

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Shadrach Rodgers R8928

Celia Rodgers

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The Honorable, the Speaker & members of the House of representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of Shadrach Rodgers

Showeth

That he served in the militia of the State from the time the first attempt was made in this State by the British in the Revolutionary war. That he continued in actual service until the conclusion of the war; and was more than 3 years of the time in the service under General Marion [Francis Marion]. Your petitioner as long as he was able to make a support by his labor, made no appeal to his Country for support: but infirmity and old age has made its approaches on him, and he is now in poverty and without the aid of his Country must suffer actual want. Your petitioner prays to be placed on the Pension list & will ever pray --

Witness

S/ Wm B. Hart

S/ Shadrach Rodgers, X his mark

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South Carolina Kershaw District: Shadrach Rodgers being duly sworn saith on oath that he this Deponent from the time the British troops attacked this State in the Revolutionary war entered into the American service in the Militia: That the Captain he first served under was Captain James [John James] of that part of the Country now called Sumter: That this deponent continued in the service under different officers until the conclusion of the war: -- That for more than 3 years this deponent served under General Marion. This deponent says he is poor and unable to maintain himself by his labor. This deponent says that the whole of his estate at this time consist of one cow & calf, one pine bedstead & furniture, 2 tubs, one pail, one piggin, four sitting chairs, about 15 bushels of corn & 6 head of hogs -- --

Sworn to before made this 19th of November 1830

S/ Wm B. Hart, JQ

S/ Shadrach Rodgers, X his mark

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South Carolina Kershaw District: Personally appeared Reuben Brown & who on being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with

Shadrach Rodgers named in the above petition & has known him well since the year 1778. That during the revolutionary war, this deponent served with the said Rodgers for fourteen months, part of the time under General Richardson [Richard Richardson] & the other part of the fourteen months, under General Thomas Sumter -- This deponent further saith that after the expiration of the said fourteen months, the said Rodgers went down the country & joined the General Marion with whom the said Rodgers served to the conclusion of the war, as this Deponent has always understood & believed.

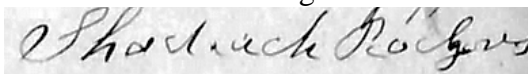
Sworn to this 19th of November 1830 before me
S/ Wm B. Hart, JQ

S/ Reuben Brown,¹ X his mark

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State of South Carolina Kershaw District} Personally appeared before me Shadrach Rodgers of the District and State aforesaid who being duly Sworn according to law upon his oath Swears that he is the Son of Shadrach Rodgers and Celia his wife whose maiden name was Celia Jordan both deceased late of Sumter District South Carolina. That his said father died in the month of October 1832, the day of the month not precisely recollected but is certain that it was about the 10th day of said month leaving his said mother a widow and four Surviving children that his said mother died between the 6th and 10th day of August 1844 leaving the following Surviving and only Surviving children and who now Survive namely this deponent, John Rodgers, Margaret Mathis & Dorcas Boykin and that his said Mother never again married but died the widow of his said father he further Swears that he always understood and believes he was born on the 14th day of March 1789 and his Brother John Rodgers on the 12th day of February 1784 as recorded by Stephen Pritchitt [sic] a reputed revolutionary Soldier and Brother-in-law of my father and which record I verily believe to be correct this deponent moreover Swears that he has often heard his parents Say that they were married in the time of the Revolutionary war and that there first Children died when Small, he moreover Swears that he has often heard his father Say that he Served as a revolutionary Soldier in the Revolutionary Army and knew that before his death he received a pension for his Services in said war he makes this declaration for the purpose of receiving the arrears of pension to which he and his Brother and Sisters are entitled for the Services of his said father in said war that he has never received any arrears of pension on account of his Said father Services nor has he nor does he believe any other person Never received any pension or made any application therefor Except the present. Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 21st day of September 1854

S/ Shadrach Rogers



[illegible signature of the attesting officer]

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¹ On page 45 of this file there is an affidavit from the Treasury of South Carolina dated March 31, 1857 indicating that Reuben Brown was placed on the pension roll of the State of South Carolina at the session of the Legislature for the year 1828 and that the records in their office indicate that he received an annuity of \$60 per annum through 1837. The records supporting this information no longer appear in the South Carolina Audited Accounts relating to this veteran. See SC Audited Accounts file 821 which contain only 3 receipts for an annuity paid to Reuben Brown in the amount of \$60 per annum with the last such receipt being dated June 7, 1834.

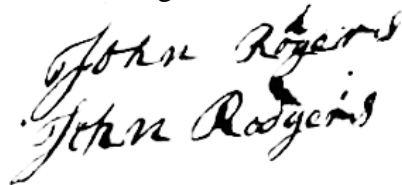
State of South Carolina Sumter District} Ordinary's Office

On the 15th day of December 1854 Before William Lewis Esquire Ordinary for Sumter District personally appeared John Rodgers of said District and State, who being duly Sworn according to law on his oath make the following declaration, for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of pension due to his deceased father Shadrach Rodgers a Revolutionary Soldier under the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832 and also for the arrears of pension due to his deceased Mother Celia Rodgers under the Act of Congress of 4th of July 1836, or the Act of 7 July 1838:

That he is the identical John Rodgers who on the 4th day of July 1854² made a declaration before William Lewis Esquire Ordinary aforesaid setting forth the claims of himself, Brother and two Sisters, namely Shadrach Rodgers, Margaret Matthis and Dorchas Boykin to the arrears of pension above mentioned which said Declaration is Said to be in some respects defective, and therefore declares and now states that his said father Shadrach Rodgers was a State of South Carolina and not a United States pensioner: That his father and Mother were married during the Revolutionary war from the fact that he was born 12 February 1784 and his Sister Elizabeth or Betsy and his Brother James^{deceased} were born some years before him, and that his father occasionally got a furlough of two or three days to visit his family: He further declares is said father died about the time stated in his former declaration leaving his said Mother his widow and himself – Brother and Sisters as aforesaid his only Surviving Children who now Survive, and that she did not again marry but Continued the Widow of his said Father until she died about 10 years ago, – being three years or thereabouts after the declarants removal to his present residence on Santee River upwards of 12 years ago: He further declares that there are no indents for Service of his father in Said war as stated in his first Declaration, and refers to that declaration for further particulars of the above claim for arrears of pension,

Sworn and Subscribed to before me, the day, month and year first above written
S/ W. Lewis, O.S.D.

S/ John Rodgers
S/ John Rodgers

The image shows two handwritten signatures of John Rodgers in cursive ink. The top signature is written in a more fluid, slanted style, while the bottom signature is more upright and clearly legible.

the word "deceased" interlined before Signing

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State of South Carolina Kershaw District} Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Magistrate for Kershaw District Shadrach Rodgers and William Arrants residents of Said District and State who being duly and Separately Sworn according to law upon their oath Swore Viz. the said Shadrach Rodgers that the above leaf cut from his family Bible is the copy made there on by this deponent from the family Bible of deponent's Uncle Stephen Prichard of the births of his father and Mother Shadrach & Celia Rodgers' Children previous to his Said Uncle's removal from South Carolina upwards of twenty-five years ago which record was in the handwriting of his Said Uncle Stephen Prichard and that this deponent had after learned from his Mother that Said record of the date of himself Brother and Sisters births were true & correct; but whether the

² I did not see any such declaration in this file. The earliest declaration I found is the one dated September 21, 1854 and transcribed above.

said Record in his Uncle's Bible contain the dates of the births of his deceased Sister Elizabeth or Betsy and Brother James Rodgers were also recorded in his Uncle's Bible this deponent does not now recollect; that the deponent always understood from remarks of his parents and particularly in circumstances with his Mother that his deceased Sister and Brother were born before his Brother John and before his said Father left the Army.

The deponent William Arrants Swears that he saw cut out of the family Bible of the said Shadrach Rodgers the above leaf containing the Record of the date of Births of the Surviving Children of Shadrach & Celia Rodgers deceased late of said District and State and that the Said record is in the handwriting of Shadrach Rodgers their [undeciphered word] having Seen him write and familiarly acquainted with the Same.

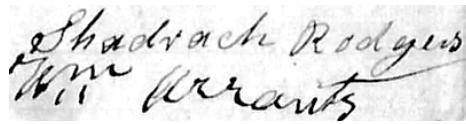
Sworn to and Subscribed before me

the 23rd day of January 1855

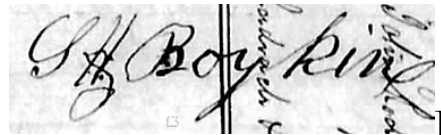
S/ John R. Shaw, Magistrate

S/ Shadrach Rodgers

S/ Wm Arrants

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Shadrach Rodgers" and the bottom signature reads "Wm Arrants".

[Note: p 8: On 26 January 1855 in Sumter District South Carolina Stephen H Boykin also gave testimony as to the validity of the Bible record of the Rodgers family. His signature appears as follows:

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "S. H. Boykin".

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A record of Births of the children of Shadrach and Celia Rodgers

John Rogers was born February 12 1784

Shadrach Rodgers was born March 14th 1789

Margaret Rodgers was born October 6th 1791

Dorcas Rodgers was born April 12th 1794

State of South Carolina Kershaw District} On the 21st day of September 1854 before the Subscribing Magistrate in and for the District and State aforesaid personally appeared William Arrants aged about 59 years who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath swears that the above is a true and correct copy of the original records presented to me of the births of the children of the deceased Shadrach and Celia Rodgers late of Sumter District South Carolina which record I know to be in the handwriting of Shadrach Rodgers being familiarly acquainted therewith having seen him write, this deponent further swears that he will has been acquainted with Shadrach Rodgers and Celia Rodgers his wife whose maiden name was Celia Jordan ever since he was a small boy and that they lived together as man and wife and were so reputed until the said Shadrach Rodgers died upwards of 20 years ago leaving the said Celia Rodgers his widow and for Surviving children who did not again marry but continued the widow of the said Shadrach Rodgers until her death about 10 years ago leaving the following surviving and only surviving children and our now survived the is John Rodgers, Shadrach Rodgers, Margaret Mathis and Dorcas Boykin whose births are enumerated above and from my early and long

intimate acquaintance with the parties have no doubt whatever but the foregoing statement is true and correct he further swears that he always understood and believes that the said Shadrach Rodgers was a Revolutionary Soldier and a pensioner and was so reputed, he moreover swears that he has no interest in the pension which the children of the said Shadrach and Celia Rodgers may be entitled to full the Services of their said father in said war or in its prosecution.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

S/ Wm R. Taylor, Magistrate

S/ Wm Arrants

[Facts in file: The veteran and his wife had two children Betsey (or Elizabeth) their oldest child and James both of whom died when small -- their dates are not noted in the family record; their son John who was born February 12, 1784, resided in 1852 on the Santee River and Sumter District South Carolina where he had lived for 12 years; their son Shadrach, born March 14, 1789, married Mary Ann Gaskins who was born Made 2, 1794; Shadrach lived in Kershaw district in 1855; daughter Margaret born October 6, 1791 married __ Mathis or Matthis; and daughter Dorcas, born April 12 or April 13, 1794 married __ Boykin in 1854; the veteran also had a grant signed by the name of Jefferson Rodgers but his parents are not identified in the file; the veteran died October 7, 1832 in Sumter District, SC; the widow died August 7, 1844, also in Sumter District SC.]