captain James Chamber's Company in the first regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Richard Humpton in the Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment and continued to serve in the said company and said regiment until after General Sullivans campaign against the hostile Indians on the frontiers of New York and Pennsylvania [John Sullivan's campaign, 19 Jun - 3 Oct 1779] having served in said campaign which was in the year 1778 or 1779 After the revolt of the Pennsylvania line [1 Jan 1781] he enlisted for and during the war in captain Bush's Company in the fourth Pennsylvania regiment on the continental establishment and served in said company and regiment until the army was disbanded at the conclusion of the war when he received an honorable discharge having served the united States during the revolutionary war more than seven years I have received a pension from the United States under the Act of congress of the 18th day of March 1818 on my application therefor dated the 14th day of April 1818 A pension certificate was issued to me from the department of war dated the 22^d day of March 1819 which certificate is numbered 8460.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (signed) William Scott I William Scott have not any real or personal property whatever. I have lived for many years with my nephew James McEwen and have been supported by him I have no family nor never had one. I received a pension of forty Dollars per annum from the State of Pennsylvania granted to me in the year 1816 for my services during the revolutionary war I am unable to labour and unless assisted by my country must depend on public or private charity for support (signed) William Scott

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate indicates that William Scott died on 9 July 1824.