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Pension Application of William Bell S42617

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Muskingum County  
State of Ohio Sct.

Be it known, that before me in the State & county aforesaid personally appeared William Bell and made oath, that he is a resident citizen of the United States; that he served in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary war against Great Britain; that he enlisted on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1777 for the term of three years in Capt. Thomas Boyer's company [sic: Thomas Bowyer's company raised in Botetourt County], 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. [James] Wood, Virginia Line continental establishment that after having faithfully served out in the army the full term of 3 years as aforesaid he was discharged at Philadelphia by a written discharge signed by Capt. Thomas Boyer, which discharge was sent to Richmond in order to procure his certificate for his 100 acres of Land (which he got) that his discharge was never returned to him; that he has no other evidence to offer to substantiate his claim to a pension under the late law of congress; – & that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support; being now in his 86<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Sworn & Subscribed to this 1<sup>st</sup> May 1818

[signed] William Bell

STATE OF OHIO, MUSKINGUM County, SS.

Court of Common Pleas, November Term 1820.

On this Twenty fourth day of November 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for said state William Bell aged 88 years, resident in Muskingum county in said state, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War on the continental establishment, as follows: In the Twelfth Regiment, commanded by Col. Wood Capt. Boyers Company Virginia Line. The date of my original application is 1st May 1818 and the number of my pension certificate is 14,465 – And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

My occupation is weaving Not able to pursue it  
No family.

Live with Morgan Morgan and by him supported. Lived with him for forty years!

Sworn and Subscribed

[signed] William Bell

Schedule of Property–Real and Personal

DOLLS. CENTS.

One heifer	7	50
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