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Pension application of Charles Russell ¹ R17603

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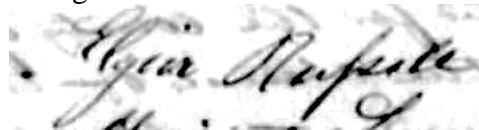
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State of Virginia County of Prince George

I Elgin Russell Heir at law of Lieutenant Charles Russell do upon oath testify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that Lieutenant Charles Russell did entered the service in the year 1776 for during the war and served as a Lieutenant in the Regiment under the command of Colonel George Gibson of the Virginia State Line and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the conclusion of the war. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to Lieutenant Charles Russell on the part of the United States nor do I believe that he ever received it or transferred his claim to it, in any manner whatsoever –

S/ Elgin Russell



[Attested June 14, 1836 in Prince George County Virginia.]

[f p. 4: Power of attorney executed February 4, 1850 by Elgin Russell administrator of the estate of Charles Russell deceased whereby the attorney-in-fact was authorized to pursue the claim of the estate for half pay due under the act of July 5, 1832.]

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State of Virginia, Prince George County, to wit

At a court held for Prince George County, in September 1830 satisfactory evidence was adduced in court, to prove that Elgin Russell is the only child and heir at law of the late Captain Charles Russell and that Charles Sandey [?] Russell, John Beloerton [?] Russell, Coriolanns [?] Russell, Susanna Russell and Mary P. Russell are the only children and heirs of Charles Russell Junior deceased who was a brother of the said Elgin Russell.

State of Virginia Chesterfield County

I Archibald Tweatt of the said County and state, do hereby certify, that Captain Charles Russell, who was a Lieutenant in the revolutionary Army of the United States, formerly of Prince George County near Petersburg within said State of Virginia, intermarried with my maternal Aunt about the close of the war – I lived a near neighbor to him for many years and was after with him – I attended him in his last illness he died in September 1795, and my aunt his widow Susanna

¹ BLWt2151-200 Va. Half Pay N. A. Acc. No. 874 See O50 154 Half Pay Charles Russell

Russell qualified as administratrix of his estate at the court of Prince George County aforesaid in November or December in the same year of 1795 – I transacted some business for her and besides relying on my memory, some entries in my books to which I have recently referred, induced me to feel confident as to the dates, my aunt has since departed this life.

Given under my hand this 17th of July 1854
S/ Archibald Tweatt

[f p. 22]

Pension Office February 12, 1844

It is hereby certified that from an examination of the case of Charles Russell, deceased, it appears that his administrator was allowed half-pay under the act of July 5, 1832, to commence on the 3rd September 1783, and that under the decision of the Secretary of War in the case of William Roberts, he was entitled to pay from the time when he left the service, the is the 6th of February 1782. It is my opinion, therefore, that the administrator Elgin Russell is entitled to half-pay for the service of Charles Russell in the Virginia State Troops as Lieutenant from 6 February 1782 to the 3rd of September 1783 at the rate of \$160 per annum, and that the amount is payable to Francis A. Dickins, attorney of said Elgin Russell, administrator

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
Secretary of War

[f p. 34]

Pension Office
February 20th 1850

I hereby certify that I have examined the case of the administrator of Charles Russell deceased who claims half pay under the act of 5th July 1832, for service of the said Charles Russell as Pay master to the 1st Virginia State Regiment and I am of opinion that Elgin Russell, administrator *de bonis non* of Charles Russell deceased is entitled to half pay for the services of the said Charles Russell as Pay master as aforesaid, (half pay for his service as Lieutenant having been heretofore allowed) at the rate of \$180 per annum from the 6th day of February 1782, to the 27th day of September 1795, the day of said Charles Russell's death; and that the amount is payable to Elgin Russell, administrator *de bonis non* of Charles Russell deceased.

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Prince George County Legislative papers

To the Hon., the General Assembly of the State of Virginia
qThe petition of Charles Russell Humbly Sheweth that he entered into the Service of this Commonwealth in the year 1776 and having served with the Continental Army as well to the Northward, as the Southward, considered himself entitled to the pay and Emoluments arising therefrom agreeable to the Acts of Assembly which was passed for the encouragement of those who entered into the said Service, and in such cases was proved for. That your petitioner having served from that time to the End of the War, had no doubt but he should receive his Commutation in lieu of half pay for life until he applied to the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue him warrants for the same. When notwithstanding the aforesaid acts of Assembly, [he] was informed by the said Auditor that he could not issue them for certain reasons. That having also obtained a

Warrant from the land Office for his proportion of Land in the Western Country for his military claim agreeable to the before recited acts of Assembly amounting to 2666 ^{60/90} acres which he directed should be laid out into two equal lots of 1333 ^{30/90} acres each which was complied with and the 1st lot or N. 4 was entered on the Mississippi near the Intended Town of Columbia, the other lot of 1333 ^{30/90} acres or N. 484 was on a bank of Clarks [²? very faint] River on the south side Tenasie [Tennessee] River – both of which are within the bounds of the lands claimed by the Chickasaw Indians – and which His Excellency the Governor of this State by his proclamation I think of January 1785 forbid the surveying of until purchased from the Indians, and by a late proclamation from the President of the United States inhabitants of the said States are forbid taking possession of or settling upon those lands they being the property of the said Indians – this is the situation of the land on which my military grants was laid, and I have not a prospect of relief without the aid and interposition of this honorable house, and what makes it still more gregious [egregious] upon your Petitioner is his having sold his right to the said lands before he was informed of their Situation, and had actually given his Bond for the Sum of four hundred pounds with a Condition to make good his title in the said lands which said Bond is liable to be put in suit to force a Compliance with the Condition or Subject your petitioner to the payment of the penalty which if carried into execution before relief is granted him by your Honorable House will tend to the great damage if not the ruin of your Petitioner.

But trusts that when the premises are Considered your Honors will grant him such relief, as well for his Commutation, or half pay; as for the lands and your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray &c &c

Prince George County
4th day November 1791

[Reverse]

Charles Russell Petition to the General Assembly
8th of November 1791
Referred to Propositions
half pay rejected
bounty in land reasonable