

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hisle (Hisel) R5046

Nancy Hisle

f17VA

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State of Kentucky County of Madison

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1844 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the above written County and State Nancy Hisle a resident of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky aged ninety-five 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of Thomas Hisle who was a soldier of the revolution from the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia in the militia, she is unable to state the names of the officers he served under but she well recollects that he served three tours of three months each. She states that she has heard her husband speak of the officers he served under but from her great age and loss of memory and being much afflicted she cannot state their names at this time, but she well recollects hearing him say that he and Michael Berk<sup>1</sup> served under the same Captain and was in the same mess, the three tours that he was out. She recollects that she had two children when her husband was in the service. That she is now very old and infirm and very poor and have never had an opportunity before this to have the pension of applied for and at this time she is fearful that she is unable to have the proof required by the rules of the Department, but she well recollects that her husband was out in the war of the revolution and that she was at home with her children when he was out fighting for the liberty that we are now enjoying. She prays that such evidence as she has be taken in her case and a pension for 9 months service be granted her, as that is the time she knows he served. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Hisel [sic] on Friday in March 1777; that her husband, the aforesaid Thomas Hisle died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1832 and that she has remained a widow ever since his death, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto unto annexed. She states that the marriage was in Culpeper County Virginia and his death took place in Madison County Kentucky. She says that she has raised seven children and her oldest is a son and is named Benjamin he was born in 1779, she believes that he was born in the month of February.

S/ Nancy Hisle, X her mark

I Joseph Hisel a resident of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky aged 60 years state that I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Thomas Hisel and that Nancy Hisle that made this declaration is the widow of Thomas Hisel and she has remained a widow ever since his death and I have never

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Michael Burk S1174](#)

heard it doubted but that they were legally married. Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1844

S/ Joseph Hisle, X his mark

I Robert Burk a resident of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky aged 56 years, State that I have heard my father Michael Burk who was a pensioner say that he served 3 tours with Thomas Hisle in the war of the revolution and was in the same mess. I have often heard them both speak of being in the same mess, given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1844

S/ Robert Burk, X his mark

I Robert Covington<sup>2</sup> a resident of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky, aged Eighty-five years state that I have been acquainted with Thomas Hisle and Nancy his wife ever since my earliest Recollection. I knew them before their marriage and ever since until his death, I was not at their marriage but from the information of the neighbors I have no doubt but that they were lawfully married, I further state that I never heard it doubted but that they were lawfully married, I know that they lived together as husband and wife until his death, and raised a family of children and their oldest son is named Benjamin, and I further state that I believe that he was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. I was in service myself from the same County that he went from, for which services I now draw a pension, although I was not in the same Regiment with him, but I know that I served two years and four months with two of his brothers that was younger than he was, but I was told that he was out as a militia man, my knowledge of Thomas Hisle and Michael Burk as men of Respectability and truth and a long acquaintance I had with them, from the information of other respectable persons, I have no doubt but that they served together as has been stated, and I know that Nancy Hisle is the widow of the same Thomas Hisle and that she has remained a widow ever since his death. I have heard her declaration read, and believe that it contains the truth. Given from under my hand this first day of March 1844.

S/ Robert Covington, X his mark

I John Burke a resident of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky aged 53 years, state that I have often times heard my father, Michael Burke, who was a pensioner of Madison County Kentucky, state that he hauled Thomas Hisle from the hospital, or place where the sick was kept in time of the Revolutionary War, and that he, Hisle, was taken sick in the service, and had to be brought home from there, and he, Burke, was the man that brought him home from there, and I further state that Nancy Hisle is the widow of the same Thomas Hisle and has remained a widow ever since his death, Given under my hand this first day of March 1844.

S/ John Burke, X his mark

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<sup>2</sup> [Robert Covington W2067](#)