"Mother Scott, who was born Esther Mae Prentiss back in Warren County, Mississippi, in 1893, is a Washington legend."

-The Washington Post, February 27, 1977

Mother Scott had sung and played guitar since the days of the travelling minstrel shows, first as a teenager in bordello in the South and later with Leadbelly, Louis Armstrong, and Bessie Smith. After she took up music again in the 1960s, she played and sang with Kris Kristofferson, Alice Cooper, Joan Baez, and Judy Collins, among others. One of her songs was used — without permission — in the movie "Nashville."

"It takes you longer to wear out than to rust out."

-Mother Scott, who was also a crusader for senior citizen's rights