

Pension Application for Jonathan Russell or Rusel

S.6039

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this third day of October 1832 personally [appeared] in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson County & State aforesaid now sitting Jonathan Russell a resident of Canaan, County aforesaid aged sixty nine years who being 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in old Canaan in the State of Connecticut in the year 1763 in the month of April. That he has no record of his age but recollects it distinctly. That when only two months old his father moved to Canaan in the County of Columbia & State of New York. When he resided till about the year 179? Since that he has resided at Syracuse, Salina, & Pompey in the State of New York some time in the West Indies, some time in the State of Vermont & has lately returned to said Canaan.

That in the year 1778 at Canaan N.Y. aforesaid he volunteered to serve the United States in the company of Capt. Elijah Bostwick in the Regiment of Col. William B. Whiting. William Hallenbeck was a Lieutenant in said company. He volunteered the first of April in that year, marched first via Albany to Schenectady & tarried there some time. Then marched up the Mohawk some distance. He does not recollect the name of the places; afterward returned to Schenectady, and tarried there some time, them marched up the Mohawk some distance. He does not recollect the name of the place; afterwards returned to Schenectady, where he was discharged & returned home the first of August in the same year, having served the United States four months.

That in the first of October in the year 1780, he was ordered out in the militia in the company of Capt Bostwick as before marched first to Albany, thence to Schenectady, thence to Canajoharie, where he was engaged in a battle with the Indians commanded by Butler & Brant. The same day Colonel Brown was killed at Stonerobbie after the battle they retreated three miles & on the next day while a part of the troops were scouring the adjacent woods, he staid to attend the Lieut Wm. Hallenbeck who had been wounded. He staid there about a week after & was duly discharged & returned home the first of November in the same year, having been out one month.

That in the year 1781 about the first of October, he was ordered out again in that militia in the same company & under the same officers as before—marched first to Albany, thence to Schenectady thence to Mohawk & after a few days were ordered back to Schenectady again where they tarried sometime & were there discharged sometime in November having been out one month.

That the officers under whom he served were Genl. Robert VanRensselaer, Colonel Wm. B. Whiting & Capt Bostwick. That he served first as volunteer & twice was ordered out with the Militia in [?] That he never had any written discharge & never held a commission.

That he has no other living witness of his said service than Elias Williams & John Whiting whose testimony is herewith sent.

That he has no documentary evidence that he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That the persons in his neighbourhood who can declare their opinion of his revolutionary services are Lutpon Warner & Jason Warner. (Signed) J. Russell
Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid. John D. Parker Clerk

Letter in folder dated September 21, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request all available data in regard to Jonathan Russell, Revolutionary War soldier, pension certificate 14366, New York Agency, whose pension, you state, ceased shortly after June 11, 1833. You state further, that a statement would be found made by the soldier, June 13, 1833, wherein he certified that he had resided in Canaan, Columbia County, New York, for thirty years, prior to which he resided in Pompay, Onondaga County, New York, and you desire to know the reason why the pension was stopped.

The papers on file in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.6039, based upon service of Jonathan Russell (whose pension certificate was 14356 not 14366) have been examined carefully and the following data found therein.

Jonathan Russell (the name appears also as Russel) was born in April 1763, in Canaan, Connecticut, and when two months old was taken by his father to Canaan, Columbia County, New York. The names of the parents of Jonathan Russell are not shown.

Jonathan Russell volunteered at Canaan, New York, the first of April 1778, served as a private in Captain Elijah Bostwick's Company, Colonel William B. Whiting's New York Regiment, and was discharged in August, 1778; he enlisted the first of October, 1780, served one month as private in Captain Elijah Bostwick's New York Company and was in an engagement at Canajoharie; he enlisted the first of October, 1781, and served one month in Captain Elijah Bostwick's New York Company.

After the revolution, he continued to reside in Canaan, New York, until 1790; after that time resided in Syracuse, Salina and Pompay, New York, length of his residence in these towns not shown; Jonathan Russell; then spent some time in the West Indies and some time in the state of Vermont; then returned to Canaan, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 3, 1832, while residing in Canaan, New York.

It is not stated that soldier was ever married.

The records of this office show only that the pension certificate 14356, was issued May 21, 1833, at the rate of \$20 per annum, to commence March 4, 1831, under the act of June 7, 1832. This office does not have a record of the payments which were made on that certificate at the New York Agency, nor any data relative to

the time the pension ceased, nor the cause, nor is there any statement on file which was made by this soldier subsequent to October 3, 1832, the date of his application for pension.

The record of payments of pension on this certificate are recorded in the office of the Comptroller General. Your reference to the soldiers statement, dated June 22, 1833, in regard to his itinerancies, perhaps pertains to the records of that office.