

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Russell S46067

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The State of Ohio }  
Gallia County } SS

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common pleas now sitting being a Court of record, Charles Russel, a resident of the Township of Springfield in the County of Gallia and State of Ohio aged seventy 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit, That he volunteered in a company of the Virginia Militia commanded by Capt. [John] Cartmill on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1780 in the County of Botatour [sic: Botetourt] in the State of Virginia for the term of three months, and with said company marched into the state of North Carolina and joined Gen'l Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army, which was at that time lying south of Dan River and was attached to a Regiment of Riflemen commanded by Col. [Otho Holland] Williams and Maj Rolling [sic: Thomas Rowland], and was marched with said Regiment in company with Col. [William] Washington and Col [Henry] Lee's Regiments of horse and a broken troop of horse commanded by Col White and two companies of Light Infantry to the south of the main army and was for about one month almost continually on the march and reconoitring about the British lines with six Indians of the Catawby [sic: Catawba] nation for Pilots- At length meeting with the British Light horse, commanded by Col Tarlton [sic: Banastre Tarleton] we had a short but severe engagement [at Clapp's Mill, 2 Mar 1781] which lasted for fifteen or twenty minutes, but being overpowered we were obliged to retreat with the loss of about fifty of our men and one Indian this hapened on a Creek called the Alamance on or about the first of March 1781 and a few days after this engagement took place, we had another scurmish with the enemy at the ford of Reddy River [sic: Reedy Creek at Wetzels Mill, 6 Mar 1781] in North Carolina, and was again over powered and was obliged to retreat with the loss of nearly seventy men, killed and wounded, most of which was lost in attempting to cross the river. And after serving the full time of said three months, was discharged a small distance from Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 by a written discharge from Capt. Cartmill and thinks it was countersigned by Col Williams but is not certain which said discharge is since lost - and then returned to his place of residence in the County of Botatour in Virginia - And on the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of May in said year 1781, he again entered the service of the United States by joining the Militia in the County of Bedford State of Virginia in a company commanded at that time by Lieutenant Spears as a substitute for William Bluford [probably William Buford] for three months and was marched to New London the County seat (at that time) of Bedford County [now in Campbell County] to guard the Magazine. there was about one hundred and fifty men employed, he thinks the command of the place was under a certain Col Smith, he was employed most of said three months in Guarding said Magazine and part of the time in removing said magazine to the woods to keep the British from Blowing it up. And after serving said three months out he was discharged by a written discharge from Lieutenant Spears which has been since lost- he was discharged 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1781 -

And on the first of September 1781 he again entered the Militia as a substitute for William Franklin in the County of Botetour Virginia in a company commanded by Capt Smith for three months and was marched to join the main army at the siege of Little York and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col Sam'l Vance [Samuel Vance] which was attached to the main army then commanded by Gen'l Washington, has often seen Gen'l LaFayette and continued to do duty as commanded untill the 19<sup>th</sup> of October on which day as he thinks, Lord CornWallis surrendered to the american arms. About the 3<sup>d</sup> day after the surrender of the British Army he belonged to the detachment that marched a part of the

Prisoners to Winchester Barracks a distance he thinks of more than 200 miles. and after serving out his full tour he was discharged in writing by Lieutenant Moses Mann who commanded in the absence of Capt Smith who was sick at the time – making in all at least nine months –

He further states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He was born in Huntingdon in the State of New Jersey AD 1759. that his age was so recorded in the family Bible the family then removed he thinks about the year 1774 to Barkley [sic: Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia and resided he thinks there about six years. from thence he went to the County of Botatour in the State of Virginia, from thence to Barkly County again, from thence to Augusta Co, and from thence he removed to Gallia County State of Ohio where he has resided ever since for the last thirty years

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State and that there is no Clergyman residing in his neighbourhood or vicinity      Charles hisXmark Russell