

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Isbell W7862

Discretion Isbell

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State of North Carolina Caldwell County

On this 26 day of January 1843 personally appeared before the Courts of Pleas & Quarter Sessions opened & held in & for the County aforesaid Discretion Isbell a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Seventy-eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain Widows." That she is the widow of Thomas Isbell who was a soldier in the Revolution in the Continental line who enlisted & served two years according to his declaration made frequently during his lifetime. He enlisted in Albemarle County Virginia but this affiant does not recollect the name of the Captain under whom he enlisted but that he was stationed near Philadelphia at Germantown in a short time after his enlistment under General George Washington who was then in Command. This I think was in fall season & remained all winter & in the spring or summer he was ordered to Staten Island & there he took sick and his Captain gave him a furlough to go home until he could recover from his sickness he reached home in either in August or September & remained at home until sometime during the next Spring about the month of March & joined the Army again and made up his lost time & served out his two years. For the proof of his services I refer you to the proof annexed. This affiant further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Isbell on the 21st day of February 1782 that the husband the aforesaid Thomas Isbell died on the 27th day of October 1819. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ E. P. Miller, Clerk of Caldwell C C

S/ Discretion Isbell, X her mark

State of North Carolina Caldwell County

This day came before me a justice of the peace in and for the County of Caldwell and State aforesaid Thomas Calton and made oath that his age is eighty-six years and states that Thomas Isbell enlisted in the Continental line in the revolution in the year 1774. The name of the officer under whom he enlisted he cannot now recollect being very old and infirm but states that they were raised near neighbors in Albemarle County Virginia, and that he enlisted for two years and states that he continued in service until he served out his full time and was honorably discharged and returned home, and in a short time after his return he moved to North Carolina where he remained until his death. He further declares that he often times heard him talking

about his service and the many difficulties which he encountered – when he entered the service he left a saddle & bridle which I purchased a short time after he went into the service. He further declares that he knew the said Thomas Isbell & that he & the said Discretion Isbell lived together as man and wife not far distant from him, and the said Thomas Isbell died in the 27 day of October 1819 and that the widow has remained a widow since.

Sworn to and subscribed the 20 day of June 1842.

S/ William Bradley, JP

S/ Thomas Calton, X his mark

[p. 26: On February 13, 1843 in Ashe County North Carolina, Sarah Council gave testimony that she was present and saw Thomas Isbell and Discretion Isbell married as man and wife. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 27: Henry Sumter, 72, gave testimony in Caldwell County North Carolina on June 21, 1842 that he was well acquainted with the veteran being his neighbor in Albemarle County Virginia; that the veteran enlisted with John Sumter, Lewis Cotton & John Walters in Albemarle County in the Continental line in 1774 and served 2 years and returned home in 1776.]

[p 8: Copy of a marriage bond dated December 13, 1781 issued in Wilkes County North Carolina to Thomas Isbell and Godfrey Isbell conditioned upon the marriage of Thomas Isbell to Discretion Howard.]

[p 30: On June 24, 1848 in Caldwell County North Carolina, Thomas Isbell administrator of Discretion Isbell gave testimony that she was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum and that she died June 24, 1848.

Thomas Isbell
Administrator of
Discretion Isbell. 