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Pension application of William Russwurm W3390 Eleanor Creamer (Kramer) fn64NC
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"This is to certify that on the 30th day of December in the year of our Lord 1794, Christian Kramer and Nelly Rushwan both of the City of Philadelphia, were by the Rev'd Fred. Schmidt joined in holy matrimony.

"That the above is a true Copy from the Records of the German Evangel: Luther: Congregation of Saint Michael & Zion in the City of Philadelphia, I certify with my hand and seal this 18th day of November in the year of our Lord 1842.

S/ Chs. R. Demme

Pastor of said Congregation in the City of Philadelphia"

"This is to Certify that on the 14th day of July 1833 Mr. Christian Kramer was buried by me in the Union Harmony burial ground of Kensington.

Sworn to Before me this [illegible] day of November A.D. 1842

S/ Joseph Smith, Alderman

S/ Nicholas Helverson, [illegible]"

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Eleanor Creamer a resident of the Northern Liberties County of Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that she is seventy-six years of age. That she was joined in marriage with William Russwurm on the 29th day of October A.D. 1781 by the Reverend J. Keleen Pastor of the Sweed's Church of Philadelphia, her name then being Eleanor Gossnell. The certificate of this marriage is lost. That she waited upon the roof Reverend Mr. Clay present Pastor of said Church for the purpose of obtaining a certificate, but on making search, it appears that the record containing her marriage -- with William Russwurm could not be found. That she lived and cohabited with her said husband until the time of his death which took place on the 12th day of October A.D. 1793. And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Eleanor Creamer, X her

mark

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23rd day of December 1840.

S/ Joseph Smith -- Alderman of the 6th Ward Northern Liberties County of Philadelphia

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State of Pennsylvania

On this 7th day of September A.D. 1841. Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Aldermen of the County of Philadelphia Eleanor Creamer, a resident of the northern

Liberties in the County of Philadelphia aged seventy-six years who being first 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 7, 1838, entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"

That she is the widow of William Russwurm who was a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line which will more fully appear from the certificate of John Nielsen and Alexander Grant which are on file in the war department, as upon which certificates, Congress allowed John S. Russwurm of Rutherford County in the State of Tennessee and his heir Lieutenant William Russwurm commutation pay for his services. She further declares that she was married to the said William Russwurm on the 30th day of October in the year 1781, that the certificate of her marriage is lost, that she applied to the Church and was informed that the record containing the marriages solemnized at that time, were also missing, and that no family record was at that time kept in the family. That her husband, the aforesaid, William Russwurm died on the 12th day of October 1793, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January of 1794 viz.: at the time above stated.

S/ Eleanor Creamer, X her mark

Sworn & subscribed to on the day and year above written, before me, the Subscriber, one of the Aldermen in and for the County of Philadelphia

S/ Joseph Smith [?], Alderman

[fn p. 6: Peter Kline, 79, of the Northern Liberties of Pennsylvania County gave a supporting affidavit in which he attested to the cohabitation of William and Eleanor Russwurm and stated that William died in 1793, a time in which the Yellow Fever was prevalent in Philadelphia.]

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Department of War

Regulations for the heirs of Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, who were slain by the enemy, who have died since the war, and have not received land from the United States.

By an act of Congress of the 16th of September, 1776, it is provided that the Officers and Soldiers who engaged for, and continued to serve during the war, or until discharged by Congress, and the heirs of such Officers and Soldiers as shall be slain by the enemy, shall receive land in proportion to their rank.

N. B. Those who engaged for 3 years, or for any other. The and during the war, or who died of sickness, fatigue, or casualty, are not entitled to land from the United States.

The following declaration (and enclosed blank form of heirship) must be filled out and signed by the proper authorities:

State of Tennessee County of Rutherford

I, John S. Russwurm heir at law of William Russwurm do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the said William Russwurm did entered the service in 17__, for the term of __ and served as a Lieutenant in the Regiment No. __ under the command of Colonel __, of the North Carolina line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until __.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to Lieutenant William Russwurm on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore as the only heir at law of the said Lieutenant William Russwurm I make application for the bounty land to which he was entitled.

Know all men by these presents, that I John S. Russwurm aforesaid, do hereby constitute and a point C. 80 Harris to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid; and by my attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

S/ John S. Russwurm

[attested August 20, 1838]

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No. 75,009

Treasury Department First Auditors office 11th of July 1839

I hereby certify, That I have examined and adjusted an account between the United States and William Russwurm deceased & find that the sum of \$1,066.67 is due from the United States to the Honorable Abram P. Maury attorney in fact of John S. Russwurm, only son & sole heir at law of the said William Russwurm deceased being two thirds of 5 years full pay as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina line on Continental establishment -- which 5 years full pay is the commutation of the half pay for life of the said William Russwurm & the remaining one third of said commutation paid \$533.33 to be paid to Eleanor Creamer widow of the said William Russwurm & mother of the said John S. Russwurm, when she should establish her right thereto - - & reduce the requisite vouchers -- Said sums are payable in pursuance of the provisions of the act of the 12th of June 1838 -- and titled "and Act for the relief of the heirs of Lieutenant William Russwurm -- Deceased."

As appears from the statement & vouchers here with transmitted -- for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury thereof.

S/ J. Miller, 1st Auditor

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office, that the Legislature of this State, on representation made to them, and evidence laid before them, passed a Resolution at the Session of 1840 -- 41 directing the Secretary of State to issue to John S. Russwurm heir of William Russwurm, who was a Lieutenant in the Continental line of this state, a Warrant for a balance of bounty land, making out the full allowance to such Officer, for seven years service, which is 2560 acres.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of November 1842

S/ Wm Hill