

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Russey¹ W1697

Nancy Ayres²

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State of Tennessee Franklin County

On this third day of December 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the aforesaid County, James Russey aged sixty-eight years and a resident of the aforesaid County of Franklin, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said James Russey enlisted for the term of two years on the 9th day of February in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles Tomkkins [Charles Tompkins also spelled Tompkies] in the 7th Regiment, commanded first by Colonel Dangerfield [William Dangerfield] and afterwards by Colonel McClanahan [Alexander McClanachan, also spelled McClannahan] in the line of the State of Virginia, on what Continental establishment he cannot say that he continued to serve in the said Court until the 9th day of February 1778 when he was discharged from the said service in Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] and, (having lost his discharge) that he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services, except his own oath –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

2 Town Lots worth	\$50
one horse	20
2 Colts	<u>30</u>
	\$100

and as a set off against this that he is indebted \$100 the declarant further states that he is a planter but that he is wholly unable, on account of his infirmity – to undergo the labors of said occupation. That he and his wife but a few years younger than himself live with an unmarried

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See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050155 Not Half Pay James Russey

² former widow

son aged about thirty years, that he has a daughter a widow with four small children one at the breast living with said son, – that said son & daughter from the indigency of their circumstances are ill able to contribute anything of consequence to declarant's support.

Sworn & declared in open court this 3rd day of December 1823

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ James Russey Senr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Russey Senr.", with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

[f p. 15: On March 24, 1853 in Franklin County Tennessee, Nancy Ayres, formerly Nancy Russey, 69, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of James Russey, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she was married to James Russey Senior in Winchester, Franklin County Tennessee on January 18 1830; that he died March 21, 1833; that she then married Gentry Ayres who is now dead and that she is a widow; that her name prior to her marriage to James Russey was Nancy Scott. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 9: Copy of a marriage bond issued to James Russey Senior & Wallace Estill January 18, 1830 in Franklin County Tennessee conditioned upon the marriage of James Russey Senior 2 Nancy Scott.]

[f p. 22]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 28th day of May 1784 in the name of James Russey as Sol. Inf. [Soldier of Infantry] and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £15.12, delivered to Mr. Anderson but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
2nd day of July 1855.

S/G. W. Clutter

Auditor Public Accounts

[No Seal of Office]

[Facts in file: Nancy Scott Russey Ayres died June 28, 1857.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 3, 1823, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3rd, 1853.]

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Addendum to James Russey W1697

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 23 March 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Tennessee }

Franklin County } This day personally appeared James Russey before me James Sharp one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and made Oath in due form of law that he Enlisted in the Seventh Virginia Redgiment under James Baytop Lieutenant in Capt Tomkins Company for the term of two years and that he served his time out & was Legally Discharged

Sworn to and subscribed

James hisXmark Russey

Before me 5th Nov 1836

James Sharp JP