

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Bell W4892

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[fn p. 18]

State of Louisiana Parish of St. Mary: SS

On this 15th day of March 1833 personally appeared before me Donelson Caffery Judge of the Parish of St. Mary & State of Louisiana Samuel Bell a resident of the said Parish of St. Mary aged in his 77th year, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 with Uriah Goodwin recruiting officer at Friday's Ferry on the Congaree River near Columbia and was then attached to and served under Captain Felix Warley at Purrows Burgh [sic, Purrysburg] on the Savannah River in the 3rd Regiment of the Continental line under the following named officers, Captain Uriah Warley [sic, Felix Warley as named above?], Lieutenant Colonel Luke Mason, Colonel William Thompson [sic, William Thomson], Major Jonathan Wise & General Lincoln, commanding field officers. He enlisted for three years in February 1777 and left the service at the expiration of his term in 1780 and obtained his discharge, which is now lost or mislaid.

At the time of his enlisting he was a resident of Richland, South Carolina and was in the battle at Stono, Guilford, & was absent on parole from his company when Charleston was taken by the British --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Saml. Bell

S/ Donelson Caffery, Judge

[fn p. 14: on July 30th, 1850, in the Western District of Louisiana, Mary Bell, 82, a resident of the parish of St. Mary, County of Attakapas, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Bell, a private in the Army under General Henderson and a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in the month of March 1797; that they were married by Austin Rogers, a minister of the gospel in Richland District South Carolina; that her husband died December 25, 1834; and that she

remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: On March 29th, 1855 in St. Mary Parish Louisiana, Mary Bell, 85, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Samuel Bell stating that she married him in Columbia South Carolina on the 15th¹ of March 1797; that they were married by one Osborn Rogers a minister of the gospel and that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Pagget; that her husband died in Franklin Louisiana on the 25th of December 1834 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 56 On May 15, 1855 in Parish Orleans, Louisiana, W. O. Bell, gave testimony that he is the grandson of Samuel and Mary Bell; "that it has ever been considered in the family that she Mary Bell was married in the year 1796 and that the oldest child, John Bell was born June 26th 1798 and died December 24th 1834 being 36 years old."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for two years service in his a private in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ this date is very faded and could be the 10th or 18th or perhaps some other number