

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Isom R5503

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State of Tennessee McMinn County

On this 24 day of July 1846 personally appeared before me J. H. Benton an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Elijah Isom a resident of the said County of McMinn and State of Tennessee aged about eighty-nine 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 7, 1832.

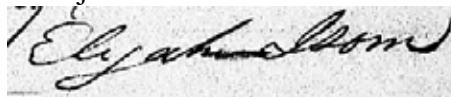
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he is aged and infirm and many of the circumstances connected with his service as well as the names of some of the officers under whom he served as also the precise dates at which he rendered service have escaped from his recollection. But he recollects and states as follows – That in the spring of the year 1775 or 6 in Henry County in the State of Virginia he was drafted into the service of the United States for the term of three months as a private in the Virginia Militia and placed under the command of Captain Thomas Chadwell and marched to Hatfield's Fort on New River where he was retained in the service of the United States until the expiration of his said term of three months when he was discharged. He recollects that his messmates were William Small, Ned North & John Hodges. In the fall of the year of 1778 or 9 in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia he was again drafted as a private of Militia, into the service of the United States and placed under the command of Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] whose Christian name if he ever heard he has forgotten, at the Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia where he was discharged after having served one month. Again in the year 1779 or 80 he was drafted as a private in the Virginia militia as he understood to march to General Washington's Army but was sent to Richmond where he was retained in the service three months and then discharged. He cannot recollect the officers' name under whom he then served but merely recollects that he was simply called Captain. His messmates were William Edmonson & James Hartless.

He has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his said service nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the same. 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.

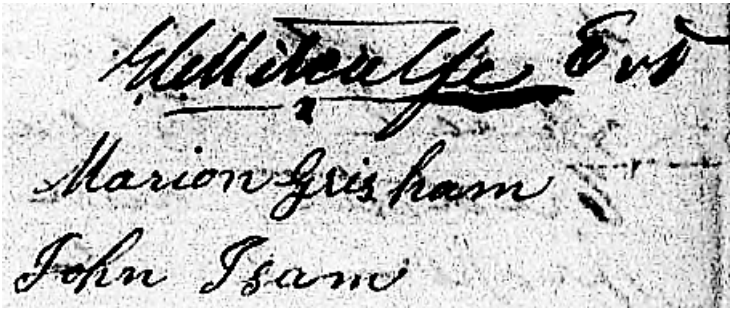
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date first above written.

S/ J. H. Benton, JP

S/ Elijah Isom



[G. C. Metcalfe, a clergyman, Marion Grisham and John Isam gave the standard supporting affidavit.



A photograph of a document showing three handwritten signatures in cursive script. The first signature is "G. C. Metcalfe" with "Clergyman" written below it. The second signature is "Marion Grisham" and the third is "John Isam". The document is aged and has some texture.

[p. 12: On November 1, 1852 in McMinn County Tennessee, the veteran executed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to pursue his claim for a pension.