

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Pierce R8231

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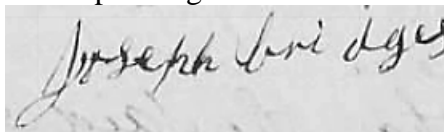
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Declaration of Joseph Bridges administrator of the estate of Ann Pierce deceased who was widow of Lewis Pierce deceased for Revolutionary pension under the act of Congress of June seventh, 1832, this declaration is made on behalf of all the heirs namely Joseph Bridges & wife Ann Bridges formerly and Pierce and the order of Lewis Pierce and Ann Pierce deceased –

State of Mississippi Covington County: On this 10th day of March A.D. 1856 virtually appeared before the Probate Court of said County in open court Joseph Bridges a resident of said County & State of Mississippi aged 61 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the seventh day of June A.D. 1832 granting pensions to widows of persons who served in the Revolutionary war, that the said Ann Pierce was the widow of Lewis Pierce deceased that the said Lewis Pierce served in the Revolutionary war as affiant has been informed and believes about \_\_\_ years some portion of the time from the State of North Carolina on his own account and some portion as a substitute for \_\_\_ and some portion in South Carolina and a portion in Virginia he believes under Command of General Francis Marion -- and some under command [of] George Washington and that the said Lewis Pierce was at Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] said service commencing as he is informed and believes about the year 1777 and ending in 1783 or 1784, that the said Lewis Pierce was honorably discharged and paid for the service rendered in North Carolina as same in Comptroller's Certificate and probably by other States also that the said Lewis Pierce died in 1833 leaving his widow Ann Pierce and the following named children Ann Bridges, wife of Joseph Bridges, Rebecca Malone wife of Daniel Malone and Jerry Pierce

That no record of said marriage was ever Kept as affiant believes, the said Lewis Pierce was married to the said Ann Wooton about the year 1783 or 1784 -- and that after the death of the said Lewis Pierce in 1832 the said Ann Pierce lived a widow to the day of her death on the \_\_\_ day of July A.D. 1853.

S/ Joseph bridges

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Bridges". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 6: On 10<sup>th</sup> March 1856 in Covington Mississippi, County, Howell Bridges, 59, a resident of

Williamsburg County Mississippi gave testimony that he was acquainted with Lewis and Ann Pierce while they lived together as man and wife up to the date of the death of Lewis Pierce in 1833; that he knew them in Morgan County Georgia and knew all their children as named in the foregoing declaration; that he lived within 1 mile of the widow and that she died in July 1853.

*from court*  
*Howell Bridges*  
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[p 11: certificate from the Comptroller's Office of the state of North Carolina showing payments made to a Lewis Pierce; the certificate is dated may 31, 1854.]

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The State of Mississippi Covington County

Be it remembered that on this 13th day of April 1857 personally appeared before me Thomas D. Bridges an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Mrs. Sally Barlow aged ninety-eight years a resident of said County & State known to me to be a credible person who being duly sworn according to law (and being informed by me that the object of the present examination was to obtain her evidence in support of a claim of Joseph Bridges on behalf of the heirs of Ann Pierce the widow of Lewis Pierce deceased: for arrears of Pension from the United States for the Services of said Lewis Pierce as a revolutionary Soldier) made the following statement, to wit

That she resided in the family of Lewis Pierce in the State of North Carolina from the year 1774 to about the year 1783; that she knows that the said Lewis Pierce was a Soldier in the revolutionary war a great part of that time that he sometimes returned home and brought money with him which he said was money he had received for his wages as a Soldier. And after the year 1783 she was separated from the family of the said Lewis Pierce until about the year 1825 and she met with the said Lewis Pierce in the State of Mississippi and knows him to be the identical Lewis Pierce who she lived in the family of in North Carolina as above named that she knows that Lewis Pierce is dead that Ann Pierce was his widow and that she is also dead She states that she does not know all the children of said Lewis & Ann Pierce

Then I certify that the said Sally Barlow from bodily infirmity is not able to attend Court I further certify that I am not interested in the application of Joseph Bridges for said pension (the name signed by writer by her direction)

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of April 1857

S/ Thos. D. Bridges, JP

S/ Sally Barlow