

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Samuel Scott W5998

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State of Virginia. }
Corporation of Lynchburg. } SS.

On this 8th day of November 1838, personally appeared, within the said Corporation, before the undersigned, Henry M. Didlake, a Justice of the peace in and for the said Corporation, Ann Scott, widow, a resident of the said corporation, aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838, entitled, "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," viz: That she is the widow of Samuel Scott, dec'd. who was first a Captain and then a Major in the Revolutionary war. That the said Samuel Scott was born and raised in the county of Caroline, in the state of Virginia, had many relations in Prince Edward county in the same state, and when growing up spent much of his time with them. He entered the military service of his country, as she verily believes, immediately upon the breaking out of the revolutionary war, in the southern country, and continued therein until its close. He commenced his services as a Captain; enlisted a company of Dragoons in the county of Prince Edward & the adjacent counties in said state of Virginia, and marched them through North & South Carolina into the state of Georgia, where they were placed on the continental establishment. He continued in active service in the southern department; and about the year 1777, his Lieutenants, Walton at one time and Dickenson at another, enlisted additional recruits for him in the said county of Prince Edward, and marched them to the state of Georgia, where they were placed under his command. These recruits, when they were being enlisted, were well known as the recruits of the said Cap. Samuel Scott who was then in the southern army. As Captain he continued in the Georgia line on Continental establishment, until about the close of the year 1778, or early in the year 1779; and during that period, was wounded in the foot in arresting some deserters, or taking some Tories. For many weeks, as she believes, he was confined at the house of Geo. Walton in Prince Edward county aforesaid by reason of said wound, and, after recovering returned to his duties in Georgia. He was several times, for short periods, from 1775 to 1778, in the state of Virginia, where he had been born and raised. About the year 1777 he went to Philadelphia to attend to some business connected with the pay of the southern troops; in going and returning he passed through the state of Virginia, where he was then known and received as Captain Scott. In the latter part of the year 1778, or early in 1779, the said Samuel Scott resigned his Commission as Captain, but was soon after promoted to the Office of Major, and continued to hold that rank till the close of the war. Whilst a Major, he was once or oftener in the state of Virginia, for short periods; having on one occasion accompanied his brother William, who had been taken prisoner, and who, being in bad health, was discharged on his parol of honor not to serve again during the war, and returned to the county of Caroline in Virginia. The said Ann then resided in the adjoining county of Spotsylvania, was acquainted with said S. Scott, and heard of his said visit to Caroline county at the time; but does not now remember whether she saw him on that occasion. He remained but a short time in Virginia, when he returned to the south where he continued until the close, or about the close of the war. The said Ann has heard the said Samuel Scott speak of numerous battles and skirmishes in which he was engaged, and of many of the officers with whom he served. He was in the battle at Savannah [probably the one on 9 Oct 1779], and perhaps in some engagements in other states than Georgia, but was frequently in serving the country, engaged against the Tories: She has heard him speak of serving with Generals [Benjamin] Lincoln & [Horatio] Gates, Colonels McIntosh, Marbury, [Samuel] Elbert, [John] White & [Archibald] Lytle, and of Generals Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] & [Charles Cotesworth] Pinckney, and his own Lieutenants Dickerson & Walton, and of many others. But from the great lapse of time she is unable to designate all the battles in which he was engaged, or the officers with whom he served. There are many old papers having reference to the said Sam'l. Scott's revolutionary services, found mixed up with many other papers having no reference to such service, all of which are hereto annexed, and designated by

the numbers 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26.

The paper, or receipt, annexed to the subjoined deposition of John M. Williams, was also found among the papers of said Sam'l. Scott, dec'd., and is, as well as those numbered as aforesaid, believed to be genuine.

The said Ann Scott further saith, that her maiden name was Ann Roy; that she was married to the said Samuel Scott, by the Rev. Mr. Dick at the house of her father John B. Roy, now deceased, in Spotsylvania county, Virginia, on the 13th day of June 1784; that her husband, the said Samuel Scott, died about the 20th day of June 1822 in the neighbourhood of the town of Lynchburg, in the county of Campbell & state of Virginia; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the military service aforesaid, but said marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, viz. on the 13th day of June 1784 as above stated; and that by reason of great bodily infirmity she is unable to attend in open Court to make the foregoing declaration. The words "six" "them" "he" "The Rev. Mr. Dick" interlined before signed.

[signed] Ann Scott

A Synopsis of the Proofs separate and apart from the affidavits

no 1. Is made up of several old Manuscript books which show "a list of Capt Sam'l Scotts men's time" His accounts and settlements with some of those men: a kind of Journal or Diary of a trip to Philadelphia in 1777 [not now in the file] and of money paid out for the Georgia Service. Upon the next to last leaf of the blue book (one of this number) will be found the receipt of Nathan Abbot for "twenty one dollars for the use of the Georgia Service". On the old manuscript (the last in this number) will be found the receipt of Charles Halloway for "£25 - Prock[?] to purchase a horse and saddle for the Georgia Service. The name of this same Charles Halloway will be found near the bottom of the 4th page of "The list of Capt Sam'l. Scotts men". In this same list will be found the names of Josiah Whitlock and Stephen Collins - of whom more will be hereafter said and in relation to whom there are several old papers hereto annexed. The name of Wm. Robinson is also on this list. As to his service with Capt Scott see the annexed depositions of John M Williams and the receipt annexed to it.

No. 2 Is a paper showing what was due to the Georgia Light Draggons under Capt Scotts Command. The balance is evidenced by the affidavit of Lieut. Elijah Dickerson. These two papers were found pinned together.

No 3. 4. 5 These are papers of not much importance but as they were found among Major Scotts old papers they are herewith forwarded

No. 6 This is an old news paper published in Richmond Va. August 23. 1780 and is the strongest evidence of Major Scotts service [not now in file]. See the advertisement at the top of the 3rd column on the 2nd page - around which are drawn black lines. This is evidence of his service as Captain for upwards of three years and his discharge from that office. This newspaper was found among Major Scotts old papers.

No 7 Is evidence of the wound received by Capt Scott and of his stay at Geo. Watkins in Prince Edward County Va. Upon its back is a receipt to Major Scott.

No 8 Is the original manuscript of the advertisement published in the newspaper aforesaid.

No 9. 10 Are bonds or articles of enlistment of Isaiah Whitlock & William Collins. Their names will be found on the rool or list of men in the old book part of no 1.

No 11. 12 Affidavits of orders given by Capt Scott that his men should not sell or trade off their horses

No 13 Is a certificate of Lieut. Dickerson as to some slanderous report propagated against Major Sam'l. Scott. This certificate is evidence also of his being at that time a Major in the service. From the same paper aforesaid it appears that in January 1779 he resigned his commission of Captain. This appears from the certificate of Gen'l. Lincoln therein published. The certificate of Lieut. Dickerson (No 13) thrice calls him Major in September 1779

No 14 A friendly letter from Lieut. Dickerson to his old Commander. Dickerson is said to have died many years ago.

No 15 An invitation to a party.

No 16 A letter from Colo. Ebert in relation to some blank Commission [illegible word] by him to Lieut. Colomb. It was found with Major Scott's papers. This letter calls him Major Scott.

No 17 A receipt calling him Major Scott

No 18 Another account with Geo. Walton

No 19 This shows that he was a Captain in the Georgia Service in 1776

No 20 Shows nothing of importance, but was found among Major Scotts papers and is dated during the Revolutionary War.

Nos. 21. 22. 23. Of little importance, but being found are sent with other [illegible word] of service.

No 24 An order for Dan'l. Womacks pay. Womacks name is on the rool No 1

No 25 Copy of account No 7.

No 26 A letter of apology or explanation from Colo. McIntosh.

[The most interesting of the documents remaining in the file are transcribed below. A note in the folder says that seven original pages were sent to the War Department in 1913, apparently including the journal or diary in item No. 1. Some missing papers have been replaced by copies. The numbers on several have faded and are placed here in the sequence apparently corresponding to the above inventory.]

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| 1 William Cooper | Fincastle County [Virginia] |
| 2 John Childress | Halifax [sic: Halifax County VA] |
| 3 Chas. Wilson | D'o [ditto] |
| 4 Matthew Thomsin | Bedford |
| 5 Peter Wilson | Ha |
| 6 Thos Hughs | Pitsilvaney [sic: Pittsylvania County VA] |
| 7 Benj Hutson | |
| 8 Ben Donithan | |
| 9 Thos Jeferis | |
| 10 Hal Hudson | |
| 11 Hawkins Donithan | |
| 12 Mark Powel | |
| 13 Stephen Wilson | |
| 14 Wm McGill | |
| 15 Thos Hardin | |
| 16 Geo. Nowling | |
| 17 James Nowling | |
| 18 Philip Jacob Christy | |
| 19 Peater Blackley | |
| 20 John Patmore | |
| 21 Josiah Puckabe | |
| James Henley | |
| 23 Trad Northant[?] | |
| 24 John Vaughn | |
| 25 Wm Atwood | |
| 26 Thos Lewis | |
| 27 John Crain | |
| 28 Jos Burke | |
| 29 Rich'd Hazlewood | |
| 30 Sam Beasle | |

[In the following list after the number of days for the first soldier is a column reading "For Rations at 1/3 pr day," and this information is copied in the same column for each soldier for whom a total is listed. The year is not stated, but was presumably 1777.]

Copied from Old book no 1. time

A list of Capt. Sam'l. Scotts men		days	£	S	D.
William Fedler	from November 16th to May the 25	190	9	1	3
Richard Carmack	from November 16 to May 25	160	10		
Rodnick Carmack	from November 16 to May 25	160	10		
Jono. Hunt	from December 19 to May 25	157	9	16	3
John Scales	from November 19 to May 25	187	11	13	9
Ephraim Hill	from November 19 to May 25	187	11	13	9
John Boyd	from January 2 to May 25	143	8	19	9
Thomas Watkins	from December 19 to May 25	157	9	16	3
John Draper	from January 3 to May 25	142	8	18	6
Joshua Butler	from January 3 to May 25	142	8	18	6
Thomas Butler	from January 3 to May 25	142	8	18	6
Timothy Warren	from November 16 to May 25	190	11	17	4
Arthur Conner	from December 19 to May 25	157	9	16	3
John Hatcher	from November 6 to May 25	200	12	10	-
Larkin Rogers	from November 16 to May 25	190	11	17	6
Moses Wade	from November 1 to May 25	174	10	17	6
William Watkins	from November 16 to May 25	160	10	-	-
Josiah Whitlock	from December 16 to May 25	157			
Daniel Warmuck	from December 16 to May 25	157			
Edmund Hart	from December 20 to May 25	153			
Isham Ward	from December 20 to May 25	153			
John Watson	from January 1st to May 25	145			
William Cottrul	from January 1 to May 25	145			
Stephen Collins	from December 1 to May 25	176			
William Collins	from January 1 to May 25	145			
William Warren	from November 15 to May 25	191			
John Bounds	from November 15 to May 25	191			
Benjamin Turner	from January 2 to May 25	144			
Philip Crain	from January 2 to May 25	144			
William Butler	from January 3 to May 25	145			
William Fulcher	from November 16 to May 25	190			
Elish Gibson	from November 16 to May 25	190			
William Basttill	from November 19 to May 25	187			
Thomas Ginito	from December 16 to May 25	160			
Valentine Brock	from January 3rd to May 25	143			
Solomon Porter	from January 5 to May 25	144			
David Haley	from January 5 to May 25	144			
William Lake	from January 5 to May 25	144			
Jacob Crist	from January 4 to May 25	142			
William Stewart	from January 6 to May 25	137			
Benj'n Lawless	from January 1 to May 25	145			
George Brook	from January 3 to May 25	143			
Archy Silvy	from January 5 to May 25	141			
Benja Tillison	from January 4 to May 25	139			
Wm Robinson	from January 7 to May 25	136			
Henry Vincen	from January 8 to May 25	135			

The State of Georgia to Capt Sam'l Scott	Dr.		
1776 November 5 th	To Wages To the 25 of May 1777.	£	S D.
	To 7 months wages at £12.10 pr month	87	10
	To 212 days Recruiting @ 2 Dols a day	106	
	To Recruiting 54 men & 1 Drum'r	412	10
	To pack Horse	30	
	To 29 Rifles and 8 Smoth Do. at £8 Each	296	
	To 3 pr Hand Kuffs	3	
	To 8645 Rashiones as pr Accs @ 1/3	540	6 3
	To 7666 Do. for Horses at 1/6	574	19
	To Ferrys and other petty charges	35	
		<u>£2085</u>	<u>5 3</u>

July 7th 1777.

Received of Capt Samuel Scott wages in full to the twenty fifth of May from the Date Inlisted, In the Georgia Service

W Bartlett	Jacob Crist
Isham Ward	Edmond Hart
Wm. W. hisXmark Fulcher	George Brock
John Draper	Benj'n Lawless
David hally	Daniel Womack
Larkin Rogers	Thos. Jones
Malin Mabry	William Butler
R'd. Commichaelis	William Robinson
Moses Wade	Joshua Butler
Thos. Crawley	Thos. Butler
Archilus Silvey	Jonathan Hunt
Benjamin hisXmark Turner	Wm. Stewart - Indian ["Indian" possibly lined through]
Richard hisXmark Cormichel	Vollentine Brock
Benjam hisXmark Tillison	Timothy Warrin
Elisha hisXmark Gipson	George Ballard

This is To Certify that I Josiah Whitlock a soldier in the continental servise under the Command of Capt Samuel Scott that the said Whitlock shall hold himself in Readyness to march on any Expedition when ordered in the Thirteen united states under the command of Capt Sam'l Scott or any of his officers and that I Josiah Whitlock doth further agreeth to Searve[?] given from under my Hand Sep'r 29th 1777. According to my Enlistment with the said Capt. Sam'l. Scott

Josiah Whitlock

Teste William Walton Thos. Scott

17 Mar. 1778

this is to Certifie that Capt Sam'l Scott being shott thro' the foot taking deserters, he came to my house where he has been under care of my wife nine weeks and one day with his boy and two horses and this day sett of for the State of Georgia. Geo Walton

The following certificates &c are taken from Number 77 of the Virginia gazette printed in Richmond by Dixon & Nicolson the 23rd of August 1780.

Whereas a certain Stephen Collins and Josiah Whitlock to soldiers under my command, having taken some pains to impugn my character by saying I sold the horses belonging to the country and made use of the money I take this method to inform the publick of the villainous intent of those scoundrels, and at the same time of clearing my own character by inserting some certificates from under the hands of those gentlemen under whome I had the honour of serving. As to publick horses it will appear from Colonel Marbury's letter, that I never had any, for every man was to find his own horse, and those that I purchased was my own property till they were paid for by the men. I am &c Samuel Scott. Prince Edward, August 7, 1780.

Sir, In answer to what you mentioned to me respecting a report propagated by some designing people, that you had received pay for horses from the publick of Georgia, for my regiment. I can say that if they paid you for any they must have been partial, and have treated you better than they have some other officers, for I can assure you, that every state was not to find horses for the people, and it was in order to get leave to purchase that I went to Congress in the year 1778, and never had leave to purchase any on publick account untill December in that year. I am Sir your humble servant Leonard Marbury.

Georgia Savannah August 22nd 1778

Lt. John Connor of the Light Dragoons being duly Sworn saith that in the presence of his Company Commanded by Capt. Samu'l Scott that Orders were given the Soldiers by the said Scott that they should not Trafick or Trade their Horses Sworn to Before me 23^d August 1778
Jno. Lindsay J.P. John Conner Lieut.
[An identical affidavit signed by Lieut. Elijah Dickinson]

Whereas it has been reported by William & Josiah Whitlock that I inform'd them that Maj'r. Sam'l. Scott had drawn the wages of Daniel Womack Deceas'd of the Georgia Light Horse & he hearing that I told them that Maj'r Scott While in Georgia was guilty of every thing was mean & Roguish unbecoming of a Gentleman which assertions of said Whitlock I do hereby before God Do Declare to be false and done for no Other purpose but to Injure that Gentlemans Character given under my hand this Seventh day of Sept. 1779
Elijah Dickinson
Test Robt. Waller Francis DeGraff

[14] Louisa County June 25th 1809

Dear Major

I received a friendly message from you sometime past communicated by Mr. James Mallory of Lynchburg. By that means I discovered your place of Residence. This morning meeting with Patty Turrell knowing she lived in your Country it of Course led me to make some enquiries after you. On her promising to give my letter a safe Conveyance I was prompt to send you a few lines. Believe me my friend I would walk Twelve miles the hottest of the dog days on barefoot to have only Three hours Conversation with you. I am afraid it will be out of my power to pay you a Visit Living during this Winter or fall. I received a severe blow in my finances by paying a security debt. However if I live if neither of us makes our said Omnis in Two years I will try to reach you. We are now growing old, and I feel a strong attachment to even any of our old revolutionary Characters. But how much more so to those of the same Company & Regiment with whom I long served. Your friendship & attachment to me during our severe service in George has knit my heart to you during the Remainder of my days No matter in what Country or Climate I may breathe I shall never forget you. Yes my friend thy welfare is engraved in Golden Characters on the Tablets of my heart and the impression is indiliable. I would thank Major Scott to write to me by mail or any other ways direct the letter to be left at the Yanceyville post office where I can at any time get it in 12 hours I have long been wanting to pay the State of Georgia a visit the wound I got in the Service of that state has become not only troublesome but at time Very painfull if I was able I should make application to that state for assistance at their next session of assembly You will please to excuse this hasty Scrawl for I have Just set down & on my knee I have wrote.

Accept assurance of esteem from yours &c &c &c

[signed] Elijah Dickinson

The Officers of the third company of the Third Battalion for Georgia compliments to Capt. Scott Requests his company at Courtneys immediately if convenient to pass away a few agreeable hours Courtney's of O'Clock Thursday evening

[16] To Lieut Colomb of the Light Dragoons Savannah

Savannah 3 December 177[?]

Sir Major Scott informs me that you have never yet had the blank Commission filled up by him or Colo. Marbury, which I gave you for the purpose; you must be sensible that I procured

the Commission with a view of serving you, and at the same time recollect the confidence I reposed in you as a Gentleman when I delivered the same into your Hands without filling up the blanks, that you might [page torn] on your Colonel with it & have it done to your mutual satisfaction: by this act I have laid my conduct open to Censure & therefore desire that you do Immediatley have it [illegible word] to my satisfaction or I shall be obliged to take such steps as will tend greatly to your Injury. I am Sir your most obed't St.[?] S. Elbert

Savannah 22 Nov '78

Rec'd Major Samuel Scott on board my boat to be deliver'd at Mr. Rob. Waltons at Augusta the Danger of the River excepted the following negroes viz. Bullock His Wife & Child, Charles & his Wife Also 1 Grindstone & 7 Axes Job Rountree

[25] Feb'y. 1778~ The State of Georgia by Capt. Sam'l. Scott Dr.[?]

To 7 days rations of Thomas Crawley at 2/ 14 .. 0

To provisions packed up for him on express to Wmsburgh .. 12 .. 0

To 23 days foriage for Crawleys horse at 2/ £2 .. 6 .. 0

Errors[?] excepted £3.. 12 ..0

Geo Walton

No. 26 Cap. Sam'l Scott Savannah

Sir You mentioned a circumstance to me this morning of my throwing out a hint last night of your being cashier'd. — If I did, it must have been unintentional, & without a wish of Injuring you, and I declare to you upon my honor that I had no particular view in throwing a stigma on y'r character & such language must have slip't inadvertently from me

28th July 1783

I am sir your most ob't. ser't.

John McIntosh

The Deposition of Ann Scott, widow of lawful age, taken at the Town of Lynchburg in the County of Campbell and State of Virginia, on Wednesday the 12th day of September 1838, to be read as evidence to the War department of the United States, upon the Application of Mrs. Ann Scott, widow of Maj'r. Samuel Scott dec'd for a pension under the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838.

The said deponant being first duly sworn, deposeth an saith as followeth. - The deponant was seventy five years old in the month of March last past, Her maiden name was Ann Jones, and she is now the widow of Cap William Scott dec'd who was an officer in the American Army in the War of the Revolution, and she is now in the receipt of a pension from the United States of \$480 per annum, in consideration of the services of her deceased husband [William Scott, pension application W19329]. Her husband, Cap William Scott dec'd. was a younger brother of Maj'r Samuel Scott, deceased. The deponant was born in the County of Spotsylvania, in Virginia, and was well acquainted with the said brothers Samuel & William Scott from her childhood, they having been born in the adjoining county of Caroline, a short distance from her residence, and when children, they and this deponant, went to the same school.

At the commencement of the Revolutionary War the said Samuel & William Scott entered the service of their country each, she thinks, in the capacity of a captain, and the latter she believes was at first commissioned by the State of Virginia; Samuel Scott shortly after the commencement of the War went into the Southern campaign; and either before going, or soon returning, he recruited a Troop of Cavalry in the Counties of Prince Edward, Halifax, Bedford, & Botetourt, in the State of Virginia and marched them to the State of Georgia, where he remained untill near the close of the War. William Scott the husband of deponant, did not remain long in the service of the State of Virginia, but soon followed his Brother in the Southern service. About the year 1779. or 1780. the said William Scott was made a prisoner of War by the enemy, and whilst confined as a prisoner, being very sick, he was released on condition of not again entering the service during the War; upon his release the said William returned to Virginia, and being in a very feeble condition was accompanied by his brother Samuel, on this visit to Virginia the said Sam'l Scott, wore the uniform, was addressed by the title, & without doubt generally regarded as Major, a rank he was believed to have acquired by promotion in the Southern army. Maj'r Samuel

Scott remained but a short time with his brother in Virginia, and then returned to his duties in the State of Georgia. This deponent and the said William Scott were married in the month of March, next before the capture & surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town [on 19 Oct 1781], at which time the said Samuel Scott was still in the Southern service. Shortly after the marriage of Deponent, the said Samuel Scott, visited[?] Virginia, but continued to hold the same office of Major, she thinks untill the close of the War. He was well and generally known as Major Samuel Scott, and wore the uniform of a Major untill peace was proclaimed. This deponent verily believes, that as captain and Major, the said Samuel Scott served in the revolutionary war at least untill the summer immediately preceding the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia. His services were chiefly in the State of Georgia, but whether on State or Continental establishment she is unable to say. The deponent has frequently heard the said Samuel Scott speak of the officers with whom he served, but she does not now well remember names - among the officers with whom she served, she remembers however, the names of Colo McIntosh and Lieut. Dickenson. The deponent was at the house of Mr. Roy, when and where the said Samuel Scott and Ann Roy were married, about the year 1784. in Spotsylvania County in Virginia; and the said Ann, now the Widow of said Samuel and this deponent, have lived near each other ever since, and this deponent therefore knows certainly that the said Ann, is the widow of Maj'r. Samuel Scott, deceased. From all the circumstances within the knowledge of this deponent, in regard to the military services of said Samuel Scott, the more accurate and authentic, as they would be, on account of the connection subsisting between him & Deponent, this deponent cannot doubt, and does verily believe, that he was an officer in the Revolutionary War for at least six or seven years, serving a part of that time as a captain, untill perhaps about the year 1778 or 1779. and the residue as a major. At one time he was reported to have been wounded, he was then deponent believes, a captain, and remained for a time at the house of a Mr Walton in this state in consequence of his wound. Ann Scott

The deposition of Harrison Chilton taken in the Town of Lynchburg in the State of Virginia on the 26th day of September 1838 intended to be made at the War or Pension office of the United States on the application of Mrs. Ann Scott widow of Major Sam'l. Scott dec'd for a pension under the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July 1838. The deponent being first duly sworn deposeth and saith.

That he is upwards of sixty years of age and was intimately acquainted with Major Sam'l. Scott in his life time and with Mrs. Scott his widow who is now living. His acquaintance with Major Scott commenced after the expiration of the War, perhaps about the year 1800 and continued till the day of his death. During the whole of that period (except for the year 1817 to 1821) the deponent and said Scott resided on adjoining plantations and were in habits of great intimacy. The deponent was present at the death of said Scott and aided in shrouding him. In frequent conversations Major Scott would give to the deponent an account of some of his services during the Revolutionary War - he informed the deponent that he was an officer from the commencement to the conclusion of the War and a part of the time he served under Cols. Lytle and Gen'l. Greene - he has heard the said Scott oftentimes speak of his services with those officers and many others whose names he cant now remember. Major Scott was always regarded in his neighbourhood as having been a faithful officer during the whole of the Revolutionary War and the deponent never at any time heard that fact questioned by any one. It was then he earned the title of Major - and never after the conclusion of that war was known to have been commissioned to any military duty.

Although the deponent has had many conversations with Major Scott in his life time in regard to his military service during the Revolutionary War yet he cannot at this distant period of time - never having charged his recollection specially with this matter - attempt to give any thing like a detailed account of those services as coming from Major Scott. The deponent well remembers that from Major Scotts account he was frequently engaged against the Tories in Georgia and other parts of the Southern Country - and as he believes was at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 March 1781]. The deponent has seen a scar on the foot of Major Scott which he said was received in a contest (to use his words) with those "rascals" - meaning tories. Major Scott was a man of high standing and strict veracity to the hour of his

death. He was a Magistrate of the County of Campbell and for two years High Sheriff of the County. His widow Ann Scott is now living and although the deponent was not at their wedding yet he cannot doubt but that they were lawfully married - as much so as any of his neighbours whose ceremony he did not witness. From Major Scotts account the deponent believes that he was first a captain and then a major in the Revolutionary War - being in continental establishment - and served to the conclusion of the war.

[signed] Harrison Chilton

NOTE: The *Virginia Gazette* of 14 Nov 1777, p. 3, carried the following notice:

“DESERTED from Capt. Samuel Scott’s company in the Georgia service, the following soldiers, viz. William Warren, John Pounds, Benjamin Turner, Philemon Crain, Willaim Butler, William Fulcher, Elisha Gipson, William Bartlett, Thomas Gimbo, William Fidler, James Hunt, John Scates, William Watkins, John Draper, Joshua Butler, Thomas Butler, and Timothy Warren, from Halifax county; David Haley, Solomon Porter, William Lake, Jacob Christie, William Stewart, Benjamin Lawless, George Brock, Archibald Silvey, Benjamin Tilleson, William Robinson, Henry Vinceson, George Ballard, John Brock, Daniel Bence, Thomas Jones, and Thomas Crawley, of Pittsylvania; Samuel Beasley, Moses Wade, and William Correll, from Prince Edward. From Capt. Hunter’s company, in the said service, Edward Ferguson, Isham Dikes, Obadiah Ferguson, Ambrose Lucas, John Johnson, William Bartley, John McClay, William Woodkonoh, Alexander Barclay, David Womack, William Johens, William Zackley, Daniel Tulley, Moses Battally, James Randal, Francis Gaines, Francis Hopkins, William Prince, and John Wales. Any of the above deserters who come to Prince Edward courthouse, and deliver themselves to an officer there that will be appointed to receive them, shall be kindly received, and meet with a free pardon.”