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Pension application of Daniel Russell W9274 Sarah Susannah fn28SC
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[fn p. 3 family record]

Daniel Russell Senior was born on the 25th of December 1758

Sarah Susannah Cross -- was born on the 2nd of August 1764

Daniel Russell & his Sarah Susanna Cross, was married on the 8th of August 1784

Sons & daughters of the above

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State of South Carolina City of Charleston

Personally appeared before the Honorable Jacob Axson Recorder of the City of Charleston & Judge of the City Court Mrs. Sarah Susannah Russell a resident of the said City aged seventy-four years who being sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed 7th of July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay & pensions to certain Widows. She saith that she is the widow of Daniel Russell, deceased who was a Purser Stewart and also acted as assistant sailing master or Master mate on board the Frigate *Bon Homme Richard* and served under John Paul Jones during the revolutionary war. She further saith that she was married to the said Daniel on the 8th day of August in the year of our Lord 1784 that her said husband departed this life on the 10th of May in the year 1824 and since his death she hath never again been married. She further saith that she was perfectly well acquainted with her husband from early childhood both of them being connected in & brought up in the same [neighborhood?]. She knows that he left Charleston in the earlier part of the Revolutionary war & went to one of the northern ports; but she knows not whether he for the [indecipherable word, looks like "figtt"] time engaged in the naval service at one of those ports or under Paul Jones in France. She has always heard that he shipped on board the *Bon Homme Richard* as Purser Steward and also acted as assistant Sailing Master or Master Mate and that he was in that ship & fought in the battle between Americans & English Squadron which resulted in the capture of the *Serapis* & the Countess of Scarborough, and continued in the same service under Paul Jones during his cruises & battles from time when his naval armament was fitted out in France. She hath very repeatedly heard the circumstances & other particulars of the battles & naval services of the said Daniel related by him in his lifetime, and in particular in his conversations with Mr. Richard Wall¹ who was in the same ship with him. She further saith that her marriage took place prior to 1794, viz. on the day & year herein before written. This Declarant humbly craves the consideration of her claim for the benefit of the aforesaid Act of Congress, and accompanying testimony to prove the Services of her said husband now deceased,

¹ [Richard Wall S22032](#)

and also the benefit of any further proofs that may be derived from the Records of the Department in Washington.

Sworn to before me this 21 August 1838

S/ Sarah S. Russell

S/ Jacob Axson, Recorder of the City
& Judge of the City Court

[facts in file: the veteran and his wife had the following children: Mary Elizabeth born July 25, 1785 & Ann born December 25, 1786.

fn p. 11: certified copies as follows:

"Companies from Register 1st Presbyterian Church: Mary Elizabeth daughter of Daniel & Sarah Susannah Russell his wife was born 25 July 1785 & baptized January one 1786. Ann daughter of Daniel & Sarah Susannah Russell his wife was born 25 December 1786 & baptized July 31, 1788."]

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State of South Carolina City of Charleston

Personally appeared before Honorable Jacob Axson Recorder of the City and Judge of the City Court, Richard Wall an aged respectable inhabitant of Charleston who being sworn according to law made oath and saith that he was well acquainted with Daniel Russell (in his lifetime of Charleston) that to his own personal knowledge that said Daniel was engaged in the Naval Service of the Colonies during the revolutionary war, he was one of the crew of the *Bon Homme Richard* he shipped on board the said Vessel as Purser, Steward and also served in the capacity of assistant Sailing Master or Masters Mate, after the first engagement, he was on board and fought in the battle between the American Squadron under the command of John Paul Jones and the English Squadron which resisted on the capture of *Serapis* & Countess of Scarborough to the knowledge of this Deponent, he shipped on board the above named Ship and served on her under Paul Jones for all the cruises & battles from the time she was fitted until she was sunk. (He Deponent himself being a midshipman) now a United States Pensioner, & his claim for Prize money having been recently examined & passed at the Department of the Treasury to which the Claims of crew of said Vessel were referred / he further saith that afterward he on his return to America he again met the said Daniel, on board the armed *South Carolina* in the service of the Colonies of the said Ship after the War was over Russell he returned to Charleston and married to his present widow, Deponent continued on intimate terms with him until his death / Deponent saith, that from his recollections on the subject and from what he remembers to have heard and understood, at the time, that the said Russell engaged in the service & fought & served small naval engagements & cruises, at a very early time, with Paul Jones. Deponent further saith that he is well acquainted with his widow Mrs. Sarah S. Russell, who is the identical person now applying for a pension and at whose request, this present Deposition is made.

Sworn to before me

[illegible] August 1838

S/ Richard Wall

S/ Jacob Axson