

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Bell SC472
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 417²

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[Note: This file contains documents relating to more than one veteran by this name. Use the page number of the file to identify the specific veteran to whom I believe the document relates. It is not always clear, however, which documents relate to specific veterans, so use my attribution with care.]

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To the President & Members of the Senate of South Carolina in Senate Assembled

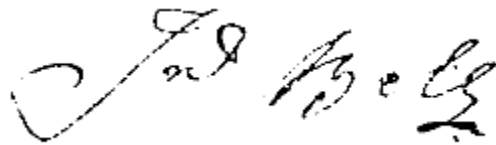
The Memorial of John Bell, Sheweth that your memorialist was a Soldier in the Service of his Country the United States during the Revolutionary War & was in the following Service (viz.) In an expedition to Florida in Captain Dixon's [probably Michael Dickson's of Georgia] Company, Colonel Jack's [Samuel Jack of Georgia] Regiment discharged at Midway in Georgia by Colonel Jack, a Tour after Creek Indians as a volunteer to Fulison's Fort under Colonel Few [Benjamin Few of Georgia] Drove Indians Rescued women & children, A Tour of five months under Lieutenant Alexander Colonel Lopp General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] went to Purysburg, Black Swamp & Two Sisters [Ferry] went to Join General Ash [John Ashe of North Carolina] was there to Cover his retreat when Defeated at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] Near Savannah River, Then Discharged, Then joined Scouting parties under the Polks in North & South Carolina, Then went to join Major Davie [William Richardson Davie] to go on to Gates' [Horatio Gates'] Army but did not reach the place till Gates was Defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], but Saw him on his flight & then went on till he met the flying Army & in view of their pursuers Joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army under Captain Alexander at Bateys Ford [Beattie's Ford] Catawba River and was Stationed at Tuckasegee British Crossed between them & main Army, Then Joined the main Army pursued British towards Haw River then was sent under Colonel Polk to Stop Tories from Joining Cornwallis Skirmish some British at Little Haw River, Then Joined Greene's Army & was with it at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1780], Then Discharged. Then a Tour under Colonel Richard Winn Captain Johnston's Company Down to Edisto [River] & Salt Katcher [Saltketcher River] to keep off Tories & get Beef for Greene's Army. Your Memorialist further Sheweth that he spent a great deal of his youth & vigor in the Service of his [Country;] Suffered

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

² These documents are misfiled under the name James Bell in the SC Audited Account records.

much fatigue & privations & that he is now in his 69th or 70th year of age & that he has lived in Chester District South Carolina since the Close of the War in peace with mankind & that he has raised a Large Family who are all doing for themselves but Two Daughters one of which is unhealthy also his Wife who is old and lame unable to do much for Support & that him & family has no way of Support but their personal labor he further Sheweth that he is in possession of one hundred Acres of land Nearly worn out one Colt some Cattle & his house stuff he further Sheweth that he never got anything for his Services nor never applied for anything while able to do for himself & not at this Time till advised by his Friends Your Memorialist hopes you will take his case into Consideration & if consistent with the policy of your & this Government grant him some relief by placing him on the pension list in this his old Age & your Memorialist do in duty bound will feel himself Represented &c.

S/ Jno Bell



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South Carolina Chester District} John Bell the foregoing Memorialist came before me & made oath that the foregoing is Just & true as it stands Stated he further Saith that all his fellow Soldiers are now dead or so out of reach he cannot get their certificates in his favor he further Saith that he was in service with Charles Miller, Robert Kelsey, Hugh Kelsey, Captain Dixon & many more all now Dead who were of Chester District South Carolina

Sworn to & signed this 11th day of July 1827

S/ P. Wylie, JQ

S/ Jno Bell

South Carolina Chester District} Francis Wiley³ A Soldier of the Revolution came before me & made oath that he has been acquainted with the above petitioner John Bell since the Close of the Revolutionary War & further saith said Bell is a man of probity & truth & that he this deponent believes all stated in said Bell's petition to be true & further saith Bell is a man of the best moral character & has been since he knew him.

Sworn to & signed this 7th November 1827

S/ P. Wylie, JQ

S/ Francis Wiley, X his mark

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South Carolina Chester District} William Lewis⁴ a Soldier of the Revolution came before me & made oath that he was acquainted with John Bell who is now petitioning for a pension during the Revolutionary War & knew him said Bell to be a friend of his Country the United States & further Saith he was in service with said Bell in this State in a Tour that Bell went to Saltketcher [River] the last tour this deponent says he went as far as Orangeburg with Bell at that time & he further saith he believes the facts stated in Bell's petition are just & true & says he has lived in half a mile of Bell for about 43 years & knows him to be a man of honesty & truth & this deponent further saith he made affidavit to Bell's Service before as the petition Sent on.

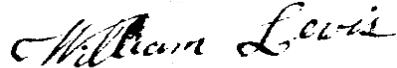
Sworn to & Signed this 4th day of November 1827 before me

³ [Francis Wylie S21592](#)

⁴ Probably the same man as [R6335 William Lewis](#)

S/ P. Wylie, JQ

S/ William Lewis



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South Carolina Chester District } William Knox⁵ a Whig of the Revolution came before me and made oath that he was acquainted with John Bell who is petitioning for a pension since the Close of the Revolution & never heard but what he said Bell was a Whig.

Sworn to & signed this 19th day of October 1827

S/ P. Wylie, JQ

S/ William Knox, X his mark

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South Carolina Chester District } James McCaw⁶ a Soldier of the Revolution came before me and made oath that he has been acquainted with John Bell who is petitioning for a pension since the close of the Revolutionary War & believes said Bell to be a man of probity & truth & a man of the first moral Character & he further saith he believes the facts stated in Bell's petition to be Just and true

Sworn to & sign the 7th of November 1827

S/ P. Wylie, JQ

S/ James McCaw

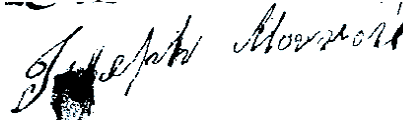


South Carolina Chester District } Joseph Morrow⁷ a Soldier of the Revolution came before me & made oath that he has been acquainted with the foregoing petitioner John Bell he thinks before the Close of the Revolution & has lived in about a mile of said Bell for above forty years & has always understood said Bell to be a Whig & never heard anything else & has heard Charles Miller named in Bell's Affidavit say that he had been in the Whig Service with said Bell & this deponent further saith that he believes the facts stated in said Bell's petition to be true.

Sworn to & signed this 14th day of November 1827

S/ P. Wylie, JQ

S/ Joseph Morrow



South Carolina Chester district } William Lewis a Soldier of the Revolution came before me & made oath that he was Acquainted with the annexed petitioner John Bell in the time of the Revolution & Knew him said Bell to be a friend of his country & this deponent further saith he was with said Bell in his last Tour to Edisto & Two Sisters this deponent saith he went as far with said Bell as Orangeburg this deponent further saith that he lived ½ a mile of said Bell for about 43 years & believes said [Bell] to be an honest & upright man and that he believes the facts stated in said Bill's petition to be true.

Sworn to & signed this 14th day of November 1827

⁵ [William Knox S38900](#)

⁶ [James McCaw S18117](#)

⁷ [Joseph Morrow S21892](#)

S/ William Lewis

[pp 45-47: Both the House and Senate Committee's recommended the petition be granted and both chambers approved the petition. Veteran was granted a pension of \$60 per annum.]