

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Russell S6041

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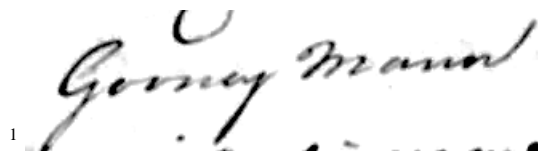
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State of Virginia County of Shenandoah SS

On this 9th day of October in the year 1832 formerly appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court now sitting Robert Russell a resident of Gorney Manor [?]¹ in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-six 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.

I resided at a place called Gorney Manor in the aforesaid County of Shenandoah (then Dunmore as well as I recollect) in the year 1777 and that about the 10th or 12th of March of that year I volunteered under Captain Michael Rader Lieutenant McCarly and Ensign Fugate, that the members of Captain Rader's Company were kept in readiness to march, until the following August when the said Company was marched to Pittsburgh, then commonly called Fort Pitt, that upon the arrival of the Company at Pittsburgh it was attached to Colonel Gibson's Regiment of regulars, which Regiment was under the command of General Hand. Soon after our arrival at Pittsburgh, Captain Rader's Company of which I continued a member, with others, were sent down the River to Wheeling, in the neighborhood of which, the Indians had been committing depredations. On the first day of our arrival near the Fort at Wheeling, we succeeded in driving the Indians from the Fort, which they then infested. My company remained at the Fort at Wheeling until the 14th day of November 1777 when it was transferred to Captain Samuel Mason whose Company, I being a member of it, remained to guard the Fort at Wheeling until the 26 day of March 1778, when I was discharged by Lieutenant Linn Branson whose original discharge accompanies this declaration, and I returned home.

In the year 1780, I went to North Carolina to see my friends, upon my arrival in North Carolina I learned that the Tories were very troublesome, and that the British were in possession of Camden, and just previous to the 25th day of September of that year I volunteered under Captain John Luttrell, and served three months in his company of Light horse during which time we had several skirmishes with the Tories – and an engagement with Captain Gard or Guards Company consisting of British soldiers and Tories. We beat them, took Captain Gard or Guard prisoner and lodged him in Hillsborough Jail. At the expiration of the three months, that is to say on the 25th day of December 1780, I was discharged by Captain Luttrell, whose original discharge without date, accompanies this declaration.



¹ Gorney Manor? ■ Gurney Manor?

He the said Robert Russell 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/ Robert Russell



Virginia

Shenandoah County to wit

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court now sitting Jeffrey Collins,² a resident of Gorney Manor in the County aforesaid, about 77 years of age, and made oath that he volunteered in Captain Michael Rader's Company in the year 1777 and served in that and Captain Mason's Company with Robert Russell until they were discharged on the 26 day of March 1778, having been held in readiness to March, and in actual service from about the 10th of March 1777 until the 26 day of March 1778. That he now resides near the said Robert Russell, and that the facts stated in his declaration relative to his services performed in these Companies are true.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jeffrey Collins, X his mark

[William gray and William R. Ashby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court propounded the following interrogatories to Robert Russell, the person named in the declaration hereto annexed

1. Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer. In the year 1756 in the settlement called Gorney Manor in the County of Shenandoah, then Frederick County.

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. My father has set down my age. He stated that I was born on the 28th day of September 1756. I believe my brother who resides in the State of Ohio or Indiana has the record.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived near Gorney Manor above mentioned when I entered into service, and have lived near the same place ever since.

How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I volunteered on both occasions when I went into service as mentioned in my declaration hereto annexed.

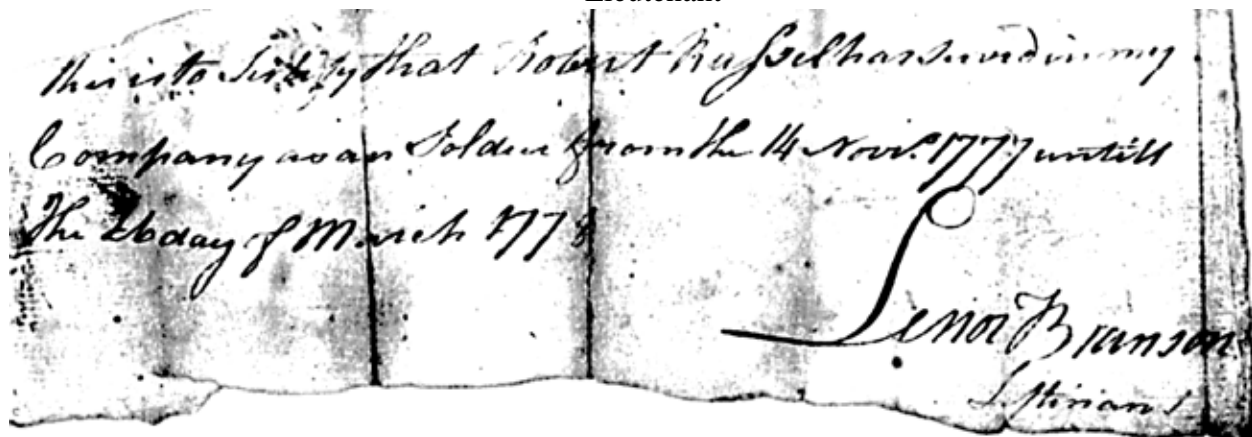
5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served: such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services?

Answer. Colonel Gibson was our Colonel when we got to Pittsburgh we were under General Hand. I don't recollect of knowing any regular officers that [interlineations indecipherably faint] in North Carolina my services are particularly set forth in my declaration hereto annexed.

² FPA S9192

This is to Sertify [certify] that Robert Russell has served in my Company as a Soldier from the 14th of November 1777 until the 26 day of March 1778.

S/ Lenor Branson
Lieutenant

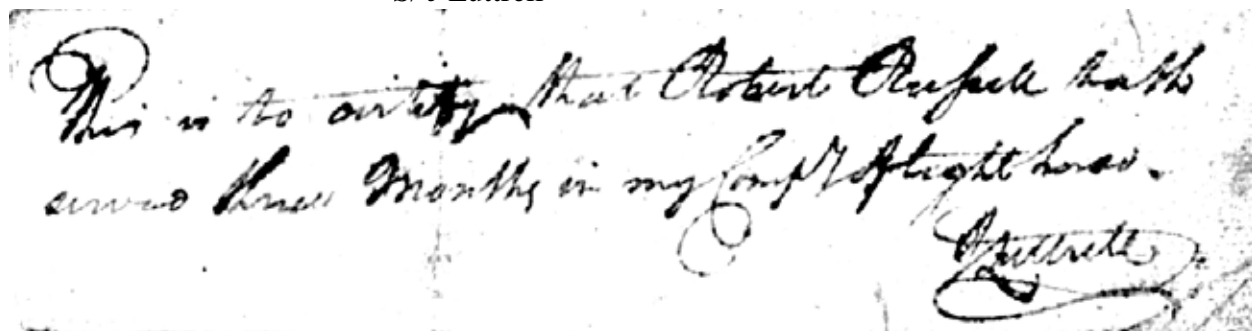


This is to Sertify that Robert Russell has served in my
Company as an Soldier from the 14 Nov. 1777 untill
The 26 day of March 1778

Lenor Branson
Lieutenant

This is to certify that Robert Russell hath served 3 said months in my Company of light horse.

S/ J Luttrell



This is to certify that Robert Russell hath
served three Months in my Company of light horse.

J. Luttrell

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months and 14 days in the Virginia and North Carolina militia.]