

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Bell W25231

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State of North Carolina } Court of common pleas  
Montgomery County } and quarter Sessions October term 1832

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of october 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now in Session Richard Bell a resident of the County of Montgomery in the state of North Carolina aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein after stated in several tours amounting in all to seventeen months

The first tour he served against the Cherokee Indians three months in the year 1774 or 75 under Capt. Cornelius Robinson in the Regiment commanded by Col Love belonging to Genl. Rutherfords [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade he marched some time in July for the Indian nation and was stationed some time at the head of Broad river from there he marched to the Pleasant Gardens then to the Cherokee nation where they by orders destroyed their town and crops and marched back to the East side of the Blue ridge and was discharged by Col Love verbally the Col having no ink nor paper to give written discharges

The second tour he served five months under Capt. Kimball & others belonging to the Regm't commanded by Col. Ledbetter who was also attached to Gen'l. Rutherfords brigade. that he marched from his residence in Montgomery County N.C. formerly a part of Anson County some time early in the summer of 1780 to Salisbury then to Colesons [sic: Colson's Mill] on Pee Dee then to Cheraw S.C. from there to Rugeleys mills [12 mi N of Camden] and there joined the army of Gen'l. Gates [Horatio Gates between his arrival on 13 Aug and defeat at the Battle of Camden on 16 Aug] from there he was sent back to Cheraw to guard the Magazine and prisoners from there he marched to Fayetteville N.C. under the command of Gen'l. [William Henry] Harrington and was stationed there for some weeks and from there he was discharged by Gen'l. Harrington in writing but lost it many years ago

The third tour he volunteered and served three months under Capt Kimball in the Horse who was under Col Loftin in the latter part of the same year and served in Montgomery and the adjoining counties in scouring the country and operating ag't. the Tories and at the end of the three months he was duly discharged though he received no written discharge from the commanding officer

The fourth tour he served as a volunteer three months under Capt Joseph McLister [McAllister?] who was also under the command of Col Loftin in the Horse during this tour he was employed in suppressing the Torys and lodging in Jail such prisoners as were taken until the expiration of the three months when he was discharged but received no written discharge

The fifth tour he volunteered under Capt Gilmore the next year and served three months during which time they were employed in the pursuit of the Torys under [David] Fanning and others embodied in different parts of the Country on the waters of the Cape Fear and Pee Dee that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Christopher Chappell and Benjamin Bell [pension application W3925] who can testify to a part of his service and whose affidavits are herewith sent and that he has no Documentary or other evidence than is herewith enclosed

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 Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Richard hisXmark Bell

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On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1832 Richard Bell came into open Court and after being duly sworn Deposeth and answereth in answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> interrogatory he says he was born in the year 1758. In answer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> interrogatory he says there is a record of his age & that it is the possession

of Benjamin Bell of this County In answer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> interrogatory he says he was living in Anson County N.C. in that part of said county which has since been called Montgomery & is now so called that he has lived in Montgomery ever since until lately & now resides in Randolph N.C. In answer to the 4<sup>th</sup> interrogatory he says he was called into service by volunteering in some of the tours & by drafts in others as he believes In answer to the 5<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory he says he served under commanders of Regular troops but served under Militia officers Captain Cornelius Robinson Col David Love & Gen'l. Rutherford  
 In Answer to the 6<sup>th</sup> interrogatory he says he received only one written discharge & that from Gen'l Harrington and that he lost many years ago  
 In Answer to the 7<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory he says the following persons of his neighborhood are acquainted with him Joseph Parsons Edm'd. Deberry William Bruton Hardy Morgan Littleton Harris & Eli Harris  
 Sworn to in open court the day above written Richard hisXmark Bell

State of North Carolina } This day Benjamin Bell aged Seventy on years came  
 Montgomery County } personally before me and after being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that Richard Bell was called out into the Militia Service some time in the month of June 1780 from his residence which is now Montgomery County N Carolina but formerly a part of Anson and that they served together some time and were then seperated and did not serve the ballance of the tour together but that said Richard Bell returned from the service some time in the fall This Deponent further sayeth that he believes said Richard Bell joined Gates army and continued in it until he returned home  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1832 [signed] Benjamin Bell

State of North carolina } This day [3 Apr 1833] Christopher Chappell aged ninety four years  
 Montgomery County } appeared before the subscribers Justices of the peace for said County and made oath in due form that he was in the service of the united states in the militia with Richard Bell about the year 1775 (as he believes) against the Cherokee Indians about three months that said Bell served that time under Captain Cornelius Robinson and under Gen'l Rutherford That they were drafted to go against the said Indians and that they belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col Love and that said Richard Bell continued in the service until he was lawfully discharged and that they both lived in Anson County now Montgomery N. Carolina I the said Christopher Chappell do also certify that the said Richard Bell is respectable and entitled to credit Sworn to and subscribed before us in the county of Montgomery  
 Christopher hisXmark Cappell

NOTE: On 23 Mar 1853 Candis Bell, 72, applied for a pension stating that she married Richard Bell on 24 Feb 1830, and he died 6 Aug 1848. In an application for bounty land dated 5 May 1855, and on a new pension application dated 4 Jul 1855, her age is still given as 72 and the date of the marriage as 4 Feb 1831. Zebedee Russell and Eli Russell deposed that they witnesses the marriage ceremony performed by Littleton Harris in the home of her parents in Montgomery County. According to a Treasury-Department document, Candis Bell died in Aug 1860 leaving no minor children.