

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Russell S38345

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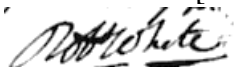
District of Virginia, Frederick County Sct.

On this 10th day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Of law for the said County & State and district, personally appeared Thomas Russell aged sixty-two years, resident in Berkeley County in the said State and district, [indecipherable interlineation] who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said Thomas Russell enlisted in the said County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Mitchell of the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental Service for the War; that he continued to serve in the said court, when the service of the United States until the end of the War, when he was discharged from service in at [sic] Winchester in State of Virginia aforesaid, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and at the siege of York [ended October 19, 1781 with the surrender of Cornwallis and his Army] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except the annexed Certificate of Colonel Joseph Swearingen & Robert White. [There is an interlineation of some length which he is indecipherable except that it was some reference to his discharge but what is said about a discharge I cannot discern]

S/ Robt. White

I, Robert White,<sup>1</sup> Judge, &c, as aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said Thomas Russell did serve in the Revolutionary war, for more than nine months, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, on the Continental establishment; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me, to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid act of Congress. And I do further certify that I was an officer in Captain Mitchell's Company, that the said Thomas Russell was a soldier therein of distinguished worth, until I was disabled from service by my own wounds, and that I am satisfied from the evidence before me that he is in indigent circumstances and does need the aid of his Country for a support.

S/ Robt White [Robert White]

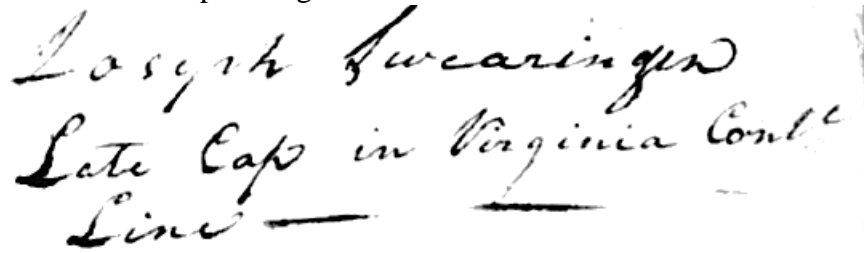


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<sup>1</sup> [Robert White S7893](#)

Thomas Russell the Bearer enlisted as a Soldier in the 12th Virginia Regiment (commanded by Colonel James Wood) Early in the year 1777 & continued in the said Regiment until the Virginia Line was ordered to Charleston South Carolina at which time my knowledge of him ceased. I feel myself at liberty to Certify that during the above Term (old when he the said Russell was under my notice) his conduct was of a Brave & valuable Soldier. Given under my hand this 3rd day of October 1815

S/ Joseph Swearingen<sup>2</sup>  
Late Cap in Virginia Cont'l Line



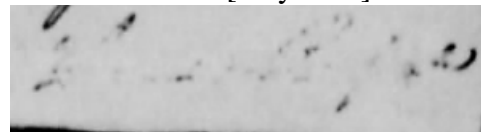
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Virginia to wit

At a court continued and held for Berkeley County the 11th day of July 1820

On this 11th day of July 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record, Thomas Russell aged about 64 years resident in said County who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit as a private soldier in Captain Mitchel's Company in the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Wood & Neville, that he made his Original declaration on the 10th day of June 1818 and obtained a pension Certificate numbered 1036, and the said Russell doth moreover solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. The said Russell further declares that he is a daily laborer, but has not bodily strength sufficient to support himself without the aid of the public or individuals he has no family. Sworn to and declared to be true on the 11th day of July 1820 before the court aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Russell [very faint]



Schedule

No property of any description

S/ Thomas Russell

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 10, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> FPA BLWT2065-300