

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Bell S21068

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State of South Carolina } On this 17<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Yarbrough] in Capt. Alexander's Company in the State of North Carolina Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford Brigade Joined Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln at Purenburgh [sic: Purysburg] 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 purensburgh This Tour Sirvice 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 Tuckesege [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[ce] for Joshua Yarbrough, & one for Wm. Phillips

Ans. to 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Ans. to 7 Int. Joseph Servis. Joseph Morrow. Alexander Pagun. John Rossborough Esqr Col.  
George Gill. John McKee. Thomas McClain [are neighbors who could swear to his  
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