

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Enoch Russell W585

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The State of Ohio } SS Court of common pleas
Jackson County } September Term 1832

On this seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record now in session Enoch Russel a resident of Bloomfield Township in said County of Jackson, aged seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the seventh 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered in the service he thinks the Militia on or about the first of June in the year 1780 in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. James Johnson, and was attached to a regiment of the Virginia Militia (the name of the commandant of said Regiment he does not recolect, and marched with said Regiment to South Carolina and was attached to the Army Commanded by General [Horatio] Gates and continued to do duty in s'd Company attached to said army untill the battle near Camden which he thinks was on the 16th day of August in said year of 1780 and was in said battle. At which time, and in which battle General Gates was defeated, and the troops to which he s'd Russel belonged became detached and such of his company as were not made prisoners became scatered through the country without the means of support from the army And the company and he the said Russel among them returned to Virginia. And on or about the 10th of September in the same year to wit, 1780 or near about that time, he returned to the service in the state of Virginia and Enlisted for eight months in a company commanded by Capt. Denham [Archibald Denham or Denholm; see note below] and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Richard] Campbell the number of said Regiment not certainly recolected but thinks the 3^d regiment of Virginia Militia or State troops and rendezvous'd at Chesterfield Barracks From thence he marched to Guilford in North Carolina and was attached to the main army there commanded by General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and did duty as required by the law - rules of the Army and Military Usage and was in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and after the battle those that were not prisoners retreated to a place called troublesome Iron works and colected our scatered forces and rendezvoused there and was then marched with said Army through the State of North Carolina into South Carolina and continued to do duty with said army under the command of General Green, and after serving the full term of Eight months was discharged near Camden in South Carolina on or about the tenth of may AD 1781. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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

Enoch hisXmark Russel

Interrogatories by the Court

Question. Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was bor in the County of Essex - in the state of Virginia in the year of our Lord 1761 as informed

Q. Have you any record of your age, if so, where is it

Ans. I have no written record of my age

Q. Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live;

Ans. At the time I entered the service I lived in the County of Caroline in the state of Virginia and resided there some time after the war and then removed to the County of Rockingham in North Carolina from which place I removed to the State of Ohio and now live in the County of Jackson in said State in which Nieghbourhood I have resided for the last twenty years.

Q. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a

- substitute and for who-
- Ans. when I first entered the service, I entered as a substitute for said first three months for one Graves but the said eight months I entered as a volunteer
- Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given - and what has become of it
- Ans. I had a discharge at the end of said eight months service signed by Col. Campbell and have had said discharge until a few years past, and it is either lost or mislaid

The State of Ohio Jackson County SS }
 On this twenty fourth day of June 1834 }

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Enoch Russell, who being duly sworn deposes and saith, that, by reason of old age, infirmity and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to every particular shewing the precise length of his services and possibly the particular class of Troops to which he belonged — But according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, to wit,

First Tour - He entered the service of the U States in the Virginia Militia for three months in the forepart of June in the year 1780 and marched to South Carolina and was attached to Gen'l. Gates' Army and was in the battle at or near Camden in South Carolina which happened on the 16th of August the same year and served out his full tour but in consequence of the disasters of the battle there was no person left to discharge those that were not made prisoners - but that his full time expired before he reached home as stated in his former declaration to which this is an amendment.

Second Tour - He entered the service of the U States as he supposed, in the regular Troops, but it is possible that it might have been state troops, or volunteers for eight months in the year 1780 the forepart of September for which eight months service, he received a written discharge signed by Col Campbell, which discharge remained in his possession until a few years past which discharge he is sure was dated the 10th day of May 1781 —

He further states, that for the most part of said last mentioned tour, he was attached to the army under the command of Gen'l Green who took the command of the southern army after the defeat of Gen'l Gates as stated in his declaration. He further states that from the length of time he thinks it probable he may not be able to recollect with precision the particular class of troops to which he was attached, but for said last mentioned tour he is sure he did not belong to the Militia for they were discharged by Gen'l Green at Willmington in N Carolina and he with the regular army was marched to South Carolina [see note below] and he with the regular army was marched to South Carolina He further states, that although he may have forgotten many particulars yet true it is, that he served the two tours of duty in the army of the revolution making in all at least eleven months

[signed] Enoch Russell

NOTES:

Many men who were found to have deserted at the Battle of Camden or failed to rendezvous afterward were sentenced to eight month's additional service. (See the pension application of Pryor Broadus S8109.) If Russell was one of these, he appears to have elected to serve the time in a Continental regiment. Greene was never at Wilmington NC; many Virginia militiamen were discharged in late March or early April 1781 at Deep River before Greene returned to South Carolina.

On 19 Feb 1853 Martha Russell applied for a pension stating that she married Enoch Russell in Gallia County OH on or about 26 Apr 1827, and he died 28 Aug 1847. With her application is a copy of the marriage record of Enoch Russell and Martha Quaid dated 28 Apr 1827. On 3 Apr 1855 in Vinton County OH Martha Russell, 67, applied for bounty land, stating that Enoch Russell died 29 Aug 1848.