

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Russell S36878

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State of Indiana Sct.

On this 22nd day of August 1818 before me Davis Floyd president of the second Judicial Circuit in the State of Indiana, personally came John Russell aged seventy-three years – who being first duly sworn by me according to law for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act of Congress passed at the last Session, making provision for allowing pensions to certain persons as served in the revolutionary [war] against the Common Enemy upon his oath saith, that he enlisted for two years in the third Virginia Regiment, commanded by George Wheaton [George Weedon] and Thomas Marshall – Weedon first Colonel & Marshall Lieutenant Colonel my Captain Philip Lee. I was in an engagement on the York Island<sup>1</sup> – also in the battle of the White Plains [October 28, 1776] – also in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and one in Germantown [October 4, 1777], I got my discharge at the Valley Forge. From William Woodford Brigadier General – which discharge has been misplaced or lost, and that this is the best evidence now within his power, that he is in reduced Circumstances and requires the assistance of his country for support. Sworn to & declared before me the day and year before written.

S/ Davis Floyd, Resident

State of Indiana Sct.

Be it remembered that at a circuit Court for the County of Clark continued and held by adjournment at the Court House in Charlestown on Wednesday the 23rd day of August 1820, Before the Honorable Davis Floyd President and William Goodwyn and John Boggs Esquires his Associates John Russell a Revolutionary Soldier came personally into court and being sworn in the manner Prescribed by law made and filed the following Declaration, to wit,  
State of Indiana Clark County Sct.

That on this 23rd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being the Circuit Court of said County, and a court of record John Russell, aged seventy-five years, a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, to wit, That he enlisted on the 6th day of February 1776 for the term of two years in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Philip Lee in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Weedon in the line of the State of Virginia on the old Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1778 when he was discharged from the said Service at Valley Forge and that I was a Resident Citizen

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<sup>1</sup> probably a reference to either the battle of Long Island on August 27, 1776 or the battle of Harlem Heights September 16, 1776

of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit, one cow, four hogs, one bedstead, four chairs, one table, two sets of cups and saucers, one coffee pot, one skillet, and one Dutch oven. That I am by occupation a Shoe maker and unable to pursue the same, that I have residing with me in family five persons exclusive of myself, to wit, my wife Elizabeth aged about twenty-six years, one daughter named Eliza, about six years of age, one daughter named Solina aged about four years, one named Mahala about three years of age and one named Nancy aged a little upwards of one year – unable to contribute to their support my wife excepted.

S/ John Russell, X his mark

[the court valued the veteran's property at \$31.50.]

[f p. 21: On October 7, 1820 John Sidebottom<sup>2</sup> gave testimony that John Russell was an old revolutionary soldier who served in the 3rd Virginia Regiment under Colonel Weedon and Captain Lee from 1776 for 2 years and was discharged on the 8th day of February 1778. Sidebottom does not state that he actually served with the veteran. The affidavit is signed only by the justice of the peace who took the testimony.]

[f p. 14: Power of attorney dated April 7th, 1853 by Nancy Jane Robnett who describes herself as heir of Elizabeth Russell, deceased, the widow of John Russell, a revolutionary war pensioner on the rolls of the Indiana agency. She signed a document with her mark. The document contains no indication of which County or state it was executed.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 22, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> [John Sidebottom \(Sydebothom\) W8775](#)