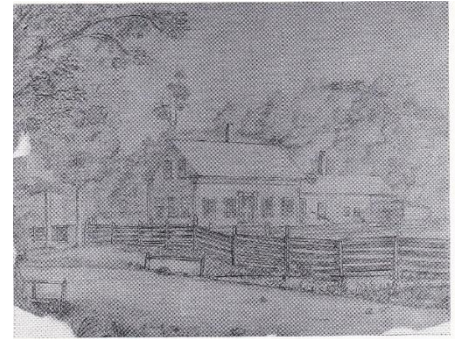
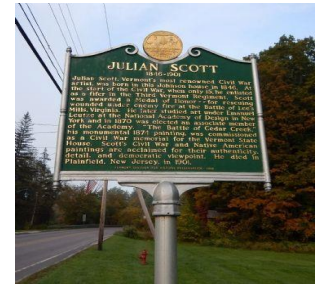


SAVE THE JULIAN SCOTT BIRTHPLACE JOHNSON, VERMONT

The Issue: The birthplace and childhood home of Julian Scott, Civil War hero and artist, born February 14th, 1846 in Johnson, is in danger of being demolished as part of a FEMA floodplain buyout. The Johnson Selectboard has established a Julian Scott Task Force, with the goal of preserving the Scott birthplace. At this writing, FEMA has granted a stay of demolition until December 31st, 2026. It is by no means certain the property can be saved. FEMA, through Vermont Emergency Management, has said the buyout could be “undone” if the Town reimburses FEMA app. \$424,000.00 (their expenses). Efforts are actively underway to remove the requirement to reimburse FEMA’s costs or change the requirements for demolition of the building. Even if those efforts are successful funds will be required to preserve the birthplace. Those preservation efforts and possible uses for the birthplace are not fully known at this time. This is one of the tasks assigned to the Task Force.



Scott Family Homestead. "House in which I was born in Johnson, Vermont, February 14, 1846," pencil on paper, 8x10 1/2 inches, n.d., Collection of Phyllis Scott Johnson, Fresno, California. House built by Charles Scott in Johnson, Vermont, soon after his marriage to Lucy Kelham. Julian, the fourth of their eight children, was born in this wood-framed cape at midnight between February 14 and 15, 1846.

The birthplace, located at 384 Lower Main West, was built in the early 1840’s by Julian Scott’s father, Charles. Robert Titterton, author and historian believes that all eight of the Scott children were born in this house. Several of his relatives are buried in local cemeteries. (Scott Family Homestead sketch from Robert Titterton’s book: Julian Scott : artist of the Civil War and Native America : with 97 illustrations)

Julian Scott’s Historical Significance: “On April 16, 1862, during the Siege of Union forces attempted to cross fortified Confederate lines at Lee’s Mills, Virginia. The terrain was flooded with creek and river water, and Confederate fire was intense. Many wounded soldiers were trapped in the water. At just 16 years old, Scott took on the role of a medic. He crossed the creek multiple times under heavy musket fire to rescue wounded comrades, ultimately saving at least nine men . Scott was officially awarded the Medal of Honor in February 1865, becoming the first Vermonter to receive it. The citation reads: “Crossed the creek under a terrific fire of musketry several times to assist in bringing off the wounded”. (Congressional Medal of Honor Valor Trail)

From Robert Titterton's book Yorktown,

Scott became a nationally recognized artist, painting scenes from the Civil War and later Native Americans in the West. His Civil War paintings have been described as “significant for the absence of glorification of war and instead shows the suffering and human sacrifice associated with war” (Wikipedia). “Scott depicted the lives of everyday soldiers, intense scenes of battle, as well as the peace and relief that came with the war’s end.” (Congressional Medal of Honor Valor Trail)



His monumental painting, “Battle of Cedar Creek”, hangs in the Vermont Statehouse, along with three other of his paintings.

What can you do? Tell your elected officials Scott’s birthplace should be preserved! Contact the Honorable Governor Phillip Scott: Office of the Governor State of Vermont, Contact your Congressional delegation. If from Vermont, contact your local Legislators. Contact anyone you think might help with this effort. Pledges (in lieu of actual donations) for the preservation, relocation, repairs and maintenance of the Scott birthplace will be gratefully accepted by the Town of Johnson. If you wish to

make a pledge to donate, please use the pledge form on the back of sheet. The Selectboard reserves the right to establish terms and conditions for the Fund, including but not limited to, minimum refund threshold and interest paid on refunds (if any). No representations are being made at this time as to the form preservation efforts will take. If, in their opinion and at their sole discretion, the Selectboard determines preservation goals cannot be met, notice of release from pledges will be made.

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DONATION PLEDGE FORM

The birthplace and childhood home of Julian Scott — Civil War Medal of Honor recipient and celebrated artist, born in Johnson, Vermont — is at risk of demolition under a FEMA floodplain buyout. The Julian Scott Task Force is working to preserve this historic home. Preservation, relocation, repair, and maintenance of the birthplace will require funding, and pledges are gratefully accepted in support of this effort.

Please complete this form to make a pledge in support of the Julian Scott Fund. This is a pledge of intent to donate, not an immediate payment.

MY PLEDGE AMOUNT

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DONOR INFORMATION

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

City / State / ZIP:

Phone:

Email:

Please indicate the dollar amount of your pledge and include your full address, as noted above.

Signature

Date

Please mail completed form to:

The Julian Scott Fund
c/o Town of Johnson Treasurer
P.O. Box 383
Johnson, VT 05656

or scan completed form and email to: tojadministrator@townofjohnson.com

This is a binding pledge (in lieu of an actual donation) for the preservation, relocation, repair, and maintenance of the Julian Scott birthplace. The Johnson Selectboard reserves the right to establish terms and conditions for the Fund, including but not limited to a minimum refund threshold and interest paid on refunds, if any. No representations are made at this time as to the form preservation efforts will take. If, in its sole discretion, the Selectboard determines preservation efforts are not being met, notice of release from pledges will be provided.

Questions? Contact the Town of Johnson (webpage: <https://townofjohnson.com>). Thank you for helping save this piece of history.