Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant documents relating to William Russell BLWt1849-500 f42VA Transcribed by Will Graves 8/18/12

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Va. Russell, William B.L.Wt.1849-500

Issued May 9, 1794, to

Elizabeth Russell administratrix

No papers

[f p. 2: from a letter dated February 15, 1932 responding to a request for information relating to this veteran:

It appears from the records of this Office that Warrant Number 1849 4 500 acres of bounty land was issued, May 9, 1794 2 Elizabeth Russell, administratrix, on account of the services of Colonel William Russell of the Virginia Line, War of the Revolution.

There aren't no further data as to his services, and none as to his family, other than the reference to Elizabeth, whose relationship is not shown, due to the destruction of the papers in such claims, when the War Office was burned [either in 1800 or in 1814, on both occasions the war office lost the records relating to a pension and warrant applications predating those fires].

This is the record of the only William Russell of Virginia, that is found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

William Russell has drawn a warrant for 6666 2/3 acres for services as a Colonel in the Continental line for the War.

S/ Wm Price, Regr. June 11, 1807

I do hereby Certify that the late General William Russell was Appointed a Colonel in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment by the General Assembly at the November Session 1776 – he was Appointed some days after the 12th of the month – I am not enabled to Ascertain the day, but am positive his appointment was made the same Session – that he was Arranged to the 13th Regiment, & continued

in Service to the end of the War.

Given under my hand this 8th of June 1807 S/ James Wood, formerly B. Genl. Continental Army

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This shall Certify that I was appointed by the general Assembly of this State to the Command of a Continental Regiment, in the Virginia line; commencing the nineteenth day of December 76 and continued in service to the end of the war.

S/W Russell

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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

Bounty land Brigadier General William Russell Service 8 years 2 months September 1775 to November 1783

received May 15 1838

The persons named in this application are not the heirs of General William Russell. He went into the revolutionary Army from Washington County – I knew his family well registered

To his Excellency
The Governor of Virginia
Sir

On behalf of the heirs of William Russell deceased formerly of the County of York I hereby make application to your Excellency & the Council for the difference in the Bounty of Land between a Colonel and a Brigadier General – William Russell died somewhere about the year 1785 on the 6th of December 1783 he received 6666 2/3 acres of land as a Colonel in the Continental line Serving to the end of the War. In 1807 June 17 he was allowed 1111 acres additional for his 7th years service. Russell was appointed a Brigadier [text missing in the digital images posted] who served in the Army under General Washington – General Russell 1st entered the service in 1775 in the command of a Minute Company at Hampton which will be made to appear by reference to the Journal of the Committee of Safety – He was appointed a Colonel in the place of Samuel Bradwith [?] Res'd on the 19th of December 1776 – See the Journal of the House of Delegates of that date P104 – he is frequently mentioned in the letters of General Washington as will be seen by examination of the index in the 12th volume of those letters by Sparks – He is entitled to Land Bounty as a Brigadier General for a service of 8 years & 2 months, deducting the quantity already received as a Colonel [balance of the document is missing from the digital image posted.]