

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Moses Russell W5754

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The State of Ohio }

Meigs County }

On this Third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty eight personally appeared before me the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Meigs, Ohio (Salem Township) Esther Russell aged Seventy Six years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July seventh one thousand eight hundred and Thirty eight entitled "An act granting half pay pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of Moses Russell who was a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution – that this deponant was not personally knowing to the service of her late husband, but according to her best information and belief, he said Moses Russell served as a substitute in Capt. [Thomas] Warman's Company, that he entered the service in April (1781) One thousand seven hundred and eighty one Deponant does not know in what Regiment he served but at the taking of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] he was in General [Anthony] Wayne's Brigade, that he continued in the service twenty two months – that the paper herewith enclosed marked "A" was found in an old Pocket book which contained sundry receipts and papers of ancient date and no others.

She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Russell on the (23) Twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five (1785) that her husband the aforesaid Moses Russell died on the thirtieth day of October (30) in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty five (1825) that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; but the marriage took place prior to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz, at the time above stated. That she was married in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia but believes (though is not positive) that there is no record of marriages kept in the State of Virginia. She further states that she was the first and only wife of the said Moses Russell that she has not been married since the decease of her said husband Moses Russell, but is now the widow of the said deceased

Esther herXmark Russell

this is to Certyfy that Moses Rusel has Eighteen Months to serve from the first Day of April one thousand seven hundred eighty-one Agreeable to the Register at the Gen'l Rendizvo[edge of page] given under my hand the 3 Day of Janry 1782 William Eskridge Lt & Adj to the Gen'l. Rendezvous

The State of Ohio }

Meigs County } Ss

On this Third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before me the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Meigs Charles Russell [pension application S46067], who after being duly sworn according to Law, deposeth and saith; That he well knew Moses Russell, who served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary war in Captain Wormans Company of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The deponant further states that he knows that the said Moses Russell entered the service in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, and knows that the said Moses Russell joined the army some time in April in the same year and that he was at the seige of York on the nineteenth day of October Seventeen hundred and eighty one, he also knows that the said Moses Russell was under the command of General Wayne at the capture of Lord Cornwallace; that after the capture of Cornwallace he was marched to Old Jamestown in Virginia where he went into winter quarters. In the Spring following he was

marched into South Carolina where he remained until he was discharged, which was Twenty Two months from the time he entered the army. The deponant further states that the said Moses Russell entered the Continental Service as a Substitute in Berkley County in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This deponant further states that the said Moses Russell was legally married to Esther Noland in Berkley County in the State of Virginia in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and eighty five – and that he departed this life on the Thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty five leaving the said Esther Noland, his first and only wife a widow, who is still living and has not since been married

This deponant further saith that he was in the service with the said Moses Russell and knows that he performed the said service; and further this deponant saith not. Charles hisXmark Russell

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Moses Russell, age 21, height 6', light-brown hair, planter, born in New Jersey, residing in Berkeley County where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months.

Moses Russell, the son of Moses and Esther Russell, certified that the family record transcribed below had been kept by his father for 22 or 23 years before his death about 1 Nov 1825.

Moses Russell was Born October 8th 1790

Nancy Russell was Born December 20th 1792

Charles Russell was Born September 6th 1795

Thomas Russell was Born January 14th 1799