

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Isner R5502

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[Isner's application is not in the file, apparently having been sent to District Attorney Washington G. Singleton for his investigation of pensioners and applicants from several counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. The following is Singleton's report on which he wrote "not Entitled." See also endnote.]

Thomas Isner Applicant.

November 1, 1834, Isner made the following statement he is about 76 yrs. old was raised in Randolph Cty [formed in 1787 from Harrison County, which was formed in 1784 from Monongalia County, which was formed in 1776 from the Western District of Augusta County]. he was a spy during the Revolutionary war (but cant tell in what year) he volunteered under Capt. Benjamin Wilson Went from Tygarts Vally [sic: Tygart Valley] and was stationed at Wests Fort [on Hackers Creek near present Jane Lew] for 3 months. he got no pay. Nor was he promised any. Served out the 3 mo. & went home —

he was again employed by Capt Benja. Wilson, but cant tell in what year, as a spy for 3 mo. - he spyed on Roreing creek [sic: Roaring Creek] & in that country for 3 mo. his headquarters was at Wilsons Fort [4 mi N of present Beverly] - Ran'h Cty. - the above comprises all his services except some scouting - this was also done under the Direction of Capt. Benj. Wilson - G. D. Camden wrote his Declaration - he gave him the same statement now given as near as he can recollect. — this statement was made to Nathan Goff [Pension Agent at Clarksburg]

A Copy

W. G Singleton Nov. 26, 1834

Note. this is the only man I have yet met with who claims to have served under Capt. Benj. Wilson during the war of the Revolution - the service above detailed if done at all must have been after 1783.

W. G Singleton

NOTE: Singleton's conclusion that Isner's service "must have been after 1783" is apparently without basis. Fort Wilson was built by Col. Benjamin Wilson before 1778 (Bosworth, A. S. *A History of Randolph County, West Virginia*, 1916, p. 22). Capt. Benjamin Wilson was commissioned in the Militia of Augusta County on 17 Mar 1778 (McAllister, J. T. *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War*, 1913).