

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Bell S8064

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[A note in the file states that Bell's application was sent to District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated many pensioners from Harrison, Lewis, and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. A typed summary in the file states the following: "it appears that Richard Bell was allowed pension for two years service as an Indian Spy in Captain Bowman's Company, Virginia Troops, War of the Revolution. He was placed on the pension roll in Harrison County, Virginia, November 7, 1833...." The following is Singleton's report.]

Richard Bell draws \$80—

Called on Bell July the 9th 1834, he refused to give any information - refers to his declaration for a history of his services. - he would not give one

John Middleton [pension application W7464], Col. William Martin [S5736] & Nathan Goff [pension agent in Clarksburg] all concur in saying Bell cant exceed sixty years old [see note below] Bell told Martin & Middleton recently that he was sixty years old - he also told Martin that he had never done any service as a soldier in the war of the Revolution. A Copy W. G Singleton

Note in this case. Suit has been instituted - Bell is able to pay. W. G Singleton Nov. 17, 1834

[The following letter is in reply to a query about whether attorneys hired by Manly Carder and Richard Bell ever obtained payment for their fathers' services. A transcript of that query is in the file of William Carder, pension application S17872.]

Dept of the Interior Pension Off. Dec. 30, 1864.

Gentlemen: In answer to your letter of the 20th instant, I have to state that Richard Bell and Wm Carder were pensioned under Act of 7 June 1832 at \$80 per annum.

The former was pensioned Nov 7 and the latter Oct. 16, 1833. Subsequently their names were stricken from the pension roll upon a report of the U S District Attorney that the allowance was improperly made. The suspension was in 1835 since when no action has been had in reference to the cases.

There is not anything due their heirs under existing pension laws.
Messrs Manly Carder and Ric'd Bell West Milford, W.Va.

NOTE: Federal censuses for Harrison County give the following ages for Richard Bell: 1820, 26-45; 1830, 50-60; 1840, 70-80.