

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Bridgeman R12791

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State of Illinois }
Hardin County } SS.

On this day the [blank] day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Mary Bridgeman aged now about ninety years a resident of Hardin County in the State of Illinois who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Thomas Bridgeman deceased, who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Samuel or Richard Booker, under Col. Moody or Morgan [possibly Capt. Richard Booker in Col. George Muter's Virginia State Artillery Regiment] (of which she cannot speak definitely) of the Virginia State troops, in the Revolutionary War; she cannot say at what point he went in to the service or when he was discharged (she has often heard him say, but cannot now recollect); that he served something like thirty months in said war, say from 1779 to 1782, she further states that she was married to the said Thomas Bridgeman on or near the line between North and South Carolina and she is and has been under the impression that it was in York District South Carolina. Yet it might have been in North Carolina; that she had been acquainted with the said Thomas Bridgeman about six months prior to their marriage; that she understood from him that he had been from Virginia at the time of their marriage about six on [?] years; That he had some relatives then living in Dinwiddie County in the state of Virginia; That he was born and raised there, and when he left his father was living and perhaps some brothers; but I understood from him some time before his death that his father had died since he left them, and that there was some little estate would be coming to him; she does not recollect his fathers given name; that at the time of there marriage he had some of the cloths he said he wore while in the service, and had the appearance of soldiers dress; that she thinks perhaps some of the clothing remained about the house up to the time of his death, as to this she cannot speak with certainty. That after the death of her said Husband Thomas Bridgeman, say about the year 1819 she with her family moved to the county of Iredel [sic: Iredell] state of North Carolina, where she lived until the year 1852 when she moved to the County of Hardin and State of Illinois where she now lives. That she has continued and now is the widow of Thomas Bridgeman deceased, and that she is unmarried.

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