

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rogers R8947

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State of Kentucky County of Hardin: SS

On this 20th day of June 1853 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County of Hardin now sitting John Rogers a resident of the United States in the County of Hardin and State of Kentucky aged eighty-seven years last October who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he served in the company of Captain John Thomas and was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Dark and that his residence was in the County of Berkley [Berkeley] and State of Virginia and that he volunteered and was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at the siege of York Town in October 1781 which will more fully be shown by the discharge or certificate of Colonel William Dark dated the 10th of December 1781. And that he also states that he served under Captain Edward Lucas on the Ohio River and that he was stationed at Wheeling the most of the time in order to keep up the garrison at that place which will also be more fully shown from the discharge or Certificate of Captain Edward Lucas dated 10th day of December 1783. And that the two above named discharges or Certificates of his Services as aforesaid are the only evidence that he has and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can now procure who can testify to his services and that the said discharges have been mislaid by him and that he has lately found them amongst his old papers and that is his reason for not making earlier application for a pension. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory of the United States.

The Discharges before referred to are in the words and figures following to wit

I doe hereby Certify that John Rodgers has served a tower of three months under my Command and this is his discharge for the same. Given under my hand this 10th day of December 1781

S/ Wm Dark, Col

I doe hereby Certify that John Rogers has served 3 months Tower of duty as a volunteer on the Ohio River and this is his discharge for the same. Given under my hand this 10th day of December 1783

S/ Edward Lucas Capt

Which original discharges accompany this declaration and hereto annexed.

And he the aforesaid John Rogers further states that he resided in the County of Berkeley and State of Virginia at the times he was called into the service where he remained up to the year 1805 at which time he came to the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky and that he resided in the aforesaid County of Shelby up to the year 1810 at which time he came to the County of

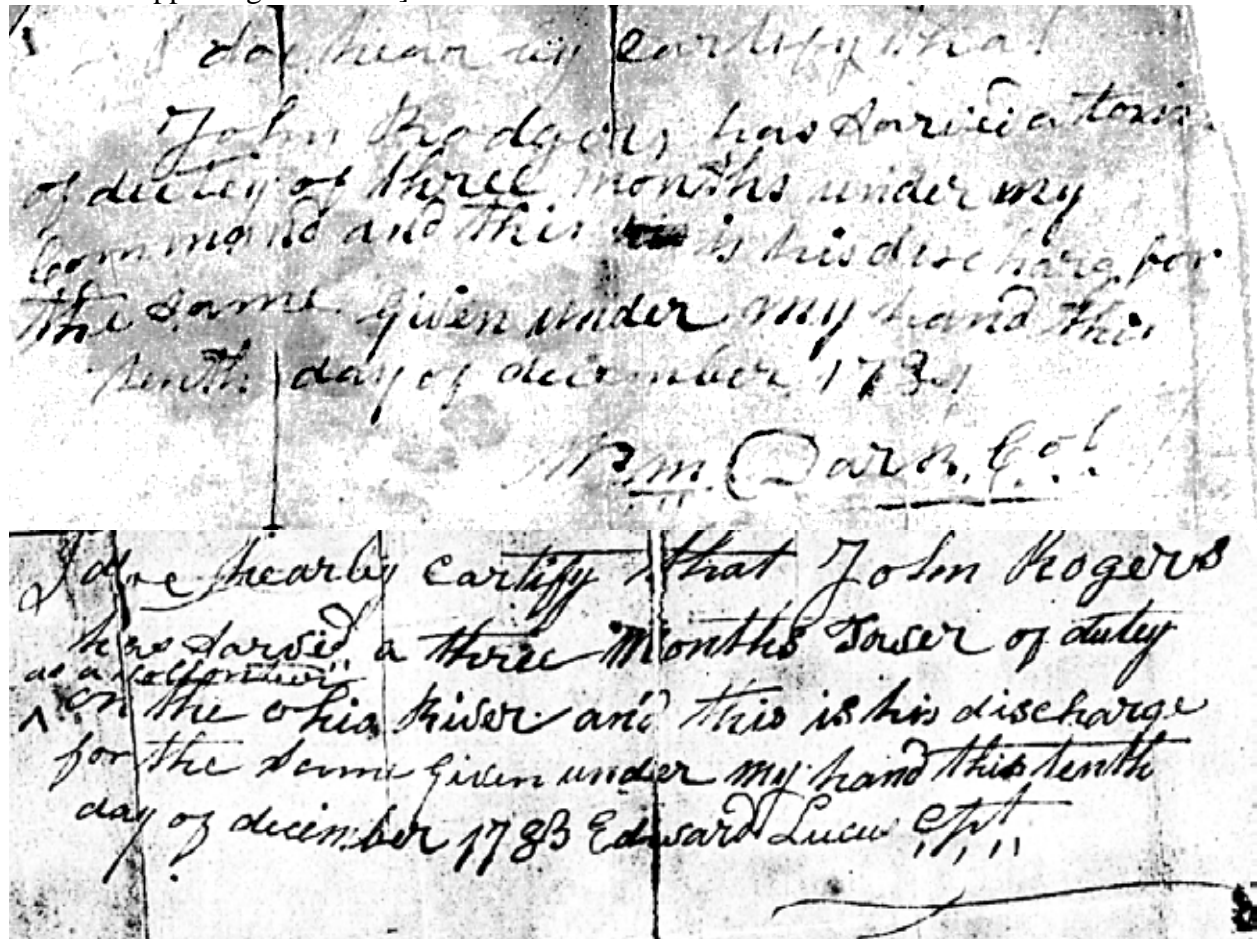
Hardin and State of Kentucky where he has resided up to the present time and for the aforesaid services he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Rogers

John Rogers

[Colmore Lovelace, a clergyman of the Baptist Church, and Isaac C. Chenowith gave a separate standard supporting affidavits.]



On the same day to wit January 17th, 1854 John Rogers the applicant on oath made the following statement in relation to and in capitulation of his Declaration now before the War Department, In addition to the Statements of his original declaration. That after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis he was detached & sent to Maryland to guard the British prisoners who were sent there. And where he was detained for some time.

He also states that after he was discharged & before he went into service he lived in the neighborhood of Captain Edward Lucas & Colonel William Dark they both residing in the same neighborhood. And the Deponent thinks it was near two years after his discharge before he got his discharge from Colonel Dark who at the time of signing the discharge was a Colonel. That he then looked upon a written discharge as not of much service, but upon the suggestion of

Colonel Dark that it might serve him from a [indecipherable word or words] tour of duty that he took the discharge, And it may be that the Colonel may have dated it back to [indecipherable word or words] the time of his discharge. In explanation of his long delay in asserting his claims, he would state it was about 49 years after the date of his last discharge before the passage of the law in 1832 and not believing all that time that he could obtain a pension he had not carefully kept his papers & never regarded his discharges of any value. And that during a long course of years he had accumulated a great many papers having [indecipherable word or words] surveying & farming. And being advanced in years & in humble circumstances in life he was not posted up in relation to the laws of his Country. And did not in fact find out the passage of that law for several years. And after many fruitless searches for his discharges he regarded them as lost – until they were accidentally found in rummaging over his old papers. And that as soon thereafter as he could on his limited information find some person acquainted with such business he did assert his claim – the Declarant [indecipherable word] now [several indecipherable words] which papers were prepared by Major Isaiah Miller who has been for some time engaged in that business.

He further states that when he was detached to Maryland to guard British soldiers he was stationed at Frederick Town and now forgets the Captain's name, he now remembers the name of his two privates who were with him Lewis Lomomus [?] and Philip Lomonus [?] & both belonged to the Virginia line also John Mathis.

Subscribed day & date above

S/John Rogers