Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Scott W5993 Elizabeth Scott PA
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I William Daniel one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia do certify that Joseph Scott aged about fifty nine years now a resident of the County of Campbell of said Commonwealth, came this tenth day of November 1818 before me in Lynchburg in the County aforesaid and being first duly sworn made upon Oath the following statement and declaration that is to say, that in the month of May 1777 he joined the Continental Army in character of second Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Nelson's company of the first Virginia Regiment; that on the 4thOctober of same year he took rank as first Lieutenant – that on the 1st June 1780 he took rank as Captain, & continued as such in actual service untill Feb'y 1783 about which time an arrangement took place at Winchester & the regiments being reduced he retired as junior Capt. to wait orders, which never came in consequence of the conclusion of the War by the peace – that he has no other evidence of his said service none in his power except his Commission as Lieutenant as aforesaid which is signed by John Jay President of the Congress of the United States bearing date the 20th March 1779, by which he was appointed Lieutenant in the said first Virginia Regiment to rank as such from the first day of October 1777, his subsequent commission as Captain having after the close of the War been sent forward in order to obtain his bounty land from the United States since the adoption of the present Constitution (which said Commission of date the 20th March 1779 as above stated is now exhibited to me) and that he the said Joseph Scott is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support.

And on the same day came before me John Holcombe and James Benaugh who being severally first sworn say respectively that they have for some years past known the above named Joseph Scott and have understood always that he was in reduced & needy circumstances and that they respectively believe him to be in a situation to need assistance for his comfortable support.

State of Virginia Campbell County, Ss

On this 15th day of August 1820, personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the said County Joseph Scott aged sixty years resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That on the 1st day of May 1777 he joined the 1st Va Regiment Commanded by Col. Isaac Read, as a Second Lieut. That on the 4th of October following he rise to the rank of 1st Lieut. and in June 1780 rose to the Rank of Capt. in the same Regiment & Line in the Continental service and continued therein untill the end of the War, as will appear from his original declaration bearing date the 10th day of November 1818. That he has drawn a pension in virtue of a Certificate issued from the War department bearing date the 5th day of March 1819 Number 7102. 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 person 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. The following is a Schedule of my property. No real Estate. My stock consists of

1 mare 18 years old &	her Colt folded [foaled] last	t spring worth\$50
8 head of Cattle of de	ferent ages from 6 months to	7 years 40
14 Head of hogs gene	rally small	
2 saddle 2 Bridles, Ma	artingil Holow	

1 Family Bible \$4.50. 1 small & very old 25 Cents. 1 Hymn book 25¢	}		
1 Common prayer book \$1.34. 1 Johnson Dictionary \$2. 1 Titler	}		
Geogra'y very old \$1.25. 1 Buckings family Phisician \$2.50			
2 Vo Montesquieu Spirit of Laws \$1.25. 4 Vo Blackstone Commentaries \$4			
1 Vo Butler on tryalls \$1.25. 1 Vo Tour Though Ireland 40¢	}		
House hold and Kitchen furniture Consists of			
1 Square folding Walnut table very much damaged \$4.			
1 Small square ditto \$1.50. 2 Square pine Tables \$1.50	18—		
8 Common Chairs all old \$6. 1 Common Shot Gun damaged \$5			
Puter, Crockery ware &c consisting of Dishes, plates, table & tea }	10—		
Spoons of puter, Cups saucers, Coffee & tea posts Jugs, bottles &c.			
Potts, ovens, skilletts, spice morter, [?], shovell, & [illegible words] water }			
vessels, Meal bags, &c			
Plantation Utensils, 2 Axes \$2.50. 1 Set plow gear \$2. plow hoes }	2.50		
3 hilling[?] hoes & grubbing hoe. Cutting Machine \$8.			
	\$55.74		
The whole of which is subject to Execution & Judgm'ts [illegible words] Amount			
1 Share in Flat Creek Library Society	5		

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\$207.74 [sic]

J Scott

My family consists of myself aged as before stated by Occupation a planter, not able to do any kind of manual labour from a nevous [nervous] affliction and Injury sustained in both arms. My Wife Elizabeth aged 58 years not healthy. Three daughters, Sarah, Ann, & Elizabeth, all of age the Eldest of which is in delicate health. 1 Son Edward Scott, aged 27 years to whom I am greatly indebted for his services in supporting myself & family – the forgoing is the whole of my family that lives with me

[The following are from <u>bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia</u>. Also in the file is the original commission of Joseph Scott as Lieutenant. This and some other online images are not legible enough for transcription.]

Council Chamber Oct'r 17th 1783

I do Certify that Captain Joseph Scott Jr. is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Captain of the Continental Line for three years Service Benjamin Harrison

Tho. Meriwether

I William G Pendleton Register of the state aforesaid do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of a Certificate of the Executive upon which a warrant of 4000 acres No. 1887 issued to Joseph Scott, Jr. dated on the 17th Oct'r. 1783.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office 5th day of February 1820. Wm. G. Pendleton Reg.

State of Virginia/ Campbell County towit,

Joseph Scott this day appeared before me a Magistrate for the County aforesaid and made oath that he is the same Capt. Joseph Scott, Jr. as stated in the above Certifycate & that he has never obtained from the War depart a Land Warrant for three hundred acres nor any other person for him, In conformity to an Act of Congress passed in the year 1806. Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1820.

Thomas Scott JP

[The following are from $\underline{\text{rejected claims in the Library of Virginia}}$. Some online images are too illegible for transcription.]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Petition and Memorial of the Children and Heirs of "Joseph Scott, Junior," late a Captain of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution: Respectfully sheweth:

That the said Joseph Scott, Junior, late of Campbell County, Virginia, entered the state line of Virginia on Continental establishment as an officer, at an early period of the Revolutionary war, and continued as such untill the close of the war; as will appear by reference to pention and other papers, heretofore, filed in the Executive Department. That the said Joseph Scott, Jun'r, many years before his death, which occurred in 1828, repeatedly informed your Memorialist, that he was entitled to additional Land Bounty from the State of Virginia, but that he, in consequence of old age and bodily infirmity, should never be able to attend to the prosecution of the claim.

Your Memorialist further states, that there were two Captain Joseph Scott's belonging to the 1st Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment: the one was distinguished as Capt. Joseph Scott, Senior [pension application VAS2112], and the other as Capt Joseph Scott, Junior, on the Army Register of the Continental line. Your Memorialist represent Capt "Joseph Scott, Junior," which they desire to be kept in mind, in order to avoid confusion.

By reference to the Public Records deposited in Washington City, it manifestly appears, that Capt Joseph Scott, Junior, served to the Close of the war: that he received the "Commutation of Five years full pay in lieu of Half pay for life"; and also received Land Bounty of the United States, which is allowed to none, but those who served to the close of the War. See letter of Peter Hagner esq. Third Auditor of the Treasury Department, and letter of William Gordon esq, of the Bounty Land office (marked A and B) and herewith filed. By reference to the said Documents your Excellency will perceive, that Capt Joseph Scott, Senior, did not serve after October 1778: perhaps, because "supernumerary" or was thrown out of service by the "reduction or consolidation of the Regiments." By reference also to the letter of James E. Heath esq, Auditor of Public Accounts (marked C) you will discover that a certificate issued on the 17th day of February, 1783, to Capt Joseph Scott for £526.13.11, and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782, to wit: pay as Lieutenant from 1st January, 1777 to 9th of August following, and as captain from 9th of August 1777 to 31st December, 1781. Now this Certificate, could not have issued to Capt Scott, Senior, because as Mr. Hagner states, he did not serve after October, 1778. It must, then, have issued to Capt Scott, Junior; which proves at least that he was in the service as early as 1st January, 1777, although the public records will show that he was in the service at a much ealier date.

your Memorialist further state, that Capt. Scott Junior, has only drawn from the State of Virginia 4000 acres of land, issued the 17th October ,1 783, and 333½ acres, issued the 11th of December, 1820; (see certificate of William Selden esq, marked D) whereas, Capt Scott, Senior, has drawn a much larger quantity of land (see certificate of William Selden esq, marked E) and did not serve after October, 1778. Your Memorialist does not wish to interfere with the claim of Capt Scott, Senior, but merely to shew the manifest difference between the two.

Your petitioners humbly pray, that the Executive will take [the sub]ject into consideration, and will grant them such additional Land Bounty for the services of Capt Scott, Junior, as the laws and usages of Virginia, have heretofore authorised and allowed in such cases. Your Memorialist, have also, filed some additional papers, which they hope will tend to elucidate their claim, and satisfy the Executive of its justness – And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c [4 Dec 1837]

John Scott Jos Scott Edward B Scott Sarah Scott

Elizabeth Scott Nancy Scott Judith Wayne

Department of War/ Bounty Land Office/ Nov'r. 11th 1837

Sir [Wm. J. B. Bedford Esq'r/ Charlotte Ct. House, Virginia], Yours of the 7th inst. enclosing a Power of Atty by Mr. Jn Scott, to you, is received, and in reply have to inform you that, but one officer named "Joseph Scott", is returned on the list of Officers of the Virginia Continental line on file

in this Depart. as being entitled to bounty land from the U. States, and the records in this Office shew that his claim for that bounty was satisfied by the issue of land warrant No. 2062 for 300 acres, on the 20th July 1799. Your letter, with Mr. Scotts power of Att'y. have been referred to the Third Auditor.

Respect'y Yr. obt Sert/ Wm. Gordon

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 17th day of February 1783, in the name of Joseph Scott as Captain for £526.13.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

To Wit. Pay as Lieut from 1st Jan 77 to 9th Aug't following and as Capt from 9th Aug't. 77 to 1st December 1781.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 14th day of November 1837.

Jas E Heath AUDITOR.

I also further certify that it appears from a List of Officers names who have received Certificates for one and two years advanced pay agreeable to act of Assembly passed November Session 1781 – That a certificate issued on the 11th February 1782 for £360.0.0 in the name of Joseph Scott a Captain of Infantry in the Continental Line which certificate appears to have been delivered to himself.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond, this 14th day of November 1837.

Jas E Heath

[Petition] Rec'd Dec 13 1837

Capt Scott in 1820 makes his own service in the Continental line Commence in May 1777 from that time to 3^d Nov 1783 is 6 years & 6 mo – for this time he has received bounty land. Claim rejected. [signed] D. Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]

NOTES:

The federal pension file contains a copy of Joseph Scott's undated petition to Congress for bounty land, which includes a copy of his Lieutenant's commission.

On 10 Nov 1846 Elizabeth Scott, one of the surviving children of Joseph and Elizabeth Scott, applied for the federal pension that her mother's agent had neglected to send the application for. She stated that Joseph and Elizabeth Scott were married on 13 Nov 1778, that he died on 23 Apr 1828, and she died on 15 Sep 1836, and that the following children survived her: Elizabeth Scott, Judith Wayne, Sarah Scott, Nancy Scott, Edward B. Scott, Joseph Scott, and John Scott. In the file is a copy of a bond signed on 13 Nov 1778 by Joseph Scott of Amelia County and Peter Booker of Dinwiddie County for the marriage of Scott to Elizabeth Booker of Amelia County. Also in the file are consents for the marriage by Jacob Williamson, guardian of Joseph Scott, and by Richard Booker, guardian of Elizabeth Booker. On 16 Mar 1847 Robert Scott stated that he was living on the plantation of Elizabeth Scott at the time of her death. On 28 Apr 1856 in Halifax County VA John Scott applied for a pension for his father's service. He stated that his sister, Judith Wayne, was the wife of Leonard Wayne, and that two of the children, Joseph Scott and Sarah Scott, had since died.