

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Russel (Russell) S46066

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State of Kentucky Casey County Sct.

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John L Bridges Judge of the Casey Circuit Court now sitting Absalom Russel a resident of Casey County & State of Kentucky aged about seventy-two 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

About the first of April 1780 he joined Captain Wall's Militia Company as a drafted militia man in Halifax County Virginia who marched us on for Norfolk as far as Petersburg & was there discharged for one month's Tour of duty & about the first of January 1781 he entered the service of the United States a 2nd time under the same Captain Wall as substitute for John Moore a drafted militia man for three months in Halifax County Virginia, who marched us on through Petersburg to General Muhlenberg's Headquarters at Cabin Point the Commander of the Regiment not recollected marched from Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] on by Smithfield & Casper burnt Mills to Norfolk & there we had a small engagement with the British, a plundering party who killed one of our men we then turned to Smithfield & was there stationed until we were discharged for a tour of three months I General Muhlenberg.

He entered the Service of the United States the third time about the first of July 1781 in Halifax County Virginia under Captain Booker as a drafted Militia [man], who marched us on to General Lawson's headquarters at [indecipherable word or words]<sup>1</sup> Court house who marched us to Carter's ferry on James River & up the same to the point of fork to General Stillbanks [?]<sup>2</sup> Headquarters where we had some firing with the British across the River, who marched us again across the County to Stanton River near Bookers ferry & where we were stationed there, when on parade one day he got his arm put out of place at the elbow joint which still remains to this time. From thence we marched back to Carter's ferry on James River & there was ordered to the Hospital where he remained until discharged which was for the full time of three months service by the Commandant of the Hospital thinks his name was Harper making [in] all seven months service, he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can

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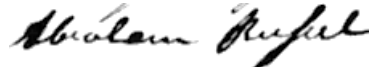
<sup>1</sup> 

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procure who can testify to his services. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S Absalom Russel



The amended Declaration of Absalom Russel

State of Kentucky Casey County: Sct.

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County

Absalom Russel who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the answer to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department is by him correctly answered. In answer to the

1st interrogatory, Answer, Born in Halifax County State of Virginia in the year 1760 –

2nd Interrogatory Answered, I have no record of my age –

7th interrogatory Answered, Isaac Merret & Jesse Coffey

Sworn & subscribed the 23rd day of January 1833

[Isaac Merritt & Jesse Coffey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Jesse Portland, a clergyman and Christopher Rife gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]