

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Scisson S42001

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Fairfax County to wit

On this 20th day of April 1818 before may the subscriber, one of the Justices of the County Court aforesaid, personally appeared Robert Scisson aged 58 years, resident in said County, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said Robert Scisson, enlisted at Richmond Courthouse in the State of Virginia on the first Monday in November in the year 1776, in the 2nd Virginia Regiment in a company commanded by Captain Richard Parker; that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the end of the Revolutionary War at which time he remained a Prisoner at Charles Town [Charleston] in South Carolina where he was captured when the Town surrendered [May 12th, 1780], to the British Arms. That he was in the Battle of Somerset [Somerset Courthouse January 20, 1777], the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & the Battle of Mud Bank Fort [probably a reference to Mud Island Fort or Fort Mifflin, October 15-November 15, 1777]. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence [digital ends here and appears to be missing from the file. HeritageQuest does not have a digital image of this document.]

[On April 20, 1818, in Fairfax County, Va., Robert Preston¹ and Joseph Smith² gave a supporting affidavit having both enlisted and served in the same company with the applicant; Smith for two years and Preston for 4 or 5 years; Preston was taken prisoner at Charleston.]

The Commonwealth of Virginia that facts County to wit

On this 18th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County of Fairfax Robert Scisson aged sixty-one years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz. He enlisted [on] the 5th of November __ in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Parker in Richmond County Virginia of the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in the line of the State of Virginia in which he served during the war. He was in the battles of Somerset and Monmouth Church all of which will more fully appear by his declaration of record in the Department of war bearing date __ day

¹ FPA W4056

² [Joseph Smith W19375](#)

of ___ whereupon he received a certificate for pension bearing the date the 26 day of October 1818 and numbered 5748, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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. I also declare that I was not bred to any trade [indecipherable word or words, could be 'altho'] my formal occupation is a farmer which from my advanced age and debility of body I am now but little able to pursue that I have a wife aged 65 years, three children and only one of them a daughter living with me by the name of Alice aged 33 years who does nothing towards my support for the support of my family, none of the rest of my children are living with me.

S/ Robert Scisson, X his mark

A Schedule of the property goods and effects of the above mentioned Robert Scisson by him subscribed and delivered in open Court in making the above Declaration

one horse 13 years old	\$20
1 or 17 years old small	5
1 cow and calf	12
2 yearlings	10
6 head of sheep	9
sow and 5 shoats	8
two fat hogs	11
Scythe and Cradle	1.50
[illegible] plough [illegible] and Chord	11
old Dutch plow and Caulter & Chord	.75
1 old [illegible]	1.33
1 old pine table	.75
1 pine chest	.50
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1 old coffee mill and old sheep [?]	.25
1 old pot and Dutch oven	1
1 old ax & mattock 3 old hoes	1.75
2 old stands [illegible]	3.00
2 Bee hives	1.50
6 old knives & 3 forks parcel of old furniture	.50
4 old pewter spoons	.20
2 old pair gears, & 3 [?] trees Bridle	2.00
old saddle, bridle and Collar	2.50
by half of an old wagon	<u>25.00</u>
	\$122.13

S/ Robert Scisson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing October 26, 1818, for service as

a private for 6 years in the Virginia Continental line.]