

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Isbell S9358

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State of Virginia Goochland County

On this the 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices, the court of Goochland County now sitting, Benjamin Isbell a resident of the County of Goochland and State of Virginia, aged Sixty-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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. About twelve months after Burgoyne was taken prisoner [October 7, 1777] & with his men carried to the Albemarle Barracks about seven miles above Charlottesville, he was detailed as a guard to guard the Prisoners under the command of Captain Elisha Leake [Elisha Leak] of Goochland County – David Rutherford was either Lieutenant or Ensign, he can now recollect which – He marched to the Albemarle Barracks and there remained there between four and five weeks until relieved by other guard. He thinks Colonel Bland [perhaps Theodorick Bland] was the commanding officer at the Barracks at the time he was doing duty as guard there. From thence he returned home and in about a year or probably more thereafter, he was detailed under Captain Edward or Edmund Curd and rendezvoused at the rope works below Richmond and was attached to the command of either Colonel Richardson or Colonel Morris both being there, they went below Richmond to Morban Hills [Malvern Hills] & marched & countermarching about the country in that neighborhood and in & about four weeks returned home. In 1781 I went under Captain Leake to Richmond at the time Manchester was burnt by the British [April 30 1781] & changed to Captain Miller [perhaps William Miller], then joined the Marquis Lafayette and marched from Richmond to Colonel Dandridge's in Hanover; from thence to Scotch town in Hanover, thence into Spotsylvania; from Spotsylvania to Culpeper where we met General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] not far from the Raccoon Ford, we then returned & crossed the Rapidan [River] at the Raccoon Ford where we remained a few days; thence marched into Orange, from thence to Boswell's old Tavern in Louisa, from thence we came in to Fluvanna & cleared a road which to this day is called the Marquis' road, & then encamped on Machank Creek [Mechunk Creek] for some time; thence we marched down Louisa in the woods between the three notches road & the old mountain road, & then we went to a Creek called Camp Creek; thence to another Creek name not recollected; thence to Fork Creek; thence to Deep Creek where I obtained a discharge & returned home, which discharge I have lost. – In that tour, I was out about six months & probably a half. He has no documentary evidence. My brother Henry Isbell, Captain Stephen Mayo of Fluvanna County are living as I

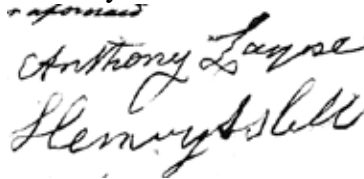
believe who can testify as to the most of my services. He has resided in the County of Goochland being born in that County from the time he received his discharge (except five years in Buckingham County & one in Hanover) until the present time. He never received any pay or compensation for his services. He 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, the day and year aforesaid
S/ Benjamin Isbell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Isbell". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. To the right of the signature, there is a solid black rectangular redaction mark.

We Anthony Layne and Henry Isbell residing in the County of Goochland do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Benjamin Isbell who has subscribed and sworn to the within declaration; that we believe him to be 69 years of age: we know that he was in service as a militia soldier in the Army of the revolution, and have no doubt he served as stated in his declaration.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.
S/ Anthony Layne
S/ Henry Isbell

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Anthony Layne" and the bottom signature reads "Henry Isbell". Both are written in black ink.

State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On the 20th day of May 1833 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Benjamin Isbell a resident of said County and being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. That in his first tour as set forth in his former declaration, he served one month as private in the infantry. That his second tour as formerly stated, under Captain Curd he also served one month, in the same grade. And that in his third tour under Leake, then Miller, then Toles [Stockley Towles], as mentioned before, he served six months in the said capacity of private of infantry –

To Question 1st he answers. In Goochland Virginia 18th of March 1763

To Question 2nd I have a copy from the parish register –

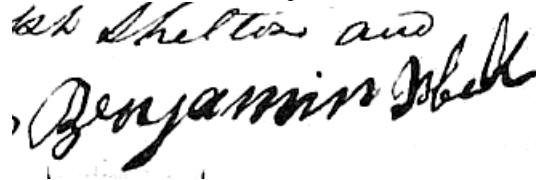
To Question 3rd I have always lived in this County except 7 years; since the war, when I lived in Buckingham Hanover and Louisa counties in Virginia –

To Question 4th I was a substitute for my Brother Lewis in the Barracks, and was drafted after the other tours

To Question 5th – I sold Colonel Bland at Charlottesville, and in his last tour I saw Generals Lafayette and Wayne. I saw the regular Army in my last tour. I recollect General Nelson and Colonel Lindsay of the militia and no militia regiments in particular. I served at the Barracks in Albemarle and marched under Captain Curd to the Eastern part of the State, and in my last tour was in the wild goose Chase

To Question 6th I received a discharge from Captain Toles only, and that I have lost –
To Question 7 Colonel Dabney of Louisa, Colonel Joseph Shelton and Mr. James Wheary of
Goochland.

S/ Benjamin Isbell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isbell Shelton and Benjamin Isbell". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Personally appeared before me John Underwood a Justice of the peace in and for the County Anthony Layne¹ a resident of the said County and State and a credible person and being duly sworn according to law on his oath saith that in the spring of the year '81 he served in the Virginia Militia in the Country below Richmond, a two months tour, and that during the whole of the time Benjamin Isbell of said County and now an applicant for a pension was in the service with him under Captain Miller, and that when he left the Army said Isbell continued in the service and he believes said Isbell continued to serve for some time longer. And also Henry Isbell² a resident of said County and also as appears to me a credible person, and being also duly sworn deposes that Benjamin Isbell of the County aforesaid served a tour at the Barracks in Albemarle in the fall of 1779 under Captain Leake; and also the said Isbell marched in the winter 1780 towards the lower part of the Country under Captain Occurred and that he was from home some time and he verily believes said Isbell continued in the service the whole tour. And moreover that said Isbell marched with him into service again in the spring of '81 under Captain Leake – that they served together some time and when he returned said Isbell continued in the service and did not return home till late in the summer. Given under my hand this 20th day of May 1833

S/ John Underwood, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [Anthony Layne S8822](#)

² FPA S9359