

December 9, 1932

BA-J/AWF
Enoch Russell-W.585

Mr. Robert Scott
835 Range Line
Joplin, Missouri

Dir Sir,

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Enoch Russell, a Revolutionary War Soldier, whose record was furnished W. A. Russell on February 15, 1929, and in which you request also the address at that time and the present residence of Mr. W. A. Russell.

The record of Enoch Russell is given below. In regard to the address of Mr. Russell it is not the general policy of the Veterans Administration to release addresses of correspondents, however this office has informed Mr. Russell that you desire to communicate with him. The letter was mailed to the address he gave in 1929; this office has no knowledge of his present residence.

The data furnished herewith were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 585, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Enoch Russell.

He was born in October 1760 or 1761 in Essex County, Virginia, the names of his parents are not given.

While residing in Caroline County, Virginia, Enoch Russell enlisted early in June, 1780 and served three months as a private in Captain James Johnson's Virginia company, and was in the battle of Camden. He enlisted September 10, 1780 and served in Captain Holt Richardson's and Denholm's companies, Colonel Campbell's Virginia regiment, was in the battle of Guilford and was discharged May 10, 1781, near Camden, South Carolina.

After the Revolution he moved from Caroline County, Virginia to Rockingham County, North Carolina, thence to Gallia County, Ohio, and then to Jackson County, Ohio.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 17, 1832, then living in Bloomfield Township, Jackson County, Ohio.

He died August 29, 1847 in Jackson County, Ohio.

The soldier, Enoch Russell, married April 28, 1827 in Gallia County, Ohio, Martha McQuaid.

She was allowed pension on her application executed February 19, 1853, then aged about sixty-two or sixty-five years. In 1855 she was living in Vinton County, Ohio.

There are no further data in this claim relative to family.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator

The State of Ohio, Jackson County
Court of Common Pleas
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 into the service he thinks the Militia on or about the first of June 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 the said Regiment he does not recollect, and marched with said Regiment to South Carolina and was attached to the army commanded by General Gates and continued to do duty in sd. company attached to said army until the battle near Camden which he thinks was on the 16th day of August in said year 1780 and was in said battle. At which time, and in which battle, General Gates was defeated and the troops to which he sd. 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 the company commanded by Capt. Denham, and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell the number of said Regiment not certainly recollect but thinks the 3rd regiment of Virginia Militia or state troops and rendezvous at Chesterfield Barracks.

From there he marched to Guilford in North Carolina and was attached to the main army there, commanded by General Green, and did duty as required by the law-rules of the army and Military Usage- and was in the battle of Guilford and after the battle those that were not prisoners retreated to a place called Troublesom Ironworks and colected our scatered forces and rendezvoused there. And then was 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 A.D. 1781. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and he claims that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Signed:

Enoch Russell (His mark X)

Sworn to & subscribed in this court this 17th Sep. A.D. 1832

Signed:

D. Hoffman C.R.

We Peter Aleshire a clergyman residing in Jackson County Ohio in the neighbourhood of Enoch Russel and Saml R. Holcomb hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Enoch Russel who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him tho be 71 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Signed:

Peter Aleshire

Saml R. Holcomb

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 17th Sep. A.D. 1832

D. Hoffman, CLK

The State of Ohio, Jackson County
On this Twenty fourth day of June 1834

Personally appeared before me the unassigneth a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Enoch Russell who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age, infirmity and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positive as to every particular showing the precise length of his service and possible 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 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 disastors 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 discharged remained in his possession untill 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 the said last mentioned tour, he was attached to the army under the command of Gen'l Green who took command of the southern army after the death 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 recolect 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. 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

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written:

Signed:
John Stephenson, Justice of the peace

The State of Ohio
Jackson County

I Daniel Hoffman Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the county and state aforesaid do hereby certify that John Stephenson is an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county duly commisioned and qualified and that his signature above written is genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of said county this 28th day of June A.D. 1834

Signed:
Daniel Hoffman, Clerk

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Pension Office,

Dear Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department; send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the service of Enoch Russell

Period when the service was rendered: 1780

Duration: 2 months, 13 days

Rank of Claimant: Mil.

Name and rank of Field officers: Capt. Johnson, Gen. Gates

Age at present: 73 years

Place of abode when he entered service: Caroline County, Virginia

Proof by which the declaration is supported: Traditional

Period when the service was rendered: Sep. 1780

Duration: 8 months

Rank of Claimant: Mil.

Name and rank of Field officers: Capt. Richardson, Col. Campbell

Age at present: 73 years

Place of abode when he entered service: Caroline County

Proof by which the declaration is supported: Traditional

I am respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. EDWARDS

Commissioner of Pensions.

This man was in his twentis in the Virginia line for 8 months in 1780.

Interrogations by the Court

Question: Where and in what year were you born

Answer: I was born 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 neighbourhood 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 signed by Col. Campbell and have had said discharge until a few years past and it is either lost or mislaid

This day came into court Enoch Russell an applicant for the benefit of the act for relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution, and filed his declaration to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And that the Court further certifies that it affirm to them, that Peter Aleshire who has signed the proceeding Certificate is a clergyman resident in the neighbourhood of the applicant, and Samuel R. Holcomb who has also signed the same is a resident in the neighbourhood of the applicant and a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

The State of Ohio, Jackson County

I Daniel Hoffman Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Jackson, do hereby certify that the forgoing contains the original proceeding of the said court in the matter of the application.

The State of Ohio
County of Vinton

On this third day of April A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty five, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for said county, Martha Russel, aged 64 years, a resident of said county, who being duly sworn according to law, makes oath and says that she is the widow of Enoch Russel deceased, late of Jackson County, Ohio, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and served in the Virginia Militia and was pensioned under the Act of 7th June 1832. That the said Enoch Russel died on the 29 day of August A.D. 1848, leaving this delcarant his widow, that she never afterwards married, but remained, and is now the widow of said Enoch Russel deceased. That about two years since she made application under the act of 3rd February 1853 for a pension as the widow of said Enoch Russel deceased and afterwards received a Pension Certificate granting her a pension for life at the rate of twenty dollars per annum dated the 2nd day of September A.D. 1853. She refers to the said declaration and the evidence in support of the same for the proof of her husbands service, of his death, and of her marriage, and also that it be taken and refered to as part hereof, together with the former application heretofore made by her said husband for pension under the said Act of 1832.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining Bounty Land granted by the Act passed March 3rd 1855, and she hereby declares that she has not applied for or received, and is not entitled to, Bounty Land except as above stated, as she believes and she hereby appoints T.R. Stanley of McArthur, Ohio her Attorney to prosecute her claim, and receive her warrant-when issued.

Signed:
Martha Russel (Her mark X)

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day above written. And I certify that I have no interest in the above claim and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Signed: George Craig J.R.

The State of Ohio, Vinton County

Before me personally came Harrison Jenkins and James R. Ewing residents of said county, whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Martha Russel sign her name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have (nothing further on the copy)

Enoch Russell and Martha McQuaid

I certify that on the 28th of April 1827 I joined together as husband and wife Enoch Russell and Martha McQuaid, by virtue of License. Given under my hand at Huntington this 29th day of May 1827.

Signed:
Samuel R. Holcomb J.P.

The State of Ohio
Gallia County

I Samuel B. Rathburn, Judge of the Probate Court, within and for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record of marriage of Enoch Russell and Martha McQuaid as the same is recorded in the Records of said county of Gallia, in Book of record of Marriages letter D. page 129 which Records are now in this office in any official charge and custody as Judge of said Probate Court.

In attestation whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of the said Probate Court at Gallipolis this fourth day of March in the year A.D. 1853.

Signed:
Samuel B. Rathburn
Probate Judge G.C.

State of Ohio
County of Jackson

On this 19th day of February Eighteen hundred and fifty three, before me Justice of the Peace, within the county and state aforesaid; personally came Martha Russel widow of Enoch Russel deceased resident of said County, who being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath makes the following declaration for the purpose

of obtaining the benefit of act of Congress to wit;

That she is the widow of Enoch Russel late of Jackson County, Ohio deceased who was a private in the Virginia Militia in the year of the Revolution and a pensioner under the act of 7th June 1832.

That she was married to said Enoch Russel at Gallia County, Ohio on or about the 26th day of April A.D. 1827. That the said Enoch Russel died in Jackson County, Ohio on or about the 28th day of August A.D. 1847 and that she has not since married but still remains the widow of the said Enoch Russel deceased. She further states that by reason of old age and consequent infirmity she is not able to go before the Probate Court and also that she knows of no record evidence of her said marriage.

Signed:

Martha Russel (Her mark X)

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid, before me.

Signed:

James McClung J.Peace