

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Levi Bridgewater (Bridgewater) W9752                      Patience Bridgewater      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 4 Dec 2017.

District of Indiana    } SS  
Washington County   }

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1822 personally appeared in open Court, being the Circuit Court of Washington County, and having unlimited Jurisdiction in all cases as well Civil as criminal, Levi Bridgewater aged sixty one years, resident in Washington County who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows, that is, In Fayette County Pennsylvania, near Union Town [Uniontown, formerly Beesontown VA] he was enlisted by Capt. James Neils [sic: James Neal S38257], That he was attached to and served in Capt. James Neils Company of the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. William Russell [BLWt1849-500], That he enlisted for three years, That the Regiment was marched to Philidelphia under command of Colo. Russell, That to the best of his recollection he enlisted on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y. 1776, That early in the spring they marched down and joined Gen'l. Washingtons army at the Cross roads in Pennsylvania, That he served the whole three years out in the said 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, but before his time was fully out his Capt Resigned or left the Regiment, and the Company was then commanded by Capt. Uriah Springer [R10017], That he served three years and two months, and was discharged at Pittsburgh by Colo. Richard Campbell [BLWt347-450], That his first declaration was made in Shelby County Kentucky where he then lived, That it was sent on to the War department by a friend in Kentucky, That it has been lost or mislaid –

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 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, Viz.

One Horse 13 years old, Blind of one Eye

Two Head of Cattle

Thirteen Head of Hogs

Two Beds and Clothing

One Big Kettle, 2 Small pots

One Oven, without a Lid

One plough (Bar Shear)

Two axes and Two Hoes

[Property valued by the Court at \$79.00.]

That I am a Farmer by occupation, enjoying reasonable health except Rheumatism, which disables me from Labour, or has done so for some time past, my wife Patience aged Forty three years of weakly constitution, has laboured under disease for a number of years, Elijah and Elisha, twins, 16 years old, tolerably stout and able to work, John 14 years of age enjoys reasonable health, Polly aged Twenty four years, single and healthy, but not under my controul –      Levi hisXmark Bridgewater

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Levi Bridgewater inlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line the 20<sup>th</sup> of Jan'y 1777 in my Company in the Old 13<sup>th</sup> Reg't for three years and served said time as a good and faithfull Soldier and was legally Discharged

Given Under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y 1785

James Neal late Capt/ of 13<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't

Copy/ Markes Vandewall

Gentlemen/ Please Deliver my Certificate with land warrant to David Gray.  
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The [three undeciphered words] Richmond

NOTES:

On 5 Nov 1822 Lewis Thomas (pension application S37489) certified that Bridgewater had served as claimed.

On 22 Nov 1839 Patience Bridgewater, aged 70 on the previous 21 Aug, applied for a pension stating that she married Levi Bridgewater in June 1785, and he died 30 Sep 1831. Mary Ann Bridgewater stated that she was present at the marriage in 1783. Abigail Stillweill, born 15 Dec 1864, certified that she had also been present at the marriage of Levi Bridgewater to Patience Stillwell, which was solemnized by Isaac Sutton, a Baptist minister, four or five miles from Beesontown. She also stated that Levi and Patience Bridgewater had two children, Elias (born 26 Sep 1785) and Eleanor, then moved to Nelson County KY four or five years after the marriage. She stated that they moved to Orange County, Indiana about 1817 or 1818. Elijah Bridgewater and Solomon Bridgewaters (as he signed) stated that they were present at the death of Levi Bridgewater. On 1 July 1842 Patience Bridgewater presented the original family record, which was kept by her husband but with entries written by others. In the transcription below the three pages of the record are separated by slashes. On 9 June 1842 she provided a transcription of the family register that differs in some respects from the original. Differences are shown in brackets in the transcription below.

Elias Son of Levi Bridgewaters and Patience his wife was Born Sep'r 26 1785

Ellnor[?] was Born August 20 1787 [Eleanor]

Isaac was Born March 11, 1790/

Jack Bridg Watters Born March the 11 1789 [not in the 1842 copy]

Dannil Bridg Watters Born September the 1 1792 [Daniel]

Polly Bridg Watters Born December the 11 1794/

[Rebecca Bridgewater was born April 28<sup>th</sup> 1797; not in the original]

Solomon bridwater was bornd the 24 Day of Dissember in the yer of our lord 1803

Alijah bridgwater [Elijah Bridgewater & Elisha Brigewater (twins)] was bornd the 22 Day of September in the yer of our lord 1805

Joseph Bridgwater was Born in the y'r. of our lord 1800 June 9<sup>th</sup>

John Bridgwater was Bornd the 11 of november in the year 1807