

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Phillip M. Russell (Russel) W4792

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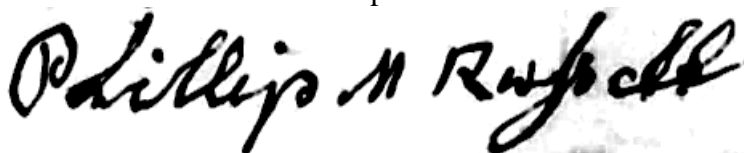
United States District of Pennsylvania

On this thirtieth day of April A.D. 1818 before me Richard Peters, Judge of the District Court of the United States in and for the Pennsylvania District, personally appeared Philip M Russell of the County of Philadelphia, in said district who being duly sworn deposes and declares, that during the War of the Revolution he served against the common Enemy as a Surgeon's Mate in the Army of the Continental establishment, that in the spring of 1776 he commenced his services by order of General Washington under Surgeon Norman, who was attached to the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia line under the command of General Lee [Charles Lee], and followed the said Regiment through its vicissitudes for ten months and quitted it (in consequence of the loss of his hearing in the said service by the Camp Fever which destroyed so many men at Germantown and its vicinity in the year 1777). That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance of his country for support; that he never received or has been allowed any Pension by the laws of the United States. That he is a resident Citizen of the United States, and his papers and evidences of the facts above stated were consumed at the Fire in Richmond in the same winter the Theater was burnt believes the year 1812 – that being at the time of service circumstances he did not receive all the pay which was due to him, as the demands by others in less prosperous situation on the Country were more urgent than he is, he did not press his claims.

Sworn and Subscribed this 30th day of April A.D. 1818 before me

S/ Richard Peters

S/ Philip M Russell



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Eastern District of Pennsylvania

On this 14th day of July A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open District Court of the United States in and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Philip M Russell aged Seventy-three years resident in the County of Philadelphia in said Pennsylvania who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: viz. – In the capacity of a Surgeon's mate, that he commenced his services in the year 1778, was attached to the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia line under the command of General Lee, that his pension certificate is No. 7.211; and the I Philip M Russell 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

Sworn to and declared on the 14th day of July 1820 in Open Court

S/ D. Caldwell, Clerk

S/ Philip M Russell

Schedule

And I also declare upon oath, that I have no property real, personal or mixed, except what is exhibited in the Schedule hereto annexed – that my family consists of my wife aged sixty years – my three daughters, viz., Rebecca Nathans, aged twenty-five years – Rachel aged twenty-three years, and Sarah aged sixteen years, all at present unmarried – that I am also under the necessity of supplying an infant grandson, child of my eldest daughter Rebecca, who is a widow my profession was the manufacturing of drugs, which from age and infirmity, I am at present unable to pursue.

Sworn to ut Supra

S/ Philip M Russell

S/ D. Caldwell Clerk: District Court

Inventory of household & kitchen furniture comprising the whole of Philip M Russell's property

1 Dining Table	full value	\$11.00
1 Breakfast ditto	"	6.00
1 Common Pine ditto	"	1.00
1 Kitchen ditto ditto	"	1.00
8 Windsor Chairs	" 100 Cents	8.00
6 Common ditto	" 50 "	3.00
3 ditto ditto	" 35 "	1.00
1 Common Carpet	"	10.00
1 Looking Glass	"	4.00
1 Pair Brass and Irons	"	6.00
1 ditto Shovel & tongs	"	4.00
1 Pair Placated Candlesticks	"	3.00
1 ditto of Brass	"	1.50
2 Tea Trays	" 100	2.00
2 Field Bed stands	" \$6.00	12.00
1 Ten plated Stove, small size"		10.00
Sundry Articles of crockery ware		4.00
ditto of Kitchen utensils		<u>6.00</u>
Bed & bedding omitted		\$93.55

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Declaration of Philip M Russell in order to be restored to the Pension list under the Act of 1st March 1823

County of Philadelphia SS

On this 18th day of August A.D. 1826 personally appeared in open Court of common pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania being constituted a Court of record in and for the city and County aforesaid by and Act of Assembly of the then Province,

now Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, enacted on the 22nd day of May A.D. 1722, Philip M Russell, resident in the City of Philadelphia aforesaid aged 81 years, who being 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 1st of May 1820, that he the said Philip M Russell entered the service of the United States for the term of ___ on the 14th day of November in the year 1777 at Germantown in Pennsylvania in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Roberdon [?], in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Regiment as Surgeon's Mate until the 8th of October A.D. 1778 when he was sick and assigned and was discharged from the said service, at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania: That his name has been placed on the Pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property.

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

1 mahogany table	\$4.00	1 Common Carpet	\$8.00
1 Pine table	1.00	1 pr. brass candle sticks	1.50
8 Windsor chairs	8.00	1 Tea Tray	1.00
1 Ten plate stove	10.00	sundry crockery Ware	4.00
1 Bedstead	6.00	kitchen utensils	6.00
Total amount \$49.50			

S/ Philip M Russell

I am in my eighty first year, very feeble and not able to walk alone in consequence of having nearly lost my sight and hardly able with the assistance of another person. My hearing has failed me so much that I cannot hear unless a trumpet is put to my ear and is daily growing worse. My occupation has been selling along the streets, essences of mint and other drugs, but in consequence of my disability I am unable to pursue it any longer and therefore I am left entirely destitute of the means of supporting myself and family.

My family residing with me, consist of my wife Esther Russell aged seventy-two years and who is afflicted with rheumatism in the head – My daughter Mrs. Rebecca Nathans, aged thirty-two years, and the widow of the late David Nathans of Philadelphia, Merchant, who died wholly insolvent in his circumstances and whose estate is not able to pay a cent of his debts. Mrs. Nathans is afflicted with a pulmonary complaint which disables her from doing anything at all. My daughter Sarah Russell aged twenty-one years who attends on myself and family and does the housework.

Since the exhibition of my 1st schedule the following changes have been made in my property

My 1st Schedule dated July 14th 1820 contained the following property:

[the veteran Rese states the contents of his prior schedule showing a total value of \$93.50]

And since the exhibition of my 1st schedule on the 14th of July 1820, the following articles part of the property contained in my 1st Schedule, or not now owned by me or held in

trust for me in any manner whatsoever, but have been a bona fide sold and disposed of as follows [the veteran then shows a list of property which he has sold totaling \$32.77 ½]

The total amount of monies received from James McGlasbey and Mary Land was \$32.77 ½ and was applied from time to time for the daily and necessary subsistence of myself and family. I do not recollect to whom the rest of my furniture consisting of some small articles, which is not now owned by me was sold, but it was sold or exchanged for food, rent etc. when my family was starving for want of victuals.

S/ Philip M Russell

[f p. 4: On May 5, 1837 in Philadelphia County Pennsylvania, Esther Russell, widow of Philip M Russell, filed an affidavit stating that she has been a widow since August 11, 1830; that her husband died in the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia in his 90th year of his age from being ruptured caused by a wound he received near the groin in the War of the Revolution which frequently delayed him up and confined him to his bed six months previous to his death; that she married him November 1, 1776 in Philadelphia; that they were married by the Reverend Gershom Seixtons [?]¹ who died in the State of New York many years ago; that the certificate of her marriage has been lost since 1818; that she is now in the 80th year of her age and never married but to her late husband; and that she is in very ill health.

Esther Russell

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Phila. June 5th, 1845

I Moses M Russell Attorney and Conveyancer of the City of Philadelphia the only surviving son of the late Philip M Russell of the said City a Surgeon's mate in the Revolutionary War, does depose and say that about the year 1809, 10 and 11 he saw and repeatedly read to his Brothers and Sisters a certificate signed by General George Washington dated West Point August 1780 the day of the month he cannot call to mind which set forth his services from the time the Army left Valley Forge 1777 up to its taking Post at West Point which stated that Doctor Russell served in the Division of the Army immediately under his command with honor to himself and his country and he with pleasure bore testimony to his assiduous attention to the sick and wounded as well as his cool and collected deportment in Battle, and expressed his regret of the causes which compelled him to leave the Army, the failure of his hearing and sight, which deponent has the words deeply impressed upon his memory by perusing it so often as an invaluable memento from the Father of his Country to his revered Parent, that which was unfortunately lost with other valuable documents relating to the Revolution on his Father's removal in 1812 from Richmond Virginia to this City, which this deponent fully believes would at once establish his mother's claim to the whole of his Father's pension,

This deponent further states that the ages of all his Brothers and Sisters were originally recorded in the old family Bible of his Grand Father who resided in Baltimore Maryland his Mother's Father, and which must have been lost, as it never came in possession of his Father after

Gershom Seixtons

the death of his Grand Father, but a copy of the ages has been secured. The age of his, this deponent brother Samuel who died in the City of New York about 15 years since at the age of about 50 who had he lived until the 16th of August next would have been 65 years of age being born as this deponent's Parents so often stated the day and year his Father returned home from the Continental Army.

S/ M. M. Russell

[f p. 56: A report from the House of Representatives committee on Revolutionary pensions dated January 19, 1848 which contains statements made by the veteran's widow that her husband was suffering from mental imbecility and Ms. stated his services as to the Regiment in which he served and the time for which he served. She states that he did in fact leave the service in 1778 on furlough for only 2 months and then returned to service and was not discharged until August 1780 when he received a certificate signed by General Washington.]

[Facts in file: Of the veteran married at her home in Philadelphia he Pennsylvania, November 1, 1776, Esther, daughter of the Reverend Mordecai M Mordecai; the widow died July 26, 1846 at the age of 89; the veteran and his wife had 13 children but that only names stated in the file are those of Samuel born August 16, 1780; Moses Milton who served as an officer in the War of 1812 and a son named Edmund J.; Rachael born about 1797; Sarah born about 1804; and Rebecca born about 1795. Rebecca married David Nathan's and in 1823 was a widow with 2 children (not named); that the veteran had a grand son named Waring Russell but his parents on not identified.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 30, 1818, for service as a surgeon's mate for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]