

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James G. Russel S31948

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State of Georgia County of Baldwin: On this 27th day of February 1833 personally appeared in the Superior Court of said County, now sitting, before Lucius Q. C. Lamar Judge of said court, James G Russel a resident in the 105th district in said County, aged sixty-six years, who being duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in August of the year before Cornwallis was taken prisoner for 18 months, under Capt. Warman, Lieut. Ray & En. [Ensign] Miller; I served under Colonel Fubecher [Christian Febiger], & General Steuben. He has forgotten the name of the Major. He entered the service in Fauquier County Virginia: He was at the taking of Cornwallis at little York [October 19, 1781]. He remained through several months afterwards, at quarters at Cumberland Old Court House: & then marched to Savannah Georgia &c was engaged in a small action with Tories & Indians near Ebenezer; & in another with British & Tories, between Ebenezer & Savannah. During the time that he was in Georgia, he was under the command of General James Jackson. At the expiration of his tour of 18 months, he was discharged at Cumberland Old Court House, Virginia.

He is unable to produce his discharge or to prove his services by any witness who can be had near the court. Since the war he has resided in the counties of Wilkes & Columbia & Baldwin.

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

S/ James G Russel, X his mark

Georgia Baldwin County: Before me personally appeared James G Russell, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he served in the latter part of the revolutionary war but is unable to state with certainty the year, being an unlearned man. He served 18 months & for the time during which he served he was not employed in any civil pursuits. He served the whole time as a private, & for which service he claims a pension. Sixty-six years was entered as his age, by mistake, in his declaration to the best of his knowledge & belief, he is seventy years of age.

He gives the following answers to the questions propounded by the War Department
Answer 1st. To the best of his belief, he was born in the year 1763 in Fauquier County, Virginia.
Answer 2nd. He has no record of his age, but his age is recorded in his father's Bible, now in the possession of his brother-in-law.

Answer 3rd. He was living in Fauquier County, Virginia, when called into service. In the second year after the close of the revolutionary war, he removed to Wilkes County, Georgia, where he resided 18 years: he then removed to Columbia County in the same State, where he resided 8

years: he then removed to the County of Baldwin, in the same state, where he has continued to reside to the present time.

Answer 4th. He enlisted.

Answer 5th. He served under General Washington & saw him very often during the service. He saw General Lafayette also in the service.

Answer 6th. He received a discharge from service, but he does not remember from whom it was received. He send it a great many years ago to the seat of government, for the purpose of drawing his pay as a soldier, & it was not returned to him.

Answer 7th. For proof of his character for veracity, & belief of his services, as a revolutionary soldier, he refers to Dr. Tomlinson Fort, formerly a member of Congress, & to the Reverend Benjamin Brantley, both of the County of Baldwin aforesaid.

Sworn to before made this 19th day of July 1833

S/ John A Cuthbert, JIC

S/ James G Russel, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died May 4, 1844. His widow, Marsippa, died November 28, 1844. Her maiden name is not stated. 5 children survived their mother: Martin, James G Junior, Sarah GORITY or Gordy, Rachael Cubage, and Mary who in 1855 was the wife of John Simpson and was then aged about 53 years. John Simpson in 1855 had a post office address of Alapaha, Georgia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service.]