

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Bell W3925

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State of North Carolina } Court of Common Pleas and quarter Sessions  
Montgomery County } October term 1832. On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1832

Personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said Court now in Session Benjamin Bell a resident of the county of Montgomery in the state of North Carolina aged seventy one years being first 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was called out into the militia service of the united states under a Draft in the early part of the summer of the year 1780 and was ordered to a station in the county now called Cabarrus where he remained some time doing Garrison duty near the British lines and was from there ordered to a place near Colsons on Pee Dee River as a guard to guard a quantity of provisions placed there for the use of the Troops under Capt. Wilson from there he was sent under the command of Capt. Kimball into the Horse Service after the Tories under [David] Fanning and others until the expiration of three months and that he served out three months in said service

Second Tour that he was called out again into the service of the united states in September 1781 in the militia in the County of Montgomery for three months under Capt. Etheldred Harris in the Regiment commanded by Col William Loftin in Gen'l Rutherfords [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade and marched with the Troops to a place near Wilmington N.C. and was duly discharged after having served three months. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except William Johnson who can testify to a part of his service and whose affidavit is herewith enclosed He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and Declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
[signed] Benjamin Bell

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On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1832 Benjamin Bell came into open court and after being duly sworn Deposeth and answereth to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department as follows (Viz)

In Answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> interrogatory He says he was born in the year 1761 in the County then called Bute [sic: formed from Granville County in 1764] on Roanoke in North Carolina

In Answer to the second interrogatory He says he has a record of his age and it is at his own house in Montgomery County N.C.

In Answer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> interrogatory he says he was living when called into the service in Montgomery County N.C. that he has ever since lived and now lives in the same County

In Answer to the fourth interrogatory He says he was called into the service by being drafted

In Answer to the fifth interrogatory he says he does not know that he served under any officers of the Regular troops but served under militia officers namely Captains Wilson [and] Kimball & Capt Harris and Col Lofton & Gen'l. Rutherford

In Answer to the sixth interrogatory He says he was discharged verbally by his officers and never received as he believes a written discharge

In Answer to the seventh Interrogatory he says William Knight Edmund Deberry Joseph Parsons and Henry Ledbetter are acquainted with him

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day above stated [signed] Benjamin Bell

State of North Carolina } This day Richard Bell [pension application W25231] aged  
Montgomery County } seventy four years came personally before me and after being  
duly sworn Deposeth and sayeth that Benjamin Bell was called out in to the militia service of the  
united states some time in the month of June 1780 as he believes from his residence in

Montgomery County and that he served with him some time and were then seperated and did not serve the ballance of that tour together and that he believes when he returned from the service he was still in the service in the Horse further this Deponent sayeth not Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of October 1832  
Richard hisXmark Bell

NOTE: On 18 Oct 1844 Elisabeth Bell, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married Benjamin Bell on the last day of February 1788, and he died 9 Feb 1843. Henry Ledbetter, about 75, deposed that he was present at the marriage of Elisabeth Ledbetter at the house of her mother in Montgomery County.