

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeffrey Russell W5751

Sarah

f57VA

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[f p. 8]

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

On this 11th day of June, 1840, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah Russell a resident of said County & State, aged 85 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision may by the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 –

That she is the widow of Jeffrey Russell, deceased who was a private and Sergeant in the Virginia Continental and Militia service, in the War of the Revolution – She recollects, that in the early part of the War, before her marriage, the said Jeffrey Russell her husband enlisted in the Regular service of the United States under Captain Ballard, and afterwards attached to command of Captain Garland [probably Edward Garland] of the 14th Regiment of Virginia – That during said service in Continental line and militia on furlough she married him; and after marriage and service above named he was drafted in the militia from Lunenburg County under Captain Walker [perhaps Sylvanus Walker] and marched to North Carolina, and was engaged in battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] – That she cannot now call to recollection the particulars of his service, as detailed by him, in his lifetime; and therefore relies on the statement of old soldiers who served with him, whose affidavits accompany this Declaration – She does not know how long he was in actual service although, but would suppose he served at least about 3 years –

She further declares that she was married to the said Jeffrey Russell, by Parson Craig of the old Episcopal Church, in the County of Lunenburg on the 30th day of December 1778, by publication of banns, according to the rites and ceremonies of that Church: that her husband, the aforesaid Jeffrey Russell, died on the 31st day of January, 1802 – That she has remained a widow ever since his death, and continues to be the widow of said Jeffrey Russell – All of which will more readily appear by reference to the accompanying proofs – She further declares, that the marriage took place before the last period of her husband's service expired – to wit, at the time above stated.

S. Sarah Russell, X her mark

[f p. 6: On August 11, 1840, Sarah Russell, widow of Jeffrey Russell, appeared in Mecklenburg County and stated that the family record annexed is of her family.

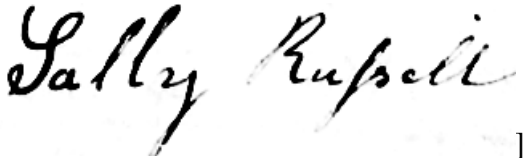
"Famly Register

Jeffrey Russell & Sarah his wife was married by Parson Create the 30th day of December 1778
Children Ages

Richard Russell son of Jeffrey & Sarah Russell was born 20th of March 1780

Elizabeth B Russell daughter of same was born the 12th of April 1782
Martha Russell daughter of the same was born the 18th of March 1784
Mary Russell daughter of the same was born 17th May 1787
Sally Russell daughter of the same was born 2nd of February 1792
Rebecca Russell daughter of the same was born April 14th 1794"]

[f p. 10: On June 11th, 1840, in Lunenburg County Virginia, Sally Russell gave testimony that she has a distinct recollection her father departed this life January 31st, 1802 leaving Sarah Russell his widow who remains his widow.

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[f p. 21: On December 24, 1840 in Charlotte County Virginia, Polly Gill, in the 78th year of her age, of Lunenburg County but presently in Charlotte County gave testimony that Jeffrey Russell and Sarah Gill were married a few days after Christmas in 1778 by old Parson Craig; that Sarah's brother married the affiant about 12 months after Jeffrey and Sarah were married. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 41]

State of Virginia Mecklenburg County: S.C.

The affidavit of Varney Andrews¹ who was born in the County and State aforesaid on the 25th of July 1755 and who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution – taken this 17th day of February 1844 at his residence in the County and State aforesaid – to be read as evidence home the application for a Pension of Sally Russell Senior widow of Jeffrey Russell deceased who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution.

This affiant being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist deposes and says, that he was well acquainted with the said Jeffrey Russell before and after the war, that he was born and raised in the adjoining County (Lunenburg County Virginia) and if now living would be several years older than himself – That the said Jeffrey Russell was drafted and served in the militia, that he was at the battle of Guilford and was one of the company commanded by Captain __ Walker, this affiant was one of the company commanded by Captain Thomas Claiborne – This affiant saw the said Jeffrey Russell in the Army before and after the battle of Guilford – This affiant further saith, that he is well acquainted and has been since his earliest recollection with Sally Russell Senior widow of Jeffrey Russell deceased, that she was born and raised in the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia and she is about the same age of himself say eighty-eight years of age – She is the daughter of Henry and Temperance Gill both of whom he knew from his childhood – This affiant further saith, that in the year 1778 and he thinks in the month of December, he was present at the marriage of Sally Gill (now Sally Russell Senior) with the said Jeffrey Russell, deceased, and he recollects distinctly the names of 8 others who were present and witnessed the marriage ceremony namely – William Gill, Nancy Gill, Philip Russell, Jane Russell, William Allen, Martha Allen, John Moody and Tabby Bailey all of whom are to his knowledge dead, except John Moody who emigrated to the West many years since he does not

¹ [Varney Andrews S11992](#)

know whether he is living or not, The said Sally Russell Senior and Jeffrey Russell were married at the residence of Parson Craig in the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia, the marriage ceremony between them was performed by Parson James Craig a Minister of the Episcopal Church, and after the said marriage, the said Jeffrey Russell received, acknowledged and introduced into society the said Sally Russell Senior as his lawful wife, and she was so considered and received by the community, during the lifetime of the said Jeffrey Russell. The said Jeffrey Russell died in the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia about the year 1802 leaving the said Sally Russell Senior his widow and six children namely Richard, Elizabeth, Martha, Mary, Sally and Rebecca, Sally Russell Senior is the mother of the six children; they are now and ever has been since the death of the said Jeffrey Russell received and considered by the community as his widow and children. The said Sally Russell Senior and her daughter Sally Russell Junior reside at this time and have ever since the death of said Jeffrey Russell in the dwelling occupied by the said Jeffrey, Jeffrey Russell at his death in the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia. The said Sally Russell Senior has never married since the death of her husband, the said Jeffrey Russell. They are highly respectable, industrious and economical family, but in very moderate circumstances.

S/ Varney Andrews, X his mark

[f p. 52]

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit: I Robert Mitchell² do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Jeffrey Russell late of Lunenburg in the War of the Revolution, and recollect distinctly that in the latter part of 1776, he and myself served under Captain Garland for the term of three years, in the Virginia Continental line, and was attached to the 14th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Lewis – He served the said term faithfully, and was honorably discharged – he acted as Sergeant in said Company – I am in the 85th year of my age and now a Pensioner of the United States –

S/ Robert Mitchell, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: There is a 4 page file relating to a bounty land claim made by Jeffrey Russell. Unfortunately the 1st page which contains most of the affidavit filed by Jeffrey Russell himself is

² [Robert Mitchell W3441](#) In a separate application not transcribed in his application as posted on this database, Robert Mitchell made the following statement:

In Charlotte superior Court of law April 12th 1819

This day Robert Mitchell came into court and made oath that he enlisted in Captain Edward Garland's Company in the County of Lunenburg Virginia in the year 1774 in the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis, and was attached to General Greens brigade, for the term of three years to fight against the common enemy in the revolutionary War, on Continental Establishment, that he was in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown and that he was discharged in the year 1777 at White Marsh by Colonel Lewis in Pennsylvania and gave up his discharge on receiving his land Warrant – that he is a man of a large family, no property in very reduced circumstances.

largely illegible as posted. It does appear, from what few words as can be made out that he claimed service in the 14th Regiment of the Virginia line for 3 years being discharged about the December 28, 1779. The 2nd page of his application is legible and reads as follows:

"... enlistment & service and this affiant further states that the said Certificate of discharge above [indecipherable word] granted him in Philadelphia as aforesaid, and now in the office of the Public Accounts of this Commonwealth, contained the truth and was regularly [executed] by the Officer whose signature it bears, and that this affiant hath never before produced or claimed his right to Land for the service in the said Certificate of discharge mentioned nor has he ever received any Land or Land Warrants for the said Service or in any manner transferred his right to Land to any other person.

S/ Jeffrey Russell

Mark Russell made oath in open Court, that he well recollects that during the Revolutionary War, the above named affiant Jeffrey Russell enlisted into that part of the Army of the United States commonly called the Virginia line on Continental establishment for the term of three years and that this affiant has seen the certificate of the auditor of Public accounts granted to the said Jeffrey Russell for his depreciation of pay: and was well satisfied that the same was genuine. That the annexed certificate signed by Reuben Vaughn is in the handwriting and signature of said following, That at the date of said certificate Mr. Vaughn was a Justice of the peace for the County in said certificate mentioned, and had been a Captain of the Militia, and in the latter character was engaged in actual service in the revolutionary War.

S/Mark Russell

October the 2nd 1784 Mecklenburg County Virginia

This is to certify that Jeffrey Russell who is about to remove out of this State into the North State [indecipherable word or words] that was born and raised in the settlement and neighborhood above where he is now about to go from and this certifying this said Jeffrey Russell is a man that I have been intimately acquainted with from his Infancy and I further assert that he has ever been and [words obliterated and illegible] of an honest [indecipherable word or words] peaceable person and has served 4 years truly and honestly in the contest between Britain and America and has ever had an [?] respected [?] Character. Given under my hands

S/ Reuben Vaughn

[All of the above documents are certified as true copies by Edmd. Morris, CC]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, 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, that a Certificate issued on the 9th day of October 1784, in the name of Jeffrey Russell, as a Soldier of Infantry for £55.7.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to ___ and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
8th day of July 18 40.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

It does appear from the Records of the Virginia Land Office that Bounty land has been received for the services of Jeffrey Russell as a private and not as a Sergeant in the War of the Revolution.

S/ S. H. Parker, Reg. L. Off.

Dec.17, 1842