

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ninian (Ning) Beall (Bell) W9722 Christina Beall f72MD[VA]
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State of Maryland, Frederick County

On this fifth day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the fifth Judicial District of said State personally appears Ning Beall aged 57 years, resident in said County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Ning Bell [sic] enlisted in 1st April in the year 1779 in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain Jones [probably Cadwallader Jones] of the third Regiment Light Dragoons in the Continental service; that he continued to serve in said Corps in the service of the United States until the 18th day of September 1782, when he was discharged from the service in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the battles of Bacon's Bridge, Monks Corner [Moncks Corner, April 14, 1780], Santee River, Cowpens [January 17, 1781], Petersburg [April 25, 1781] and sundry other skirmishes and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

I, Abraham Shriver, Judge, &c as aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said Ning Bell did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me, to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid act of Congress. Witness my hand the fifth day of April 1818.

S/ Abraham Shriver

The State of Ohio Butler County

At a court of common pleas holden at Hamilton in the County of Butler aforesaid on the fifth day of September 1820 before the Honorable Joshua Collett Esq. President and his associates Judges of the said court the same court of Common Pleas being a court of record expressly created a court of record by the laws and ordinances of the State of Ohio with Jurisdiction unlimited in civil causes and with power to fine and imprison personally appeared in open court Ning Bell aged 59 years resident in St. Clair Township in the said County of Butler who being duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows (to wit) I enlisted at Frederick Town in the State of Maryland in the month of April in the year 1778 on the Continental establishment for the term of three years in the Troop or Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington in the company commanded by Captain Jones being the third Regiment of light Dragoons in the Virginia line – at the expiration of the term of my enlistment I was discharged near Charles Town in the State of South Carolina – My original declaration for a pension was made on or about the fifth day of May 1818 and my pension certificate is numbered 1800.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th 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, to wit, two horses, four cows, three head of one year old cattle three calves, 12 hogs, one table, one pot, one oven, two skilletts and one trunk. My family consists of myself & wife he is aged 47 years & quite infirm and five children, to wit, John, Joseph, Margaret, James and Sarah, John aged 15 years, Joseph aged 12 years, Margaret aged 10 years, James aged 8 years and Sarah aged 5 years. John is unable to support himself but not more – And the remaining four children are not able to support themselves. My occupation is that of a Wheelwright but from age and debility have not been able to pursue it for some years since.

Sworn to & declared in open court before the Judges aforesaid on the fifth of September 1820.
S/ John Reily, Clerk
S/ Ning Bell¹

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I do hereby Certify that Ning Bell who is this day discharge from the 3rd Regiment Light Dragoons has due to him the pay of a Dragoon Soldier since the 1 August 1780 2 this 10 April 1782.

S/ Ambrose Gordon, Lieut. & Pay Master 3rd R. L. D.

[p 45: On February 14, 1821, in Butler County Ohio, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefits to the Ohio agency saying he intends to remain in Ohio and wishes his pension to be payable there.]

[p 32: On December 7, 1835 in Dearborn County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency saying that he moved to Indiana because he owned no land in Ohio and could purchase land cheaper in Indiana.

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[p 8: In November 1839, Christiana Beall, a resident of Ripley County, Indiana filed for a widow's pension stating that she was sixty-six years old; the widow of Ning Beall, a pensioner; that they married in Frederick County, MD in August 1790; that her husband died on June 13, 1836. Zephaniah

¹ I do not believe that the actual signature of the veteran appears on this document as the handwriting for the signature is identical to the handwriting of the balance of the document.

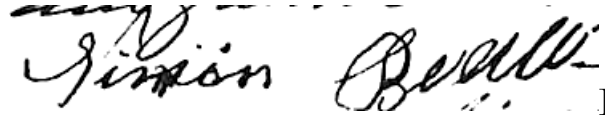
Beall and Ninian Beall (relationship, if any, not stated) gave a separate affidavits in support of the widow's application. She signed her application with her mark.]

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State of Indiana, Ripley County

On this 8th day of October 1842 personally appeared before me James Early a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Ninian Bell Jr. of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath say that he is the legitimate some of Ninian Bell and Christine Bell (the same Ninian or Ning Bell who was heretofore a pensioner under the Laws of the United States and also the son of Christine Bell the widow of said Ning or Ninian Bell who is also an applicant for a pension made under the law of the June 7th, 1838: That he is aged 50 years the 27th of the present month (October) That he was born in Frederick County State of Maryland on the 27th of October in the year of our Lord 1792. About 22 years ago the family Bible which Contained a Register of the births of the four oldest children of the said Ninian & Christine Bell was consumed by fire in the dwelling house of Zepaniah Bell a brother of mine and next oldest to myself. That about one year before the burning of said house and Bible he this deponent taken off a copy of his own birth from the said Record in the Bible aforesaid which copy he still has in his possession and herewith encloses the same to the Commissioner of Pensions which is marked A. This deponent further states that he well remembers that his brother William's age was there set now and that he was born the first day of October 1790 (Seventeen hundred and ninety): the said Copy Marked A, and herewith enclose was and is a true, and correct Copy of the said Bible Record as it regarded his own birth and age, that the same was taken off by himself, and truly copied, and has not since been changed in any particular whatever. That from the statements made by his father Ninian Bell (or Beall) as it was sometimes written from his this deponent's earliest recollection his said father and mother the present applicant Christine Bell (or Beall) were married in the year of our Lord 1790. That his brother William first born after the said marriage was born the first of October 1790, and that he this deponent was born as above stated October 27, 1792, that his said father and mother continued to live together as husband and wife from his earliest recollection to the time of the demise of the said Ninian Bell, which took place on the 13th of June 1830 6 – and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Ninin Beall

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ninian Beall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Ninin Beall".

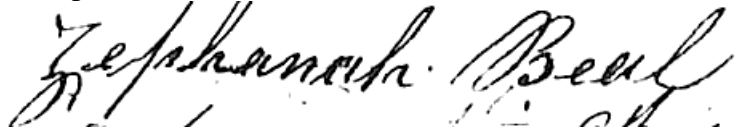
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State of Indiana Ripley County: SS

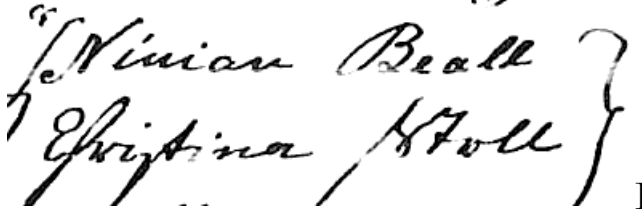
On this 8th day of October 1842 personally appeared before me James Early a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Zepeniah Beall the third son of Ninian Beall & Christine Bell (or Beall) named in the foregoing deposition of Ninian Bell (or Beall) Junior. This deponent being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he is aged Forty Eight years the 10th day of April next that he has two brothers older than himself (viz.) William Bell and Ninian Beall (or Bell) that from a family record which he well remembers in which was consumed by fire about 22 years ago in his own dwelling house the said William & Ninian Bell were born, the former on the first day of October 1790, and the latter on the 27th day of October 1792. That he has inspected the copy of the entry in the said Bible so burnt as aforesaid with an enclosed and marked A and is positive that the same is an exact copy of said entry in the family Record aforesaid. That he always understood by both his said parents (whilst both were living) that they were married in the year 1790 in Frederick County Maryland and from his earliest recollection they were living as husband and wife with 2 sons older than himself, and of the age aforesaid viz. William born the 1st day of October 1790 and Ninian born this 27th October 1792.

And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Zephanah Beal



[p 17: Affidavit given by Daniel Zacharias , pastor of the German Evangelical Reformed Church in the city of Frederick in the County of Frederick State of Maryland regarding the marriage of Ninian Beall to Christina Stoll [or Stull] on July 25th 1790 by the Rev. William Runkle.



[Ninian Beall
Christina Stoll]

[p 35: On December 12, 1842 in Montgomery County Indiana, Elizabeth Beall, age 70, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Christine Stull in Frederick County Maryland; that they were playmates together having lived only about 2 miles from each other; that Christine was married to Ning Bell or Ninian Bell as he was called in 1789 or 90. Her relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 5, 1818, for service as a private & Dragoon in the 3rd Maryland Regiment. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for the service of her husband as a private in the cavalry from the state of Maryland.]