

Augusta County Historical Society
Acc # 136
Bell Family Collection
1907-1921

Size: 5 items, 12 pages

Scope & Content:

Civil War – Large soldier families; James Bell family article “Lest We Forget”; Article from “The Spectator”; Extracts from “Descendants of Robert & Elizabeth Preston Poage; Article “Sketches of Mossy Creek Church from the Young Virginian” (All copies, no originals)

Historical/Biographical Note:

The Bell family is descended directly from Lord James Bell, of Belhaven, who lost his life fighting in the service of the Scottish crown. A less remote ancestor was Lieutenant James Bell, who went to Ireland in 1690 with William III and for his bravery in battle received a grant of land near Enniskillen. There some of his descendants still live. Four of them, however, all cousins, three named James and one named Joseph, came to America from Ireland and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1740. They remained in Pennsylvania but a short time, and all moved to Augusta County, Va., where they finally brought their families. The James Bell family of Long Glade Creek in Augusta County was prominent throughout the early history of Augusta County from about 1740.

Organization/Arrangement: N/A

Miscellaneous: N/A