

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ransone Bridges (Morgan) S39245

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At a monthly court continued and held according to adjournment for Mathews County at the courthouse of said county of Tuesday the 14th day of April in the year of our lord 1818 and of our Independence the 42nd.

Ransone Morgan appeared before the court and made oath that in the year 1776 he enlisted, as a soldier under captain Charles Tompkies to serve in his company in the 7th Virginia Regiment upon continental establishment in the revolutionary war for the term of two years, that he regularly served out the said term and reenlisted at the camp of the continental army called White Marsh [Whitemarsh PA] in the year 1778 in Captain Joseph Egglestons troop of Horse in the legion commanded by Colo. Henry Lee for three years and that he regularly served out his said term of enlistment in the Legion aforesaid and was duly discharged from the said service at the high Hills of Santee [E of present Columbia SC], but which discharge has long since been lost or mislaid, and the said Morgan further states, that from his advanced age and infirmity together with his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support, which is order to be certified by this court; and it is the opinion of the court that the said Ransone Morgan served nine months at one period on the continental establishment, and is in reduced circumstances, and requires the assistance of the country for support.

Mathews County court. February 8th 1819

On the motion of Ransone Bridges (alias Ransone Morgan) who made oath that he was a natural child born out of wedlock, and that he can neither read or write and has been known and called by the name of Morgan as well as Bridges ever since his birth, that his proper name is Ransone Bridges by which said name of Ransone Bridges he was enlisted by Capt'n. Charles Tompkies as within mentioned and the facts above stated being well known to the court it is ordered to be certified by this court to the war department at Washington.

Mathews County Court April 12th 1819

On the motion of Ransone Bridges and the court being satisfied with the correctness of his application. It is ordered that the within certificate be amended in this, "that the Regiment in which he served as therein stated was commanded first by Colonel Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield] and then by Colonel Clennaham or McClennaham. And that the said Ransone Bridges is a resident of the county of Mathews aforesaid. which is ordered to be certified.

State of Virginia }

Mathews County S.S. }

On this tenth day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county made so expressly by the laws of said State Ransone Bridges aged sixty four years, resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows; "that in the year 1776 he enlisted as a Soldier under Captain Charles Tompkies to serve in his company in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded at first by Colo. Dangerfield and then by Colo Clennahan or McClenahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan] upon continental establishment for the term of two years, that he regular served out the said term and reenlisted at the camp of the continental army called white marsh in the year 1778 in captain Joseph Egglestons Troop of Horse in the Legion commanded by Colo Henry Lee for three years and that he regularly served out his said term of enlistment in the Legion aforesaid; that the date of his original declaration is the 14th day of

April 1818 and that he has received a pension certificate No. 12554.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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.

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| five flag chairs at 3/ | | \$2.50 |
| 1 spinning wheel & 1 pair cards. | .. | 2.50 |
| 2 chests \$1. one canoe \$12. | | 13.00 |
| 1 Sow 6 pigs 3 shoats. | | 8.00 |
| 2 pair oyster tongs. | | <u>.50</u> |
| | | \$26.50 |

My age is 64 years, occupation a farmer and very unable to pursue it, being afflicted with Rhumatic pains. my wife Nancy is aged 45 years and can only do the common drudgery of a house wife. I have 3 children living with me, namely John aged 15 years, able to support himself, Polly aged 18 years, able to support herself, and Betsey aged 7 years not able to support herself Ransone hisXmark Bridges

NOTE: In the [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) is an application for bounty land by John Bridges stating that his father, Ransone Bridges, died on 8 Dec 1824. John Bridges stated that he and Elizabeth Bridges, a niece of John Bridges, were heirs.