

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Rodgers R8930

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State of South Carolina Laurens District

On this the 26th day of September A.D. 1853 personally appeared in open Court before me W D Watts Judge of the Court of Ordinary, the same being a Court of Record, for the District in State aforesaid Elizabeth Mauldin aged sixty-two years who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the daughter and only heir at law of Joseph Rodgers (deceased) who was a soldier in the Continental Army of the revolutionary war of the then colonies of America with Great Britain.

That the said Joseph Rodgers according to his declarations made in his lifetime, entered the said Army in the State of South Carolina about the commencement of the war, and served throughout the war. That he was a part of the time in the company commanded by Captain John Reid, in the Regiment of ___ commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Wade Hampton in the Brigade commanded by General Sumter. The company to which he belonged being a company of Light Dragoons, and he serving as a private therein, for a considerable time (to wit) more than 6 months -- as will appear by a copy of the proceedings of Record in the State of South Carolina, to which State he applied, and to a pension during his lifetime. That she has heard him speak of being in one battle, the name of which is not recollected by this declarant, and that it has been known and understood ever since she could remember anything that her said Father had served in the Revolutionary War as a soldier.

That her said Farther died on the 7th day of March in the year of our Lord 1841 for in the District of Lawrence [sic, Laurens] and State of South Carolina, where he had resided ever since after the war. That he has resided in the State of South Carolina all the time since the war, and in this District ever since she can recollect.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the amount that may be due her as the heir at law of the said Joseph Rogers under the act of 1832, and other acts of Congress since then passed granting pensions to Revolutionary Soldiers.

S/ Elizabeth Mauldin, X her mark

Comptrollers Office Columbia South Carolina

28th of June 1853: I hereby certify that the name of Joseph Rodgers appears on the pay roll of Captain John Reid's troop of Light Dragoons in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Wade Hampton, General Sumter's Brigade, as having served 6 months in said troop as private.

From under my hand 28th of June 1853

S/ W. F. Arthur, for J. B. McCully, Comp. Genl.

South Carolina Laurens District: the Humble petition of Joseph Rodgers of the District and State aforesaid aged 70 years, showeth unto your Honorable body that he was a faithful Soldier in the Revolutionary war, under Captain Weathers [John Weathers], and was in many skirmishes against the Tories & an expedition against the Indians and was in the battle at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. Your Petitioner is now very old & in farm having been afflicted with the dead palsy for many years and entirely unable to labor and is extremely poor: possessing to feather beds & furniture one cow and calf one wash pot one Dutch oven and one frying pan, skillet, half dozen plates, set cups & saucers, one spinning wheel & pair of cards one table: your petitioner solemnly swears in the presence of Almighty God, all the above stated facts are true of his own knowledge.

Sworn to before us this 27th of October 1831

S/ F. Richardson

S/ Joseph Rodgers, O his mark

State of South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came before me John Knight¹ & made oath that Joseph Rodgers served his tour of duty in the old revolutionary [war] as a listed [enlisted] soldier under Benjamin Hail [Benjamin Haile] Captain and that said Rodgers was a faithful Soldier and got his regular discharge. Sworn to this 15th of November 1831 before me S/ S. D. Shumate, QU

S/ John Knight, X his mark

State of South Carolina Laurens District: Personally came before me a notary public, within and for the District in State aforesaid, John Bailey a resident of Laurens District, age 64 years, who being duly sworn says that he was well acquainted with Joseph Rodgers, a revolutionary Soldier, who was the Father of Elizabeth Mauldin the applicant under the act of 7 June 1832:

That he knew the said Joseph Rodgers from his earliest recollection (about the year 1800) to the time of his death; that when he first knew him he was then married and had 2 children, to wit, Daniel and Elizabeth, the latter being about the age of witness, and the former some 2 or 3 years older; that the child Daniel died many years ago leaving Elizabeth, who afterwards intermarried with James Mauldin, the only child of said Joseph Rodgers. This Deponent further states that said Joseph Rodgers never had any other children except the 2 above mentioned, that the mother of the said children, before her in her marriage with Joseph Rodgers, was named Ann Owens, but he does not know the date of their marriage, which from the age of their children must have taken place previous to the year 1790: that the wife of said Joseph Rodgers died about the year A.D. 1831, and he married a second time in the year 1833 or 1834 to Sarah Kelley, who never had a child; that the said Joseph Rodgers died in Lawrence District in the year 1842, and that this deponent was present the night of his death -- he further states that the said Joseph Rodgers is the identical person who received a pension during his life from the State of South Carolina, for his Services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War -- he further states that his last wife died in this district at the poor house some 5 or 6 years ago = and that he is not in any manner interested in the application of Elizabeth Mauldin for our rear suspension.

S/ John Bailey

[Note: The South Carolina Audited Accounts contain no documents relating to Joseph Rodgers and/or Joseph Rogers having claimed for service under Capt. John Reid in Sumter's Brigade.]

¹ [John Knight R6026](#)