

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bell W446

Sarah

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: August Term of the County Court fro said County 1832

On this the 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court William Bell before the Justices of said Court now setting a resident of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee aged seventy three years who 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 7th, 1832.

States that he was born in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina in the year 1759—He has a record of his age, which is to be found in the family Bible of his father now in his possession at his residence one mile and a half north East from the Town of Gallatin in the County of Sumer in the State of Tennessee. At the time he was called into service he was living in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina, from which place he removed to the County of Sumner in the State of Tennessee in the year '96 where he has since and now lives. He volunteered for the term of five months in a company commanded by Capt. Jacob Nichols and marched to the City of Charlestown in the State of South Carolina, the regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Frank or Francis Lock [sic, Francis Locke] and the Brigade by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford].

After Charlestown was taken by the enemy and the term for which he had first volunteered to serve had expired, a regiment of men was raised by Col. Davy [sic, William Richardson Davie] to protect the country against the frequent depredations of the Tories to which regiment he was attached by having volunteered his services—His company was commanded by Capt. David Caldwell. The Lieut. Col. was Brishan [?]th—This two months service was performed on the North boundary line between the States of North & South Carolina—After the expiration of this term of service he again volunteered to perform a short tour of duty against the Tories under Col. Lock, and Majors Rutherford and McDowell—the Company to which he was attached was commanded by Capt. William Armstrong who was mortally wounded and died at Bates ford [sic, Beatties Ford] on the Catawba [River]th—After this service had expired applicant again volunteered [under] Capt. Caldwell to [go] againt[t] the Tories commanded by Col. Saml. Bryant [Samuel Bryan]th—this service was not of long duration—the Tories having left the country pursued by our men, but without overtaking them at that time.

He received a discharge for the two months service – a few weeks before the expiration

of the five months tour when he marched to Charleston his Brother Andrew Bell took his place—whether his Brother procured a discharge or not he is unable to say—the discharge for the two months service has been lost or mislaid—the discharge if applicant is not mistaken was given by Capt. Caldwell—He refers to Parson Richard Johnson who has been acquainted with applicant for about 20 [?] years and Thomas Anderson Esquire who has known him for 31 years to testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, and others if it is required by the Court—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

Test: S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ Wm Bell

[fn p. 36: Richard Johnson, a clergyman, and Thomas Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Sumner County: The Amended Declaration of Wm Bell

November 14th 1832

Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Wm Bell aged 73 years who upon his oath doth make the following statement in addition to the one already made by him on the 15th day of August 1832, to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 183. That he volunteered for the term of five months in a company commanded by Jacob Nichols in the month of October (he thinks) in the year 1779 and he was discharged in the City of Charlestown in the State of South Carolina either in the latter part of the month of February or first of March 1780. In the fall of 1780 he volunteered upon a tour of two months in a company commanded by Capt. David Caldwell the particulars of which has been already stated in his original Declaration. Applicant is unable to state the precise month at which he entered the service in last tour of duty for two months he can how even state with certaintly [sic, certainty] that it was the fall of the same year after Charleston was lost.

Sworn in open Court

S/ Wm Bell

Novr. 14th 1832

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

[fn p. 11: on October 2, 1847, in Sumner County, Tennessee, Sarah Bell, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 Act stating that she is the widow of William Bell, a Revolutionary War pensioner; that she married him December 30, 1784; that he died June 17, 1845; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 4 Family record]

Marriages

Stephen White & Jane Bell White married January 26th AD 1804

Richard Bennett & Polly Bell Married Febuary 28th 1811 [? last two digits unclear]

Wm Bennett & Betsy Bell Married Feby 24th 1814

Robert Bell & Margt. McGready Married 5th of June 1816

Eli Bell and Sarah D. Rucker Married 12th of October 1820 [? last digit unclear]

Alfred Bell & Jane Haynes Married 5th day of July 1821

Births

William Bell Born December 23 [? last digit unclear] 1759

Sarah Bell Born May the 11 1768

Married December the 30 1784

of the Children of William and Sarah Bell

1 Jince Bell born December the 12 1785

2 Polly Bell born December the 5 1786

3 Robert Bell born March the 19 1789

4 John Bell born December the 12 1790

5 Betsy Bell born November the 4 1792

6 Alphi Bell born August 16 1794 [sic, Alfred Bell]

7 Hirim Bell born October the 5 1796

8 Oly Bell born August 1 1798 [sic, Eli Bell]

[facts in the file: a grandson of the veteran and his wife, John L. Bell, was living in 1845—his parents are not identified; there is a letter dated April 27, 1929 on the letterhead of the "Genealogical Society of Utah" requesting a copy of the record of William Bell and his wife "Sarah McGuir"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 7 months service in the NC militia as a private.]