

Lancing, Morgan Co., Tennessee

November 1929

I, the undersigned, Zachary T. Scott, of Lancing, Morgan County, Tennessee, depose and say that I was born on the 28th day of February 1849, near Sunbright, Tennessee, and married near Sunbright, Tennessee on the 31st day of August, in the year of 1871, Miss Mary Jones, born on the 18th day of August 1856, daughter of William E. and Elizabeth (Hall) Jones and by said wife had twelve children, two of whom died young.

That I am the son of Russell Scott who was born on the 17th day of July 1808, near Albany, Clinton County, Kentucky, and died on the 23rd day of February 1896, near Sunbright, Morgan County, Tennessee, and his wife Mary Webb, sometimes called "Nancy", of North Carolina.

That my father, the said Russell Scott, in 1895, some months before his death in 1896, related to me the following history of the Scott family which I wrote down at the time:

"My father, Samuel Scott Sr., came from North Carolina, was previously married to Lydia Long, daughter of Edward Long who lived in North Carolina. They moved to Kentucky, Cumberland County. My father owned a farm and lived about three miles from Albany, on Spring Creek. He had a mill on the creek. He owned a cave from which they made saltpeter. Father came from Kentucky to Tennessee in 1821 and settled at Montgomery, on Emory River and built a large double house on the north side and also a mill just below. Afterward he bought a large tract about two miles up the river and built. He afterward acquired other tracts by purchase and by grants thus extending his holdings until he acquired several thousand acres, which is evidenced by records of Morgan County, Tennessee."

"My father raised five boys and four girls. The boys names were: Thomas, John, Samuel, Russell, and Julian Frasier. (Russell being the narrator of this.) The girls were named Kate, who married a Coward (Coward?); Betsey married Bob Beatty of Kentucky; Barbara died in Kentucky. I believe she married a Story. My mother had so"me kin folks by the name of Julian and others named Frasier who lived in Knox County, Tennessee."

"My grandmother on my mother's side was a Julian. My grandmother Scott was Letta Russell. The Russells moved to Missouri when I was a boy. My grandfather's name was Thomas Scott. He had a son named Richard who went to Missouri – another named Martin who died young, left no family. Letta Scott, my father's sister, married John Long. My father's sons are all dead except myself (1895). I was born in Kentucky, near Albany, in 1808, July 17th.

That Samuel Scott, Jr., one of the sons of my said father, Russell Scott, mentioned in the fifth paragraph of this affidavit, moved at an early date to Kansas, near the Kansas-Missouri border and was chosen a member of the Kansas Legislature for two terms just prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, and in 1860, soon after having been chosen for a second term to the Legislature, being a man of high temper and outspoken in his convictions on the question of slavery which agitated the Kansas-Missouri border at that time, he antagonized some politicians who were opposed to him and was killed before assuming office for a second term. This, I understand, was about 1860, and the circumstances of the affair were related to me by Samuel Hall, my wife's uncle, who about 1858 went to Missouri; and after remaining there a short time came back and died a few years ago. He (Samuel Hall) was the son of Garrett Hall who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and who drew a pension till the time of his death, in the time of the Civil War. His widow, Talitha C. Hall, lived several years after his death and drew his pension. She was my wife's grandmother.

That my father, the said Russell Scott, said that his father, Samuel Scott, Sr., often told about the Battle of King's Mountain; and when the War of 1812-14 came on my said father remembered his said father, Samuel Scott, Sr.'s going and distinctly remembered his coming back having epaulets on his shoulders; and that when he first started he rode a large gray horse tendered him by a man named Sanduskey. I surmise that he entered the army as a private and was promoted.

Zachary T. Scott

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