

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land warrant information relating to Andrew Russell BLWt1047-300¹ f22VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 8/15/12

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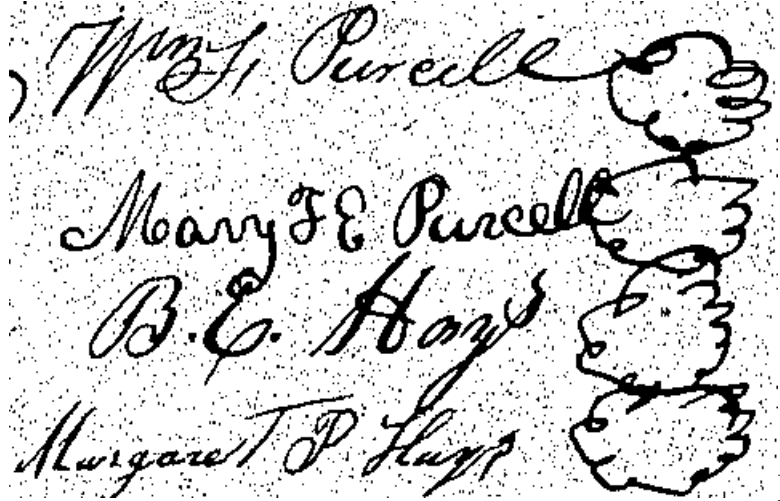
Virginia to wit

At a Court held for Loudoun County the 8th day of April 1822

It has been satisfactorily proved to this Court this day by the oath of Thomas Fouch Gent that Penelope Harrison wife of Major Wm B. Harrison of said County is the sister and only heir of Andrew Russell and who was a Captain in the Virginia Line of the Revolutionary War all of which is ordered to be recorded & ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War

A Copy Teste: S/ C. Binns, Clk.

[f p. 2: Power of attorney dated January 17, 1846, signed by William F Purcell and wife Mary F. E. Purcell, and B. E. Hays and wife Margaret P Hays, as heirs of their great uncle Andrew Russell as a supernumerary Major in the Virginia Continental line



William F. Purcell
Mary F. E. Purcell
B. E. Hays
Margaret P. Hays

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Memorandum

Andrew Russel was a Major of the Virginia Continental line. And was deranged out as such at the consolidation of the 14th of September 1778. His name will be found with the list of field officers of the said line at this consolidation looked at Vol. No. 7 of the Washington Papers on file in the State Department at pages say 70 to 80 properly signed & certified and also home

¹ and BLWt2388-100

same list will be found the name of James Thomas a supernumerary Major the warrant for whom as such was issued by you in the spring of 1822 a warrant issued some 20 or more years ago for 300 acres in right of Andrew Russel as a Captain the Heirs now claim the difference between that of a Captain already issued and that of a Major to wit 100 acres.

Will Mr. Gardan please take up this case and issued the warrant as early as possible.
24th of February 1846

and oblige
S/ H. Norworth [?], Atty

At a Court continued & held for Loudoun County 14th of April 1840

On Motion of William F Purcell it was proven in open Court to the satisfaction of said Court a Court of record that Pamela Russell & Penelope Harrison were the sole and only heirs of Major Andrew Russell deceased a revolutionary Officer, that the said Pamela Russell, who intermarried with a certain Albert Russell died without issue & intestate and that her only sister and heir said Penelope who intermarried with a certain William B Harrison also died intestate leaving two children to wit, Mrs. Julia A Wilson of Leesburg & Russell B Harrison that said Julia A Wilson is living a widow that said Russell B Harrison died intestate leaving four children his heirs to wit, William B Harrison, Margaret P Hayes who intermarried with a certain Bertrand E. Hayes, Mary F. E. Purcell and Julia A. Harrison, that William F. Purcel is the administrator of said Russell B Harrison deceased and also the Guardian of his said 4 children his heirs.

A Copy Teste: S/ Chs. G. Eskridge, Clk.

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The evidence establishing the fact that Andrew Russell was a Supernumerary Major of the Virginia Continental line is found in the Report of the Board of Field Officers who made the arrangement of 1778, designating those who were to retire as Supernumeraries under that arrangement, and will appear in the Washington Papers in the State Department in Book No. 26, Page 75.

A further evidence that Andrew Russell held the rank of Major he shown by the fact that, as early as the 29th December 1784, the State of Virginia granted him 5333 1/3 acres of land, that being the quantity to which a Major of the Virginia line was entitled from said State.

Examined by
W. Gordon, Clk.
April 2nd, 1846

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Addendum to Andrew Russell BLWt1047-300

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 22 March 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). On edocument in the file is illegible. See Austin Sandidge BLWt2295-200 for evidence that Russell was a major.]

Saturday May the 4th 1776.

A Warrant to Andrew Russell for £132.2.8 the provisions of his Company to Feb'y 28th 5th Reg't.

From page 98.

The foregoing is truly copied from the Journal of the Committee of Safety

Sworn under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 25 day of March 1840.

Jas E Heath Aud

To The Governor of Virginia

The Petition of Justin A Wilson[?] on behalf of herself and the other heirs of Major Andrew Russel respectfully states that he was in the Va. Cont. line [undeciphered word] from a period prior to 28 February 1776 – became supernumery [supernumerary] in 1778 and died about the close of the war or very soon after. On 29 Dec'r 1784 he was allowed for 3 years a Major. But as he was in service from about Jan'y[?] '76 till he became a supernery in 1778 y'r petitioner prays to be allowed the additional Bounty for services from January '76 to 3 Nov. 83.

Which is respectfully submitted through her atto./ T. Green

P.S. The payment of £132.2.8 for the services of Capt Russels Company prior to 28th Feb'y '76 shows he must necessarily have been an officer[?] for at least a month before that date. J.G.

Bounty land is allowed in this case for a service of seven years & eight months as a Major in the Continental line., deducting what has been heretofore allowed. DC [Gov. David Campbell]
March 26, 1840.