

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert S. Russell S14389

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State of Kentucky, County of Fayette

On this 31st day of August 1832 personally appeared in Mayor's Court before Charlton Hunt Esq., Mayor of the City of Lexington, now sitting, Robert S. Russell a resident of said County & State, aged 71 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in Culpepper [sic, Culpeper] County Virginia on the 28th March 1762; that he has a record of his age which is copied from his father's Bible, where it was originally entered. He resided in Fincastle County on each occasion when he volunteered and resided there until he removed to Kentucky in 1790 or thereabouts, where he has resided ever since in the County aforesaid. He always served as a volunteer, never received a discharge, but as cornet held a commission from the then Governor of Virginia which he has long since lost. His services were as follows.

His first term which continued two months, commenced in 1777 or '78, under Captain Aaron Lewis on which occasion he served against the Indians and Tories, on the frontiers of Washington County now Russell County Virginia. It was in the Spring of the year. In the same year, a company of Cavalry was raised by Captain John Jamison in which he entered and was elected Cornet and commissioned as such by the Governor. He served three months against the same enemy on the same frontier, moving about from place to place whenever their services were needed. In the next year Captain Edmondson raised a company in which he entered and served as a private which marched against the Tories who had assembled on the borders of Virginia & North Carolina, and who were subsequently defeated at Ramsour's Mills. The company marched under command of Colonel Arthur Campbell, who with 4 or 500 men was moving towards the Tories when they were attacked and defeated by other troops commanded as he thinks by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland]. Colonel Campbell's [William Campbell's] troops fell in with Cleveland's after the affair. When the militia afterwards embodied to attack Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], he again joined Captain Edmondson's company as a private and whilst on the march, the Regiment being under the command of Colonel William Campbell, he was detached with 12 men to guard the families of the Whigs during the absence of the troops, they being threatened by the Tories. This term was more than one month. His whole Services were upwards of seven months. He was in no battle, nor was he ever wounded in the Service. He refers to the Honorable William T. Barry, Mesrs John W. Hunt, John Fowles, Richard Higgins, Waller Bullock, Doct. Innes [?], Maj. Matthew Flournoy to testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his Services.

He has no documents to prove his services nor are there any witnesses now living, within his reach, that he knows of to prove them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robt S. Russell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robt S. Russell". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

[Caleb W Cloud, a clergyman, and John Fowler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 16: reference is made to a son & executor of Robert S Russell but he/they is/are not named in the document dated March one, 1851.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & cornet for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]