

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Isbell S35461

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To the Honorable John C Calhoun Secretary of the Department of War of the United States –

I Alfred Metcalf Circuit Judge in and for the fifth Judicial District of the State of Kentucky & sole Judge of the Bullitt Circuit Court in said District, do certify this day Henry Isbell came personally before me and declared on oath, that he is a citizen of the United States & a resident of Bullitt County aforesaid, that in the spring of the year 1776 he enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the revolution in Captain Robert Ballard's Company in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Francis Eppes, and served as such about eleven months, and was then discharged by Colonel Clem [word written over and illegible] and then enlisted again, under Captain John Brunt [John Brent] in the fourth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson, to serve for two years, all which time he served as a soldier in said Regiment and was at the expiration of said two years regularly discharged by said Colonel Lawson; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; that his discharges aforesaid are lost or destroyed; that he does not know that there is any person living in Kentucky by whom he can establish the fact of his service as aforesaid; that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support, & that he has never been allowed a pension under the laws of the United States. Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818

S/ Alfred Metcalf

Fayette County Sct.

Before me a Justice of the peace for the said County personally appeared William Organ who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he knew Henry Isbell the person named in the preceding Certificate of Judge Metcalfe during the Revolutionary War – That this deponent was a common Soldier in the 10<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment. That during his military service at the Valley Forge and in Jersey he became acquainted with the said Isbell in consequence of his being a fellow soldier of a brother<sup>1</sup> of this deponent. That the said Isbell and his brother belonged to the same Company in he thinks the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. That this deponent's acquaintance with said Isbell continued a year or more during which he remained in the service in the said Regiment. That this deponent does not know personally the circumstances of the said Isbell but has understood they are very low.

Certified by me the first day of August 1818

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<sup>1</sup> Probably the same man as [Cornelius Organ R16856](#)

S/John Bradford

Schedule

District of Kentucky Sct.

Jessamine County Court Sct.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County having power to fine and imprison for any content offered it and its proceedings recorded by a clerk according to the act of Assembly Henry Isbell aged 61 years residing in said County and district aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he enlisted with Captain Robert Ballard at Charlotte County Virginia in the regular Service for one year in the first Virginia Regiment at the Commencement of the revolutionary War. That after serving one year as aforesaid he again enlisted with Captain John Blount at Charlotte County for two years in the regular service in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and was afterwards discharged by Colonel Robert Lawson in the State of Jersey that during these 2 last years he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown & Monmouth. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Schedule. He declares that he is destitute of money or property of any kind whatsoever, That he owes about 10 or \$12 or maybe something more and that he has about as much owing to him or a little more.

S/ Henry Isbel, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 8, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

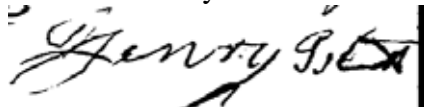
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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

Henry Isbell appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he Enlisted in the year 1776 for during the War and Captain Brunt's Company of the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental line and that he continued to serve in said Corps and in the Service of the United States until the year 1783 at which time he was honorably discharged in the Valley Forge by Colonel Lawson – and that through the course of time he has lost his discharge – And has never received his land warrant for said service and that the said 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson.

S/ Henry Isbell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Isbell", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a thick vertical black bar that serves as a signature line.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1821

S/ O Keen JP

[On July 2, 1822 in Fayette County Kentucky, Frederick Coons gave testimony that he was "acquainted with the within named Henry Isbell and was in the Army and knows that said Isbell enlisted for during the war in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and he knows that he did serve out his time according to his Enlistment and was discharged at the close of the war in the year 1783." Coons signed his affidavit with his mark. **I have not transcribed this affidavit in total because the image of it has been compromised and only the portion transcribed can be readily read.]**