

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Isbell S9359

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State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

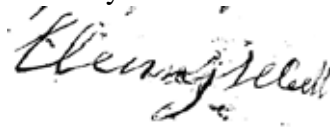
On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the justices of the County Court of Goochland now sitting Henry Isbell a resident of the County of Goochland and State of Virginia aged seventy-one years as near as he can ascertain, not having any register of his age, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year when the British prisoners were carried to the Albemarle barracks (the date he cannot recollect) with Captain Elisha Leake [Elisha Leak] from the County of Goochland, that he went to the Albemarle Barracks to guard the British prisoners and served there about one month & returned home, and in about one month afterwards he was again ordered from the County of Goochland where he resided to the Albemarle Barracks under Captain Josiah Leake [Josiah Leak] & remained on the second tour about one month more & then returned home: some months thereafter he volunteered & marched with a detachment of militia under Captain Humphrey Parrish & Lieutenant David Rutherford; rendezvoused at Richmond and then marched to Cabin Point and lay there & reconnoitering the country around for some time. I am under the impression that General Mullenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] had the command of the troops at that place. I recollect a Major a Frenchman by the name of Decluman [very probably Christian Charles de Klauman] or some name like that. I also think that Colonel Charles Fleming & Colonel Monroe were also there, but I do not recollect which of the Colonels I was then under the command: – Major Magill was also there: we remained some time longer than the tour for which we were ordered out, but I cannot now possibly tell how long: we moved from Cabin Point to Petersburg where I was under the command of Major Magill & returned home & recollect the snow was about half leg deep. – When I got home I was sick & as soon as I was able started again as well as I recollect in the month of February, the whole militia being called from the County of Goochland & Captain Elisha Leake had the principal command of the Goochland militia, we went to James River and crossed at Manakin [?] town & went to Petersburg, from Petersburg to Shirley Hundred, thence to Holt's forge, then up to Ebbin's Tavern in Hanover [could be Harrison]; thence to Hickory Neck Church either in Charles City or James City where we remained several days; thence to Cabin Point where I remained some time as well as he now recollects under the command of Colonel Fleming or Colonel Monroe he does not now recollect which & under the immediate command of Captain Thomas Hatcher, how long he remained there till his discharge he cannot recollect. – After this he was called out in the militia or stationed below Richmond and attached

to the Company of infantry commanded by Captain Thomas Richardson at the time of Cornwallis's invasion and there remained till the militia were discharged, but how long it was he cannot now recollect. That he was called out in the militia at the siege of York town, the rendezvous being at Williamsburg and was in the Company of Captain Gideon Hutcheson Captain Edward Duke he does not now recollect which the Captain not going town, the company was commanded by Lieutenant Thomas Bates. That he remained there till the surrender of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis, that the Colonel commanding the Regiment in which he was in was Will Darcks [William Darke?] – that does not recollect how long he was there but that he went some time before the siege & remained till he was discharged at Williamsburg after the surrender. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

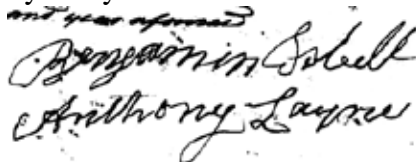
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Isbell



We Benjamin Isbell¹ and Anthony Layne² residing in the County of Goochland do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Henry Isbell who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy-one 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

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State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 21st day of May 1833 before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Henry Isbell a resident of the said County and being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1833 [sic]. That in his first tour as set forth in his former Declaration he served one month as private in the infantry and was drafted. That in his second tour as stated he also served one month in the same station. That his tour under Captain Parrish as stated heretofore was performed in the fall of the year A.D. as he thinks and in that tour he served three months as private in the infantry. That in his fourth tour as formerly stated he served to the best of his belief two months also as private. And that in his last tour as mentioned heretofore he also served two months to the best of his belief in the same grade. That he can procure direct proof of some part [of] his service and to the rest he can procure circumstantial proof, and that he has no documentary evidence. To Question 1st he replies. In Goochland Virginia 3rd October 1760 To Question 2nd I have no record of my age –

¹ FPA S9358

² [Anthony Layne S8822](#)

To Question 3rd I lived in the same County when called into service, I have since lived in Caroline and Fluvanna Counties Virginia and now reside in Goochland.

To Question 4th I volunteered once and was drafted the other times

To Question 5th. I saw all General Muhlenberg, General Steuben, Majors Decluman in Magill, General Lafayette and Generals Wayne and Washington. I recollect Lafayette's Army and the regular Army at York and the French Army and militia under Southall at the siege. I can state no other circumstances than those formerly mentioned.

To question 6. I received a discharge only at York. I do not recollect who signed it and do not know what has become of it –

To Question 7th – Colonel Joseph Shelton, Anthony Layne and Benjamin Isbell

S/ Henry Isbell

Sworn and subscribed the 21st day of May 1833 before me

S/ John Martin, JP

State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Be it known, that before me John Martin a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Anthony Layne a resident of said County and a credible person and on his oath saith – That he has known Henry Isbell who has subscribed the foregoing declaration since his boyhood. That living in the same neighborhood he knows said Isbell served frequently during the Revolutionary [war] And that he recollects serving in the militia on two occasions with said Isbell in the year '81 as he supposes once at Cabin point in the latter part of the winter and again in the spring and summer in the Country below Richmond And that he verily believes said Isbell served the tours faithfully.

S/ Anthony Layne

Sworn and subscribed the 21st day of May 1833 before me

S/ John Martin, JP

State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Be it known that before me John Martin a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Benjamin Isbell a resident of the County aforesaid, and a credible person and being duly sworn, on his oath saith, that during the Revolutionary war he lived in the house with Henry Isbell who has subscribed the preceding declaration. That he knows said Isbell was twice drafted to go to the barracks in Albemarle, was absent from home during one tour, and he never heard but that he served faithfully – and that in the one under Elisha Leake he served with said Isbell at that place. That he also knows said Isbell volunteered under Captain Parrish and although he was not with him, he never heard but that he served the tour and verily believes he did so. That he served a tour with said Isbell in the spring 1781 when they marched from Goochland and said Isbell served under Captain Richardson and That he knows said Isbell served again in the fall of the same year as he was called for and was from home the usual time and he never heard but that he served the tour.

S/ Benjamin Isbell

Sworn and subscribed the 21st day of May 1833 before me

S/ John Martin, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia militia.]