

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

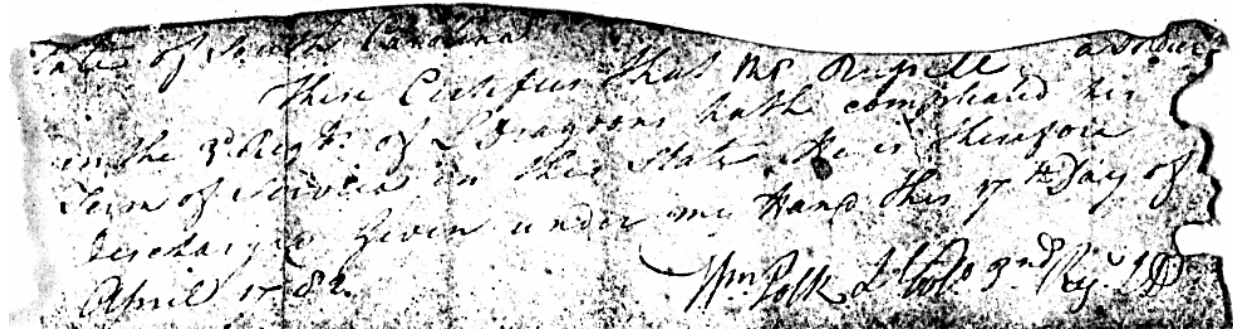
Pension application of Thomas Russell ¹ W2700 Tabitha Russell f19NC+ f32NC
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State of South Carolina

These Certifies that Thos Russell a Soldier in the 3rd Regiment of L. Dragoons hath completed his Term of service in this State. He is therefore discharged. Given under my Hand this 7th day of April 1782

S/ Wm Polk, Lt. Colo. 3rd Regt. L. D.



[p 15 2nd file]

State of Alabama Jackson County} On this 14th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the County Court Thomas Russell a resident of the State & County aforesaid in the Seventy Second year of his age, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress -- passed June the 7th 1832 -- That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 with Captain William Hutchison² -- and served in the 3rd Regiment of the Light Dragoons under the following named officers Colonel William Polk, Major Snipes [William C. Snipes], Captain William Hutchison, Lieutenants Long & Hemphill [Samuel Hemphill] -- and that he left the Service, about the 7th day of April A.D. 1782 -- that he resided in Macklenburg County [sic, Mecklenburg County] and State of North Carolina, at the time of his enlistment, And served 10 months -- was engaged in 2 slight engagement with the Tories one on Sandy River, the other below Ninety Six was engaged in one battle with the British, on the main road below Ninety Six. It was but a slight engagement, the front guards only meeting -- but one life lost in the British Army -- and not one in the American Army. After serving ten months the time

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² William Hutchison recruited men to join the South Carolina State troops for a 10 month service under Brigadier General Thomas Sumter. Hutchison did not serve as an active a Captain in that unit. His men were assigned to and served under Captain Samuel Martin.

of his enlistment, he was discharged in Orangeburg South Carolina -- he left the service and traveled through Wainsborough [sic, Winnsborough?] in South Carolina where York Town is now situate, to his residence -- he received his discharge from Colonel Polk which is hereto annexed --

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/ Thomas Russel, Senr.



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th of August 1832

S/ R. B. Clayton, Clk

Questions by the Court -- where & in what year were you born. Answer, I was born in the State of Pennsylvania, Cumberland County in the year 1761. Have you any Record of your age, and if so, where is it. I have it in my family Bible, taken from my father's Record. 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 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when called into service. I lived in York County South Carolina, about 7 or 8 years, in Pendleton District South Carolina upwards of 22 years, about 3 years in Franklin County Tennessee -- since which time I have lived in Jackson County Alabama -- State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, & their belief of your services, as a soldier of the Revolution -- Answer. I am known by all the citizens of my neighborhood to wit William Jenkins, Esquire John Melton, James Loller, James Kesior Sr., James Doran, Sr., William D. Gaine and others all of whom can testify as to my character for veracity, etc.

[John B. Stephens gave an affidavit as to the character and credit worthiness of the veteran stating that he had known the veteran since their childhood: William Jenkins gave a similar affidavit; Silas Parsons gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 2 2nd file: on November 14, 1851 in Marion County Tennessee, Tabitha Russell, 81 on the 18th day of June last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Russell, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him December 2, 1784; that her husband died July 11th 1850; that she remains his widow.]

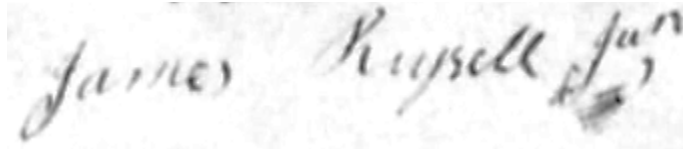
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State of Alabama Jackson County: Personally appeared James Russell before me Lorenzo Russell an acting justice of the peace in & for said County who after being duly sworn deposes and says, that from the family record of Thomas Russell Senior which appears in his own handwriting, that he was born June the 7th day A.D. 1761 & was married to Tabitha Jenkins, who is the present applicant for a pension under the pension law proved July the 29th 1838, On this 2nd day of December A.D. 1784, who was born June the 18th 1770 -- and deponent further states that the following dates of the dates as recorded of the birth of the children of Thomas Russell Senior & Tabitha Russell his wife

to wit,	their first born was born	June 15th, 1786
	2 nd	March 15th 1789
	3 rd	January 5th 1791
	4	January 1 st 1793

5 October 21st 1794
6 August 9th 1796
7 June 4th 1798
8 April 22nd 1800
9 April 5th 1802
10 October 19th 1805
11 August 18th 1807
12 March 2nd 1809
13 Jan 1st 1810

S/ James Russell Junior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Russell Junr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn & Subscribed to before me this 5th December 1851
S/ Lorenzo Russell, JP

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State of Alabama Jackson County: Personally appeared before me Lorenzo Russell and acting Justice of the peace in & for said County James Russell Senior who deposes and says that he is & has been acquainted with Tabitha Russell, 60 or 70 years, and that it to the best of his recollection, he was present when she was married to Thomas Russell Senior which marriage took place some 60 odd years past, that they were married in York District South Carolina, marriage rites were solemnized by James Willson Esquire, that to the best of his knowledge there was no record of marriages kept or law to that effect in South Carolina at that time -- she further says that he was well acquainted with Thomas Russell the husband of the said Tabitha Russell, from infancy, that the said Tabitha Russell & her husband Thomas Russell Senior raised him from the time he was about 5 or 6 or perhaps 7 years of age -- & deponent further states that said Tabitha Russell, wife of Thomas Russell Senior, lived with him, or they lived together, as man & wife, from the date of their marriage, until the death of Thomas Russell Senior which took place in July 1750, and deponent further states that Thomas Russell Senior the husband of the said Tabitha Russell was his In order Brother.

Sworn to & subscribed to before made this 5th day of December 1851
S/ Lorenzo Russell, JP

S/ James Russell

[On p. 29 of the second file, there is a totally faded and illegible affidavit apparently given by Tabitha Russell --contents and date indecipherable.]

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State of Tennessee Coffee County: On this the 11th day of November 1851 personally appeared before me Benjamin Jenkins Acting Justice of the peace, Jesse Jenkins who deposes and says he knew Tabitha Russell for the last 70 years. Also that he was well acquainted with her husband Thomas Russell ever since about the time of their marriage which took place in York District South Carolina about 65 or 67 years past. And to his own knowledge they lived together as man and wife until his death in July 1850, he further says that to the best of his knowledge that at the day and time there was snow court records kept of marriages, he further says that he was born

according to his family record the 2nd day of May 1773 he further says that he don't recollect of seeing them married but has the most satisfactory evidence of their being lawfully married. He further says that he knew Thomas Jenkins her father that was led by the Faithless [?] Hands of the Tories to the Jail of 96 and therefore the defense of a Republican government persecuted. The above statements are true to the best of his knowledge and belief &c. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ Jesse Jenkins

S/ B. Jenkins, JP

[On March 29, 1855 in Jackson County Alabama, the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina cavalry [sic, South Carolina]. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 commencing September 11, 1854 her husband service in the North Carolina cavalry as a private.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to Thomas Russell	AA 7
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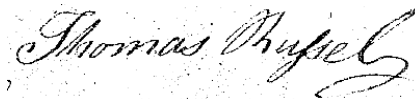
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I do hereby Acknowledge that Doctor Corn Dysart [Cornelius Dysart?] is to have for value Received of him the Negro which I am to Draw from the Public of South Carolina for My Services ten months Witness my hand this 7th Day of December 1781.

Witness

S/ Abram Lawrence

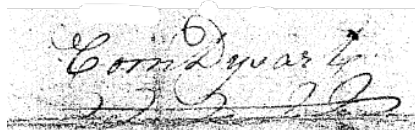
S/ Thomas Russell



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The Commissioners appointed to Settle with [undeciphered word or abbreviation] pay the Brigade of State Troop will please to deliver the Indent due to the within named Thomas Russell to General Thomas Sumter, from him I have received full satisfaction

S/Corn Dysart



³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.