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Virginia documents pertaining to William Bell VAS2475  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Charles Atkinson a justice of the peace for the said county Capt. Gabriel Hughes [W19836] a credible witness and made oath that he is in his seventy third year of age and that he was well acquainted with William Bell late of the aforesaid County who enlisted and served in the Virginia or Continental Army during the Revolutionary War but from length of time he does not recollect the Regiment in which he served or is he positive as to the length of time he the said Bell did serve but as well as this affiant recollects and believes he served to the end of that war, and it is so reported and & believed generally that he did serve during the war.

Given under my hand & seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1835 Chas. Atkinson J.P.

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Edmond Jones a Justice of the peace in the said county Edward Sadler a competent and respected witness and made oath that he is in the Sixty first year of his age and he was well acquainted with William Bell late of this county who was it was said a soldier in the regular army during the revolutionary War but that if ever he [the rest mostly illegible] Given under my hand the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1835 Edm'd Jones JP

And further this affiant made oath that the within named William Bell lived and died a near neighbor of his. Given under my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1835. Edm'd Jones J.P.

To his excellency Littleton W. Tazwell [sic: Tazewell] Governor of Virginia [8 July 1835]

The memorial of Frances Bell, sets forth that she is the daughter and only heir of William Bell who departed this life in the county of Mathews her present place of abode on or about the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1806 intestate, she has always been informed by him in his life time and by many others during his life and since his death that he was a regular soldier in the Virginia land forces during the Revolutionary war and served to the end thereof but she does not recollect the Regiment or who commaded, the time of his enlistment or discharge or is there a regular soldier of that war living, known to her to whom she can apply for information on that subject she therefore relies on such testimony as she can procure in support of her claim for bounty land due her in consideration of the services of her said father William Bell whom she has always heard say that he had not received the same or has she recieved it since his death Frances herXmark Bell

Report on the claim of the heir of Wm. Bell, a Soldier, in the Continental line for bounty land for his services.

To the Governor/ Sir, The name of this soldier appears three times, on the Army register of the Continental line (see that document.)

Two witnesses have prov'd that Wm Bell enlisted in the Cont'l army, during the revolutionary war, for & during the war, and served according to the terms of his enlistment. (see the aff'ts of Edward Sadler & Gabriel Hughes)

It appears, from the Records of Military land warrants, in the land office, that two soldiers, named Wm Bell, have received 100 acres of land, each, for services in the war of the Revolution.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ august 24, 1835

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