

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Bell S41433

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State of North Carolina District of Edenton Camden County Circuit

On this 5th day of November 1819 Before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit of North Carolina for the said District personally appeared Josiah Bell aged 56 years Resident in the County of Camden in the said District who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War – that he the said Josiah Bell enlisted for the term of one year on the __ day of __ in the year of 1779 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain William Ferebee [also spelled Ferree] the Regiment commanded by Colonel Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree] in the line of the State of North Carolina in the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the 5th day of July 1782 when he was discharged from service at Bacons Bridge in the State of South Carolina that he was engaged in many scouting parties of Infantry and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said Services.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5th day of November A.D. 1819.

S/ F. Nash

S/ Josiah Bell

Personally appeared [before] me Isaac Herrington¹ who being duly sworn Depoeth that he was well acquainted and is still acquainted with Josiah Bell and that he knows of his own knowledge that the said Josiah Bell was a soldier in the service of the United States during the war of the revolution and that said Bell served as a soldier in the Army nine months or more that he is in reduced circumstances & needs the assistance of his country for his support.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year 1st above written.

S/ F. Nash

S/ Isaac Herrington

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 7th of December 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterroll of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that

¹ FPA S41630

Josiah Bell a private in Captain Hall's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in 1781 for the term of 12 months and that he "left the service 10th July 1782."

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Camden County: District of Edenton Court Spring Term 1821

On this 3rd day of May 1821 Personally appeared in open Court the same being a Court of record, Josiah Bell aged fifty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Josiah Bell enlisted for the term of one year on the ___ day of April in the Company commanded by Captain William Ferebee in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Murphy in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment that he continued until about the ___ day of October 1779 when he was returned under Captain Hall of the 1st Regiment where he continued to serve in said Corps until the 5th day of July 1782 when he was discharged from said service at Bacons Bridge in South Carolina that he belonged to the Infantry and was engaged in several scouting parties and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said service except what is already furnished, and that he served his country against the enemy for one year and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and the said declarant further says that he is a Farmer his age is fifty-eight years and he is as healthy as common of his age his Family consists of Anny Bell his wife Benjamin Bell, Caleb Bell and Seth Bell – Anny Bell aged 51 years and is much crippled Benjamin Bell aged 19 years and much afflicted Caleb Bell aged 17 years and Seth Bell aged 14 years both tolerably healthy sworn to and declared on oath in open Court on the 4th day of November A.D. 1820 before

Schedule furnished on oath by Josiah Bell and Open Court this 1st of May 1821 this

Three head of Cattle	\$10	Five Axes	\$.50
11 head of Hogs	5	Some Shoe makers Tools	.12 ½
1 Table	1.50	1 part of a case of Bottles	.25
4 Chairs 50cts 6 plates 12 ½ cts	.62 ½	4 pieces Wooden Ware	.12 ½
1 dish 6 earthing plates	.25	1 Tin Bucket	.12 ½
1 Tin Coffee Pot 6 knives & forks	.25	6 Tea Spoons	.12 ½
6 Tea Cups & Saucers	.12 ½	1 hammer	.12 ½
4 Small Bowls	.12 ½	1 Iron Wedge	.12 ½
1 Large do 12 ½ old Bls 12 ½	.25	15 Turkeys	7.00
1 Flour Tub	.12	11 Geese	3
4 Small kegs	1.00	Some fowls	4
4 Small hoes @25/each	1.		

That his occupation is a Farmer and his ability to pursue it as good as common of his age and his

family consists of 5 persons he is himself aged 58 years Anny Bell his wife aged 51 years & decrepit & not able to do much & Benjamin Bell aged 19 years & much afflicted Caleb Bell aged 17 years healthy & Seth Bell aged 14 years.

State of North Carolina Camden County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1821

Personally appeared Josiah Bell in open Court and made [oath] that the foregoing declaration & schedule of his property is just & true there set forth.

Sworn to in open Court before

S/ George Ferebee, JP

S/ Josiah Bell

S/ Joseph Cartwright, JP

S/ J. Grandy, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 5, 1819, for one year service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private.]