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Pension application of Buckner Russel (Russell) S4166

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State of Tennessee Weakley County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions January Term 1834

On this 15th day of January 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting Buckner Russell of the County of Weakley and State of Tennessee aged eighty-three years, who being first 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 7th 1832.

In September 1780, agreeable to my best recollection, which was shortly after General Gates defeat, I entered the service of the United States, as a volunteer, for four months, under Gibson Wooldrige [sic, Wooldridge] as our Captain, and Joseph Maseby [sic, Joseph Mosby?¹] Lieutenant. -- When I entered the service I lived in Surry County North Carolina: Captain Wooldridge's company marched from Surry to Salisbury where we fell in company with Colonel Washington's light horse troops. At a place called Fifer's [sic, Phifer's] old houses we fell in with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & on the same day the forces under General Greene had a skirmish with some British, by whom he was compelled to retreat across the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River], & halted at the Hickory Ford. I here I obtained a furlough to return to my family for a few days & during my absence an express was sent to General Greene commanding him to send forces immediately into Surry County. After a few days spent with my family, I again joined Captain Wooldridge in Surry, who had been ordered to keep the Tories in check; and the balance of this four months tour was spent in endeavoring to disperse & keep down the Tories in Surry, Rowan & Iredell counties. This four months tour ended, I then joined Captain Cloud a Ranger, who was engaged in Surry providing subsistence for the Army, and by him was placed under Lieutenant John Cock, and continued to serve under him in this way, in Surry and some of the adjoining Counties for the term of three months. At the expiration of both my first & second terms of service, the former for four months the latter for three months, I neither received nor applied for any discharge. Shortly after Lord Cornwallis crossed the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River and went down into Guilford, according to my present recollection, which is very frail from the infirmities of old age, I quitted the service, and returned home, and shortly afterwards on the 10th day of March 1781 at night, a party of Tories came to my house and by force and threats took me prisoner, and after detaining me a while, upon my promising them not to [indecipherable word, looks like "ster"] out that night, they release me and departed, & shortly afterwards I heard the firing of guns, which I subsequently learned were those of the Tories, who

¹ There was a man by this name who also filed for pension based on services partly rendered while living in Surry County NC, but the facts recited in his application do not fit well with the facts cited by this veteran. See, [Joseph Mosby S15539](#)

had laid an ambush for Captain James Saunders and his sons, John & James. The same Tories when they left my house took with them my gun & ammunition. -- I afterwards often served for a short length of time when called on and the State of the Country required it, but was not again drafted, nor did I volunteer for any certain length of time. I have no documentary evidence, nor do I know of any person, whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my service. 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Buckner Russel

[James Hatter [could be Hatler] clergyman and John H. Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]