

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

**Revolutionary War affidavit of  
Arther [sic, Arthur] Scott<sup>a</sup> S1873**

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State of Tennessee  
Knox County

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before me, Samuel Powell, one of the circuit judges, of law and equity in and for the state of Tennessee and for the first judicial circuit in the circuit court now sitting, Arthur Scott, a resident of the county and state aforesaid in the said county and state, aged eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law who doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereunto stated.

He lived in Cumberland County, Virginia at which place he was drafted in the spring of 1778. He thinks in March he enlisted under Captain Charles Flemming [sic, Fleming] for one year the name of the Col. and number of the regiment not recollected. Rendezvoused at Goochland Court House marched to the north joined General Washington's army in the neighborhood of Monmouth. He was in the battle of Monmouth which took place in June 1778.<sup>b</sup> He thinks he was put under the command of Gen'l Greene [Nathanael Greene] and marched to Richmond Virginia and was there honorably discharged. The discharge was signed by Captain Charles Fleming which was burnt afterward when he got his house burnt. He cannot give a detailed account of the Country through which he marched or the circumstances of the as impaired as his memory is very imperfect he served one year

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He then moved to Surry County North Carolina<sup>c</sup> he then Rec'd a Captain's Commission in the militia which he thinks was signed by Governor Martin and countersigned by Gen'l Martin Armstrong and dated sometime in the spring of 1780 he thinks in September he took command of a company of militia rendezvoused at Shallow ford of Adkin [sic, Yadkin] River and joined Col. Joseph Williams's Regiment. Marched into Roann [sic, Rowan] County there we Joined Genl. Davison's [sic, William Lee Davidson's] Brigade thence to the Catawby [sic, Catawba] River at the Orchard ford thence to Cowan's ford to guard it to keep British from crossing there we has a scrimmage in which Gen'l Davidson fell the brittish farried [sic, ferried] their way across the river in order to retake the prisoners that was taken at the Battle of Cowpens. We retreated to Widow Terrence's [sic, Tarrant's] there the british light horse attacked with great fury killed about thirty of

us but during the engagement Col Washington [William Washington] with his troop of horse came to our relief The british immediately retreated we marched thence to Guilford there we joined Gen'l Butler, Col. Joseph Williams, myself, and two other Capts and three companies were detached as infantry to reconiter [sic, reconnoiter] the country and to keep the british from robbing and plundering the citizens marched to Whitsill [sic, Weitzel's] Mill on the reedy fork then had a scrimmage with the british in which we lost a few men and had to retreat but within a bout an hour Col Washington with his troop of horse came on the same company at Weitzel's Mill and routed the British and killed a number and took about 30 prisoners

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Then were marched to Guilfan [sic, Guilford] and was in that battle in March 1781 Gen'l Greene was commander in chief and Gen'l Butler had an under command we were conquered and retreated to Troublesome Iron Works he was then discharged by Gen'l Butler and he discharged his men he served at this time three month as a Captain his discharge was burnt in his house his commission was also burnt at the same time.

Again while living at the same place as soon as I returned home which was in about sevin [sic, seven] days after the battle of Guilford which was about the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1781 I there found a company ready drafted and waiting for me to take the command and I did that the command of said company about the time last aforesaid we rendezvoused at Surry Courthouse under Col James Martin Marched to Salem Thence to the crossroads. Thence to Wilmington there we joined Gen'l Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade lay there till about the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. I was then discharged by Col. James Martin which discharge was burnt in my house when it was burnt. Served three months He served as a private 12 months and a Capt 6 making in the whole 18 months. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. He hereby relinquishes any 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. There is no clergyman in his neighborhood.

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year las aforesaid.

S/ Arther Scott [sic]

Sworn in open court

16<sup>th</sup> August 1832

S/ Wm Swan, Clk

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State of Tennessee

Knox County

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Zac Boothe of the acting justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions in and for said county came

Arthur Scott a resident of said county who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration which declaration was made in the in the Circuit Court in and of said county and bears date the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1832 and was numbered in the War Department No. 3941, and sent back for amendment. That he was born in Cumberland County, Virginia in January in the year 1752 as he was informed by his parents the day of the month not recollected He has no record of his age He continued to live in Surry County, North Carolina until about the year 1807<sup>d</sup> at which time he moved to With [sic, Wythe] County, Virginia<sup>e</sup> and lived there till about the year 1812 at which time he removed to said Knox county<sup>f</sup> and has lived there ever since and still lives there. That he never was drafted nor a substitute but was enrolled into the Service in the manner mentioned in his said Declaration and no other. He does not recollect the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served nor the continental or militia regiment nor the general circumstances of his service further than what is stated in his said declaration. That he is known in his present neighborhood to William Tipton, Reuben Tipton Isaac Tipton Nicholas Horn and James Badgett all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe him to have been a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Zac Boothe acting justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions in and for said county of Knox and state of Tennessee.

S/ Arther Scott<sup>g</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Arthur Scott was born in January 1752 in Cumberland County, Virginia. Her married Frances Kerr, the daughter of John and Elizabeth [Henderson] Kerr on 05 September 1773 in Goochland County, Virginia. Their marriage is recorded in the "Douglas Register". (See The Douglas Register, "A Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths...as kept by the Rev. Wm. Douglas, 1750-1797, transcribed by W. Mac Jones, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985, p. 43.)

<sup>b</sup>In 1777, parts of Cumberland County, Virginia became Powhatan County. In March of 1778, Arthur and Frances Scott began disposing of their land in Powhatan County, Virginia. (See The Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers, Volume III). See also The Powhatan County, Virginia Order Books, Volume I, transcribed by Carol Morrison, detailing the settlement of Frances Kerr Scott's father's estate. (Published on-line at Powhatan County, Virginia US GenWeb project) at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~vapowhat/orders/powobl.htm>

<sup>c</sup> Arthur Scott was listed as a juror to view a road in Surry County, North Carolina in November of 1779. (See Mrs. W.O. Absher, Surry County, North Carolina Court Minutes, Volumes I & II, 1768-1789, Easley, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1985, p. 17.)

<sup>d</sup> Arthur Scott was listed as a witness to a deed in Surry County, North Carolina in November, 1804. (See Carol Leonard Snow, Surry County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts, Volumes K & L, (Published by the author: Toast, North Carolina, 1996), p. 83, Surry County NC Deed Book L pg 5)

<sup>e</sup> He was enumerated in Wythe County, Virginia in 1810.

<sup>f</sup> On December 23, 1813 Arthur Scott was married to Elizabeth Nance in Knox County, Tennessee. (See , Tennessee Records: Bible Records and Marriage Bonds, compiled by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974). p. 377

<sup>g</sup> Arthur Scott apparently died before 1840. Neither he nor Elizabeth Nance Scott is listed in the 1840 census, or the additional schedule of Revolutionary War Pensioners.