

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Bridgewater W9371
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Indiana } Sct }
Scott County } }

On this Nineteenth day of August Eighteen Hundred and Forty four came in Open Court before the honorable Judges thereof Mary Ann Bridgewater aged Eighty Nine years resident of said County who on her solemn Oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 4th day of July 1836

Mary Ann Bridgewater affiant aforesaid and states that she is the widow of Samuel Bridgewater Dec'd. who departed this Life in the County and State aforesaid on the 11th day of May 1827 that he said Samuel Bridgewater left at his death this affiant as his widow that she has continued to live as such from that day untill the present, that she is informed and verily believes that her information is true that said Samuel Bridgewater entered the service of the American Revolution in the State of Virginia that in the year 1776 she is informed by her said husband that he volunteered or was drafted for three months in Captain Zadok Springs Company of militia that he served out his tour of three months and was discharged having been employed against the Tories through this tour and guarding the frontiers, that she is informed and verily believes that in 1777 her deceased husband was again drafted or volunteered and served in Capt Thomas Carr Company for three months or more and was discharged that the same has been mislaid or lost – having been engaged in suppressing the the Tories in this year and guarding the frontiers And that in this year he dec'd. husband took the Oath of Allegiance the original of which is herewith attached that in the year 1778 he was called out under Capt Moses Sutton and served out his tour and was discharged and the same has been mislaid or lost – that in the year 1779 he was again called out by draft and served three months under Captain Sutton guarding the prisoners of Bessons Town [Beesontown VA, now Uniontown PA] and scouting between that and the River Monongahela that he served out his time of three months and was honorably discharged the original of which is herewith attached – that the last tour of service was as she is informed done mostly in the western part of Pennsylvania or Virginia – that her husband was in the expedition of Col. Wm. Crawford [William Crawford, possibly at Sandusky OH, 4-6 Jun 1782] against the Indians in the western part of Virginia or Pennsylvania how long she does not now recollect but she thinks one month or more – she states that she is very old and infirm and can not speak very positively as to the dates and number of tours performed by her husband but that he was very often out and done all the tours of duty required of him during the time of the revolution – that her said husband died before he could make any application for a pension and she is therefore at a great loss how to make out her declaration She therefore prays that a favorable consideration be had of her claim – that her said husband Samuel Bridgewater and this affiant whose name was Mary Ann Caughman before marriage – was married on the 2nd day of June 1771 in Mecklinburgh [sic: Mecklenburg] County in Virginia by the Reverent Mr. Sowers a Presbyterian minister of the gospel that said Samuel Bridgewater & Mary Ann Bridgewater continued to live together as such untill the death of her said husband as before stated Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid


Mary Ann herXmark Bridgewater

This is to Serertify that Samuel Bridgewater Served three Months as a Solder on the frontiers Given under my hand and seal this This Tenth Day of August 1779 Moses Suton Capt. To
Mr Samuel Bridgewater

Sir you are to randavous at Beesons Town on Friday The 5 Day of may in order to go on station given under my hand This 28 Day of April 1779 [see endnote]
Moses Suton Capt To mr Samuel Bridgewater

I Do hereby Certify that Samuel Bridgewater hath taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity as directed by an act of General Assembly intituled an act to oblige the free male inhabitants of this state over a Certian age to give assurance of allegiance to the same and for other purposes Witness my hand and seal this 16 day of October 1777./ Jacob Rich

State of Indiana } In the Probate Court of said County of February term A.D. 1847.
County of Scott }

Be it remembered that on this Eighth day of February A.D. 1847 personally appeared in open Court Jacob Storm of lawful age and sound mind who being duly sworn by said Court made oath and saith, that he is a native of the State of Pennsylvania and is now as he verily believes upwards of eighty six years old, that in or about the year seventeen hundred and seventy five deponent removed to the State of Virginia, and very soon afterwards and certainly not later than the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, there became acquainted with Samuel Bridgewater and Mary Ann Bridgewater his wife, that they were then living together as man and wife, and were commonly reputed in that country to be man and wife, and lived together as man and wife until the death of the said Samuel Bridgewater which took place some time prior to the year Eighteen hundred and thirty, that they had a large family of children some of whom are now living and have always been considered & commonly reputed to be children born in lawful wedlock – that Deponent has known said Mary Ann since the death of her said husband, that she has since said death remained his widow, and now resides in said County of Scott and is said to be applying for a pension. Deponent further says that he remembers events which took place during the Revolutionary war better than many things which have happened in late years, and deponent is sure he knew said Bridgewater & wife as early as the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven because Peter Storm deponents father and John Storm [pension application W1953] deponents brother both of whom are now dead were both in the army of the Revolution and John got a pension, and deponent himself was a member of Captain Mills' company but could not get a pension because the company was never called into actual service, and it was before all this that deponent first knew said Bridgewater and wife. Deponent further says that since he first knew said Bridgewater and wife he has with little exception resided in the same section of country with them. Jacob Storm/ his  mark

NOTES:

5 May 1779 was a Wednesday. 5 May occurred on Friday in 1780.

In the file is a family record transcribed below, certified by James H. West as having been copied from the family Bible of Mary Ann Bridgewater. On 6 Apr 1853 Christian Bridgewater stated that Mary Ann Bridgewater died on 21 Mar 1847.

- Samuel Bridgewater was born 10th April 1749
- Maryann Bridgewater was born 25 October 1755
- Samuel Bridgewater was Married 2nd June 1771
- Margaret Bridgewater was born 6th July 1772
- Mary Bridgewater was born 17th January 1773
- Anna Bridgewater was born 23rd August 1775
- Isaac Bridgewater was born [illegible] July 1777
- Cisiah Bridgewater was born 12th March 1779

Rebecca Bridgewater was born 30 November 1780

Levi Bridgewater was born 31 January 1782

Rachel Bridgewater was born February 5th 1784

Sarah Bridgewater was born 17th December 1786

Samuel Bridgewater was born 7th August 1788

Christian Bridgewater was born 31st July 1790

Elias Bridgewater was born 14th January 1792

Elizabeth Bridgewater was born 5 April 1794

Patience Bridgewater was born [?]th July 1796

Ellenor Bridgewater was born 26th May 1798