

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Isbell W9856

Franks Tilly¹

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State of Missouri Macon County: SS

On this 21st day of September in the year 1844 before the on the Subscriber one of the Judges of the County Court in and for said County, personally appeared Franka Tilly a resident of said County aged seventy-six 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 Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and of the 22nd of August 1842 granting Pensions and half pay to certain widows. That she was married to Daniel Isbel on the 18th day of May in the year 1783. That her husband the aforesaid Daniel Isbel was a Fife Major for the Space of three years in the Virginia Continental or state troop, and which of said troops he served in she is not able to state – that she was not married to him till after the war of the Revolution. That she is not able to state the precise periods at which he left the service nor when he entered it or under what officers he served – but she has heard him say that his Captain was by the name of Isaah Moody [sic, Isaiah Moody?]. That she was married to the said Isbel by publication as she thinks in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina at the time aforesaid, I the Reverend John Barlow –

That her husband the aforesaid Daniel Isbel died on the 4th day of May 1797. She was afterwards married to Ben. Tilly on the 20th day of March 1801 by license in Jessamine County Kentucky, and that the said Bennet Tilly [Bennett Tilly] died on the 15th day of March 1843. She further declares that she is still a widow and that she was not married to the said Daniel Isbel before he left the service of the United States but that she was married to him prior to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above written
S/ James H Graves, Judge of the County Court of Macon County

S/ Franka Tilly, X her mark

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

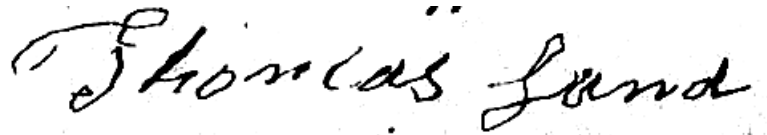
This day personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Jasmine aforesaid Thomas Land a resident of said Aged sixty-two years, and being first duly sworn deposeth and saith. That he was well acquainted with Daniel Isbell who married Franky Land his father's sister. That he often heard said Isbell say that he was a soldier in the revolutionary war, from the state of Virginia, and also that he often heard

¹ former widow

his father John Land say that said Daniel Isbell was a soldier in said war, being also a soldier in said war and well acquainted with said Isbell whilst he was in the service. That previous to the year 1794 said Daniel Isbell & his aunt Franky lived together as man & wife. That said Daniel Isbell was killed by one Thomas Lahorn in the year 1797. That his aunt Franky Isbell the widow of David Isbell deceased in March 1801 was married to Ben Tilley (the name he usually bore) at his father's house and he this deponent was at the marriage. He further states that he has often heard the said Ben Tilley say he served in the revolutionary war.

This affiant further gives as a reason why he recollects particularly the date of the marriage of Ben Tilly & his wife Franky Isbell, that he was attacked with the white swelling in one of his legs in the spring of the year 1801, and that spring whilst confined, having just arrived to the age of 18 years, he received his first notice to muster. And further this affiant saith not.

S/ Thomas Land

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Land". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the 2nd day of December 1844

S/ JC Christopher, JP

[pp: 25-26: On January 22nd, 1845 Hugh Chrisman of Jasmine County Kentucky gave testimony among other things that Daniel Isbell was killed in said County at the mouth of Hickman on the Kentucky River; that Franky Isbell was his widow; that Franky married Ben Tilley; on the same date and in the same County Samuel Hunter gave a substantially identical testimony to that given by Hugh Chrisman, adding that Daniel Isbell played the Fife well and that he always said that he played the Fife when he served in the revolutionary war.]

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Council Chamber June 14th, 1784

I do certify that Daniel Isbell is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Private of the State line, for 3 years service.

S/ Thos. Meriwether

S/ Benj. Harrison

A Warrant for 100 acres issued to Daniel Isbell, June 29th, 1784

A Copy from the Records of the Virginia Land Office

Teste, S. H. Parker, Reg. L. Office

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843, for her husband service as a private in the Virginia service.]