

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Bridges (Briges) S35199

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County to wit

In the record proceedings of the Caldwell County Court among the other all the following to wit

Be it remembered Anne County Court begun and held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in the town of Princeton on the 25th day of May 1818

The following proceedings were had to wit

Benjamin Bridges an indigent Revolutionary Soldier personally appeared here in order to be heard respecting his claim to the benefit of the law of the 18th of March 1818 Entitled an act provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Services of the United States during the Revolutionary war and being duly sworn [paper torn and word compromised] & says that sometime in 1776, he enlisted in the 3rd Regiment of Continental troops of the North Carolina line under Captain Jacob Turner for three years that he was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown where his Captain was killed, that after continuing three years and a half in the Same Regiment he was discharged in New Jersey by order of General Washington which discharge is worn out and lost, he further swears that from his reduced circumstances that he needs the assistance of his country for support which is ordered to be certified &c

Caldwell County Sct As clerk of the County Court of said County I certify that the foregoing is a true transcription from the records in my office. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this 5th day of June 1818

S/ John H. Phelps

State of Kentucky Caldwell County to wit

In the Record of proceedings in the County Court of said County among others all the following

Be it remembered that "At a County Court begun and held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in the Town of Princeton on Monday the 24th of July 1820" the following proceedings were had to wit

"On motion of Benjamin Briges he producing his affidavit herein Court which being sworn to in open court by said Briges was ordered to be recorded and certified according to law, which affidavit reads as follows to wit

"State of Kentucky Caldwell County Sct: On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County Benjamin Briges age 66 years resident in said County who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in the Company commanded by Captain Jacob Turner of the 3rd Regiment of the North Carolina Continental troops commanded by Colonel Jeffrey Sumner [sic, Jethro Sumner] and served the full term of 3 years & 6 months, all of which is contained in his original declaration which bears date the 25th of May 1818 and has received a certificate thereon which is numbered 1289.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

My property consist of one horse worth \$30, one cow and calf worth \$10, one ax worth \$3, one Coulter worth \$1.50. My family consist of my wife Frances Ann aged 59 feeble and infirm one daughter named Polly aged 22 who ask for herself and is not obliged to assist me, and one grandson age 6 years of named James Anders?? [paper torn] who is not calculated to assist me in my occupation which is that of a farmer.

S/ Benjamin Briges, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 25, 1818, for three years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]