

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bridges W4904

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky

District of Boone County Sct

On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1822 personally appeared in open Court "To Wit the Boone Circuit it being a court of Record for the County aforesaid and made so by statute of the legislature of said State" John Bridges a resident of said County of Boone aged about sixty six years who being first duly sworn according to law in open court doth make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 & the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said John Bridges enlisted for the Term of Three years in the fall of the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Capt. Wm. Washington [William Washington, company raised in Westmoreland County] in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Heath [sic: William Heth] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corpse until the Expiration of the time of his enlistment aforesaid when he was discharged in the State of Pennsylvania during which three years he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] – and then he enlisted during the war in the Troop of horse commanded by said Wm Washington who was promoted to a Colonel and in the Company commanded by Capt. Lynn in which Service he continued until after Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781], when he was discharged at Guilford Courthouse after marching to that place under General Morgan [see endnote]. That he has lost both of his discharges aforesaid and that he has no other evidence of his services but the certificate & affidavit of Alvin Mountjoy [pension application W8471] who was Lieut. in the aforesaid company of Capt. William Washington – and Jos Franklin [Joseph Franklin W10041] who served at the same time as a private soldier which are herewith forwarded

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 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 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 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

A schedule of the property of John Bridges & value of it To wit –

One mare worth \$30– one cow & calf worth \$10– one Bed & furniture worth \$15– some other articles of house hold & kitchen furniture all worth not more that \$15 making in the whole Seventy Dollars –

I am a farmer by occupation living on rented land & have five in family besides myself – my wife aged about 57 years who is lame or decripid in one hand. Two small grand daughters aged 12 & 10 who are orphans without any property their father being dead and one orphan boy aged about 12 years – all of whom from their ages & situation are rather helpless that otherwise & requires the utmost exertion & then I am scarcely able to support them all and myself      John hisXmark Bridges

State of Ky Scott County Sct.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 came in person Jno Bridges, before the County Court of Scott County then in session, aged seventy eight years who doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed May 15<sup>th</sup> 1828. That on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year

1776 as well as he recollects he enlisted under Lt. Allen Moutjoy in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Va Reg't. of foot on continental establishment, in the Comp'y of Capt. Wm. Washington, for three years – he served his time – was honorably discharged. Then in 1779 he enlisted, for & during the war, under Lt. Linton of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reg't. of Horse of Va. under command of Col Wm. Washington on Continental establishment. That whilst in the service as afs'd. Col Wm Washingtons Reg't. of Horse was some of the time under Gen'l. Morgans command. At Guilford this Reg't. was under command of Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], as well as at Camden [during Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781]. At Reedy river [skirmish at Wetzel's Mill on Reedy Fork of Haw River, 6 Mar 1781] under his own command – and at the battles of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], Dorchester [skirmish at Fort Dorchester SC, 1 Dec 1781] & 96 [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] it was under command of Gen'l. Green. That he rec'd. one wound in all the services afs'd. that he has been on the pension roll of the United States about six years as an invalid [sic: about 10 years as impoverished veteran], caused by these wounds afs'd. that he never made application heretofore to be place on the pension roll for his services except as an invalid as afs'd. That he served out his time of enlistment which was for & during the war of the revolution in the capacity of a private. That he rec'd. an honorable discharge in writing, which he lost in crossing the Shenandoah river when he removed to this country. His services were upwards of six years – and he is the identical man who has been & is now on the invalid pension roll of the U. States. In proof of his claim he refers to his former proof as well as the proof wherewith transmitted.

He hereby relinquishes his claim to all other pensions for his services, as a soldier but not that to which he is now entitled as an invalid; and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state in the union except as an Invalid as afs'd. Sworn to & subscribed in open court as above.

John hisXmark Bridges

The undersigned Jno. Jacobs [John Jacobs] & Peter Brumback being first duly sworn, in open Court, state that they have examined the statement of Jno. Bridges above. That they were well acquainted with Jno. Bridges during his services in the war of the revolution in the Regiment command by Col Washington, and they know that he served as therein stated in said Regiment. Signed John Jacobs/ Peter Brumback

#### NOTES:

Gen. Daniel Morgan is not known to have been at Guilford Courthouse NC after Feb 1781.

On 15 Apr 1839 Jane Bridges, 73, of Boone County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married John Bridges on 12 Mar 1785, and he died on 20 Mar 1838. A letter in the file states that a search in Stafford County had found no record of the marriage of John Bridges. Peter Brumback certified that he had served with John Bridges. The widow's declaration was also certified by their first child, Levina Riley, who produced the family record transcribed below.

Henry Riley born June 1<sup>st</sup> 1783

Levina Bridges born Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1785

Married Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1801

Seton S. Riley born June 4<sup>th</sup> 1803

Isom A. Riley born Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1806

Sarah J [or I] Riley born January 8<sup>th</sup> 1808

Jesse J [or I] Riley born January 3<sup>d</sup>. 1810

John C. Riley born Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1812

Fielding H. Riley born Nov. 3<sup>d</sup> 1813

Conny C. Riley born Oct 23<sup>d</sup> 1815

Agnes B. Riley born October 31<sup>st</sup> 1817

Henry W. Riley born Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1819