

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Russel S4169

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State of Ohio Fairfield County: SS

On this 1st day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County Elijah Russel a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy-five years in August last, 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.

That he was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia on the 15th day of August A.D. 1758 as appears from a record in his Father's family [Bible?], but which he cannot have access to at this moment. At the age of fifteen years he removed into Rockingham County Virginia from whence he again removed into Greenbrier County in the said State of Virginia. That he enlisted at Lewisburg in the County last aforesaid sometime either in the month of October or November of the year of our Lord 1776, under one Lieutenant James Thompson a recruiting officer, from whom he received \$8 of Continental money as a bounty at the time, which proved worth nothing in his hands – Immediately on being thus enlisted he proceeded to Point Pleasant and entered the Company of Captain William McKee [could be William McRee], the Lieutenant of which company was the said Thompson. That there was at Point Pleasant another Company commanded by Captain Arbuckle, who being the oldest exercised the chief command at the Fort at that place, and which was built of stockades stuck in the ground. That he the said Deponent enlisted so as aforesaid for, and served during, the Term of two years – That General Hand at Pittsburgh was paymaster and Colonel Wood at the same place had a [&] exercised the authority of furnishing the provisions to the two Companies aforesaid, in which said Deponent was included.

That the said Station was under the Command of General Hand & Colonel Wood as appeared to Deponent, but in their absent Captain Arbuckle exercised or deemed to exercise the chief control – That the said Companies of McKee & Arbuckle were, as Deponent always understood & believes regularly engaged in the service of the United States at the time aforesaid, and that he the said Deponent served in said Companies, both of which always acted in concert for the defense of the frontiers under, in most instances, the command of said Captain Arbuckle. That during the whole Term of the two years as aforesaid, Deponent was continued at the said Station of Point Pleasant only when absent on excursions for the defense and protection of the citizens and families through the surrounding Country. He was at Pittsburgh several times, but mostly for provisions for the Station. He was engaged in no Battle of any celebrity excepting one of some magnitude, with the Indians led on by an Indian well known by the name of Jimmy Gilmore. The Indians was upwards of two hundred & seventy, but he was engaged in very many small skirmishes in which great danger and uncommon bodily fatigue was incurred and suffered.

That when his term of service as aforesaid expired he the said Deponent received a written Discharge from the service, signed by the said Arbuckle, but the said Discharge has been long since lost. He left it in possession of John Lokey in Rockingham County Virginia with whom he was then working and never saw it since, though he subsequently tried to procure it, the said Lackey being dead a long time –

That he removed to Fairfield County in the State of Ohio in the fall of the year 1813 where he still resides – He has no documentary evidence of his said services unless they appear on the records of the War Department, nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove the same.

That he is old and extremely efficient in memory, but will refer to Honorable W. W. Irvin, Hon. P. Beecher of Lancaster and Colonel John Ricketts all of Fairfield County aforesaid for character and veracity, with all of whom Deponent is well acquainted.

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.

S/ Elijah Russel, X his mark

[Elijah Spurgeon, a clergyman, and John Ricketts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]