

Pension Application for Isaac Bell

R.722 (Widow: Jemima)

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 13th day of November in the year 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber John B. Booth Surrogate of the County aforesaid Jemima Bell of the Town of Cornwall in the County of Orange aforesaid aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain; the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of Isaac Bell deceased who was a private in the company of Captain Lee afterwards commanded by Captain Harry Dubois of Colonel James Clinton's Regiment and was afterwards transferred to the company of artificers commanded by Captain Jacob Beeder and served as an artificer under the said Captain Reeder throughout the Revolutionary War.

The said Captain Reeder was under the command of the Deputy quartermaster Taylor as deponent has been informed and believes to be true and served as an armorer at Fort Montgomery, West Point & Newburgh in the Continental troops (except as hereinafter mentioned) from the commencement to the end of the war aforesaid as this deponent was informed by the said Isaac and others in his life time and deponent believes it to be true.

The said Isaac was in actual service at the battle of Fort Montgomery and afterwards served against the Indians on the Western frontier as a private.

Deponent also saith that the said Isaac was honorably discharged at Newburgh at the time of disbanding the army in the summer of the year 1783—and the said [??] declares that she was married to the said Isaac by her Uncle Joseph Clark Esquire deceased Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange aforesaid Isaac Bell her late husband died on the 29th day of December 1813. That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated.
(Signed) Jemime Bell

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Jno. B. Booth Surrogate

Letter written June 18, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.722 it appears that Isaac Bell was a resident of Orange County, New York during the Revolution, and enlisted in 1775 as a private under captains Thomas Lee and Henry Dubois and Colonels James Clinton and Thomas Palmer; he was soon after placed as an artificer under Jacob Reeder, Foreman in the shop of the Quartermaster's Department at Newburgh, where he served until the close of the Revolution.

He was in the battle of Fort Montgomery.

He married April 26, 1789 in Orange County, New York, Jemima sister of Joshua Clark, and he died in said county December 29, 1813.

She applied for pension November 13, 1839 while living in Cornwall, Orange County, New York aged sixty-eight years but died before her claim was allowed. Date of death not on record.

They had several children, boys and girls, Moses C. and Francis H. Bell, the latter a resident of the Corner of Maryland Avenue and seventh Street, Washington, D.C. in 1856, are the only names stated.