

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Isley (Isely, Izeley) ¹ W26149
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State of Georgia, Gwinnett County: Inferior Court September Term 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of Record) now sitting Philip Iseley [sic] a resident of the said County of Gwinnett & State of Georgia aged Eighty-one 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. That he entered the service in the State of North Carolina & County of Orange wherein he then resided in the year 1775 or 1776 he is not very certain, under Captain Taize [sic, probably Capt. James Trice] attached to Colonel Butler's [John Butler's] Regiment & marched into South Carolina and was in the battle of Gates defeat [sic, Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] at which place his Captain fell & then served under Captain Rogers [William Rogers]. Marched back to North Carolina and was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and was also in the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] was in the service in all nine months & at the expiration of said service was regularly discharge by his officers but have since lost said discharge – afterwards was in the divers skirmishes against the Tories in North Carolina under Col. Mapen [sic, Robert Mebane?]. That after the revolutionary war that he has resided for North Carolina & from thence came to the State of Georgia & County of Gwinnett where he now resides – and that he has no documentary evidence whereby he can prove his said services – and that he does of no person now living whose testimony he can procure to establish 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 & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

Attest: Wm. Maltbie, C. H.

S/ Philip Izeley, X his mark

[John L. Wilson, a clergyman, and Daniel Drummond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[image 448]

Georgia, Gwinnett County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said County Philip Isely of said County & who has applied for a pension and after being duly sworn saith that in amendment & explanation of his Original Declaration the following Statement of facts which are true within his recollection as to the services rendered & true to the best of his recollection in

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relation to the periods & duration of his service but from his old age & decay of mind & body he cannot be precise as to the particular date to wit – that he entered the Service as stated in his declaration as a volunteer in 1776 to the best of his recollection – remained in the Service a short time to wit one month as a private as a light Horse man & was principally employed in scouring the Country in North & South Carolina -- in the latter part of 1779 as well as he can recollect he was drafted & entered the Service in Captain Taize [sic, probably Capt. James Trice's] Company in Orange County North Carolina & was attached to Colonel Butler's Regiment and was in service as a private during the three months in North & South Carolina and his services being required he continued in that service until after the Battle in which General Gates' Army to which he belonged was defeated in South Carolina after the defeat of Gates & the Army nearly all dispersed and his term having expired he was regularly discharged by his said Captain Rogers – he returned Home and again in the early part of the year 1781 as well as he can now recollect he again entered the Service at the same place as a drafted man in Captain Rogers Company for six months was marched to Guilford & there placed under the command of General Nathanael Greene two days before the battle and was in that Battle – after the battle they were proposing to attack Cornwallis's Army next day but he had in the meantime marched off – Greene then marched into South Carolina and afterwards fought the battle at Eutaw Springs and that shortly after the Battle his term of service having previously expired he was discharged by his said Captain & returned home this discharge took place after pursuing the British towards Charleston that his service in all for which he was bound to serve was at least nine months & one month as a Horseman and he volunteered to scour the Country as first stated and remained in service several months without being compelled so to do when his different terms had expired – and after he had been fully discharged from all service he was engaged as stated in his declaration.

And that by way of Explanation of his former statement made in his said Declaration he states that the times therein were not stated as he supposed they were & as he had related them to the gentleman who drafted it but instead of the different times & services being stated it was stated as a continued service which in that respect was erroneous & he being wholly illiterate did not detect the error as he is now informed it exists. That he served as a private soldier in each tour of duty. That in his service in 1780 Peter Conner – John Louie -- & Postian Aulis – were his messmates – that in his service in 1781 – Martin Lease² – Joseph Noye & Powell Kimberly were of his messmates.

That he was (as he has always been informed by his parents & believes) born in the State of Pennsylvania in the Year 1751 – and was removed into Orange County North Carolina when an infant resided there till the year 1822 when he removed to Gwinnett County Georgia where he now resides – that he has no record of his age.

That John L. Wilson a Clergyman & Daniel Drummond who have already testified – Larry Bankston – John Mills & James Hutchins to all of whom he has been long known & many other neighbors All testify to his character for truth & veracity & of their belief that he served as stated in the War of the revolution. That during the above periods he was engaged in no civil pursuit, & for these services he claims a pension.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 25 July 1833.

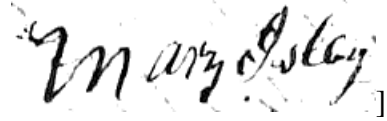
S/ Philip Isely, X his mark

John Mills, JP

[image 445: State of Georgia, Cobb County, August 21, 1858, Mary Isley [sic] filed for a widow's pension stating that she married Philip on March 20, 1816; that Philip died on March 9, 1842, a pensioner, in Gwinnett County, Georgia. In another affidavit she states her maiden name

2 This is possibly a reference to [Martin Nease S1776](#) from served from Orange County, NC.

was Mary Cameron.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Isley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent "M" and "I".

[image 458: On August 21, 1858 in Cobb County Georgia, the widow, 84, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. This document has a very strong signature as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Isley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent "M" and "I".

[images 461-462: The file contains a copy of Philip's last will and testament in which he names his wife Polly Isley as his sole beneficiary and executrix of his estate.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]