

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Russel Curtis S12664

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Trigg County: SS

On this 29th day of August 1832, Personally appeared before the Trigg Circuit Court in and for said County of Trigg aforesaid Russell Curtis a resident of said County of Trigg & State of Kentucky, aged seventy-five years, who being first duly sworn and Open Court, according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the Benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: That he the said Russell Curtis enlisted as a volunteer in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 under James Crump Captain, Moses Curtis Lieutenant in Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina for the term of six months, under the orders of Colonel William Pickett, which Term he served faithfully in the said County of Montgomery & Anson County and the adjacent Counties around, against the Tories & Disaffected in those parts of the country, his Discharge that he obtained from the said Colonel William Pickett, was lost. –

And that he also enlisted on the second day of June in the year 1780, under Captain Buckner Cimboll [sic, Buckner Kimbell, Kimbrel, Kimball, Kimble, Kimbro] & Jesse Harris Lieutenant & William Williams Ensign in Colonel Drury Ledbetter's Regiment commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], in this Regiment he served three months, the Discharge from this Regiment sometime in September in the year 1780 & sold it to a Major __Beard in Salisbury. – He also served another three months Tour under the same Captain Buckner Cimboll & Colonel Ledbetter aforesaid & Colonel Harris, all in the same parts of the Country he was guarding prisoners at the time of Gates defeat, on Lynches Creek in South Carolina. He was in a skirmish with the Tories on Drowning Creek, in another skirmish at the mouth of Rocky River on Pedee River in Montgomery County in North Carolina &c – And that the six months Tour he served in the year 1779, he served in the horse service he found his own horse, arms, ammunition, clothing &c through two of the Tours aforesaid, and one Tour in the foot service of three months and that he served out all his enlistments faithfully. –

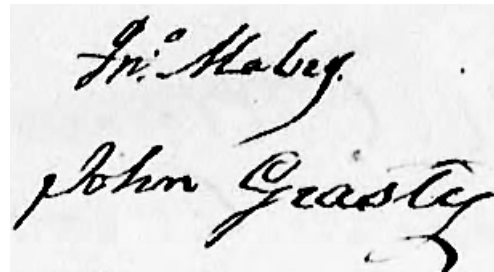
And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Russel Curtis, X his mark

Personally appeared before the Trigg Circuit Court on the 29th day of August 1832 John

Mabry¹ and being first duly sworn in open court saith that he has been acquainted with the before named Russell Curtis from about the year 1774, and that as he was returning home from the service in South Carolina in 1783, he came through Montgomery County in North Carolina where said Curtis resided, that he the said Mabry was in the neighborhood for several months where said Curtis resided, and that he was informed that the said Curtis was a good Whig and a good soldier. – And he was also constant in the service for more than two years, for such was the nature of the Whig & Tory war in that part of the Country that no man was safe at home. – And it is the general report of the neighborhood that the said Russell Curtis did serve as a soldier during the revolutionary war, also appeared John Grasty who made oath that he is a neighbor of Russell Curtis and that he has known him for the term of about 20 years, that he believes he is of the age he represents, that he has in the neighborhood been reputed & received as a soldier of the revolution, and that he concurs in the opinion.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Jno Mabry" and the bottom signature reads "John Grasty". Both signatures are written in a fluid, historical style.

[Dudley Williams, a “baptist clergyman,” gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Trigg County

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Trigg County State aforesaid Russell Curtis, aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration as an amendment to a former declaration (attached hereto) in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the town of Fredericksburg State of Virginia the 6th day of January 1757 as he was informed by his parents. That he has no record of his age. That when in the service in 1780 he was frequently near Colonel Benjamin Seawell’s Regiment of militia & was acquainted with Captain James Richards who was a of that Regiment. That by reason of the loss of memory he cannot state the precise periods & length of time he served, as he was almost constantly out from 1780 to 1783 with small parties, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than two years & for which he claims a pension. That he is known to Elijah Whitney, William Batts, Covington Dyer, William Arick, Joseph Bounds & Nathaniel Conduit of his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services [as] a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Russel Curtis, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private, six months in the cavalry and six months in the infantry.]

¹ [John Mabry S13832](#)