Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Bell S21068
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of South Carolina } On this 17th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open
Chester District } court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of ordinary of
said District John Bell a resident of State & District
aforesaid aged between seventy six & seventy seven years who being duly sworn according to
law saith upon oath and makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act
of Congress passed June 7th 1832 — That he entered the service of the united states under the
following named officers and served as herein stated. Enlisted in the state of Georgia in he
thinks the year 1777 in Capt Micheal Dixon's Company Major Maxfield Lieut. Col. Ford Col
Lock. Regiment marched from August to the other side St. Marys River to guard the frontiers
being enlisted for two years the regiment was taken before the time of service out when he was
regularly discharged he served not less than one year when discharged by Col. Lock at Midway
meeting house. Second Tour substituted for Josua Yerbrough [probably Joshua Yarborough] in
Capt. Alexander's Company in the State of North Carolina Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford Brigade
Joined Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln at Puresnburgh [sic: Puryssburg] South Carolina [illegible word]
the retreat of Gen'l. [John Baptist] Ashe when defeated at Briar creek in the State of Georgia [3
Mar 1779] marched then to a place called the Two Sisters [on Savannah River] then discarged at
puresnburgh This Tour Service five months and the servise was in the year 1779 Third Tour
volunteered in Capt. Polk's Company in the State of North Carolina. marched to join Genl.
[Horatio] Gates at or near Cambeden [sic: Camden] South Carolina and arrived there at the time
of the defeat or flight of the army [16 Aug 1780] Then the [illegible word] service one week this
last tour was in the year 1780. fourth Tour in 1781. Substituted in Capt. Alexander's Company
for or instead of Wm Philips Joined Gen'l. Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army at Batty's ford
on the Cawtaba River [sic: Beattie's Ford on Catawba River] in the State of North Carolina
Marched to Tucksege [sic: Tuckasegee Ford, Gastonia County] & to stop the British from
crossing then march in the [illegible word] of the British Green being before them crossed at
Shallow ford of Yadkin Joined Green there Gen'l Green dispatched or detached about three
hundred of whom declarant was one as Infantry to act with Col Washinton [sic: Lt. Col. William
Washington] Col. [William] Polk was Col of Infantry marched to Hillsborough to check some
Torys from joining Cronwallis [sic: Cornwallis] from thence marched to Haw River where
skirmished with British at haw river [probably Skirmish at Wetzel's Mill on Reedy Fork of Haw
River, 6 Mar 1781], then retreated to Guilford to join Gen'l. Green and was not there [Battle of
Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] in time to be in the lines but was in time to carry off the
wounded marched to a place called Iron works [on Troublesome Creek in present Rockingham
County] when discharged this last Tour Served three months — Fifth Tour Drafted in South
Carolina what is now called Chester District in Capt. John Steel's Company Col. Winn marched
to the forks of Edisto. was in Gen'l. Henderson's Brigade [one or two illegible words] having
served not less than a month this tour — declarant says further that he had forgotten one tour
that he was under Col. Few of Georgia marched to Fulsom's fort to keep down the Indians this
tour served not less than two weeks, in all Twenty one months & four weeks

Ans. to 1 Int. I was born in the Kingdom of Ireland in the year 1758

Ans. to 2 Int. I have seen a record of my age in a bible my father give me which bible I left in
Georgia

Ans. to 3 Int. I was living in Georgia when first called into service have lived in South Carolina
Chester District ever since the revolution where I now live

As. to 4 Int. I was Enlisted. Volunteered. Drafted. & Substituted on [e] for Joshua Yarbrough,
& one for Wm. Phillips

Ans. to 5th Int. I will name [as regular officers where he served] Gen'l. Green, Gen'l Lincoln, Gen'l.
Henderson, Col. Winn Col. Lask[?] Col. Lasey and others named in my
declaration which declaration mentions the circumstances

Ans to 6 Int. I received one [discharge] from Col. Lack one from Capt. Alexander & one other
from Capt Alexander - and dismissed the discharges are all lost
George Gill. John McKee. Thomas McClain [are neighbors who could swear to his
close character for veracity and belief of his services]
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 (except a pension
from the State of South Carolina) [signed] John Bell