

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

Pension application of Bias Rogers R8960

Sarah

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said court now sitting Bias Rogers aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated to wit

He was born in Halifax County North Carolina in the year 1755 but has no record of his age. In the fall of the year 1777 he was drafted in Chatham County North Carolina and joined a company commanded by Captain Presley George at Luttrell's Barracks in Chatham County & joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Luttrell [John Luttrell] he was marched from the Barracks across the Catawba [River], Broad River, Tyger [River], Enoree [River] & Saluda [River] to 96 in South Carolina where he reached the day after a battle had been fought there he remained at 96 three or four days from thence he was marched to within 21 miles of Charleston where he remained eight or ten days from thence he was marched along the seashore to North Carolina and somewhere near the sea he was discharged[;] his discharge was signed he does not recollect who signed it and the same is now lost[;] somewhere between the Barracks and the Catawba Captain George was taken sick and he was put under the command of Captain Gholdston [sic, probably William Goldston] 3 months at least before he was discharged.

In the year 1781 he volunteered in Chatham County Captain Rosser's [probably Captain Joseph Rosser's] Company of Course in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Guilford Dudley¹ of Halifax he was marched to the Western part of the State and to the State line on the South Carolina side he was marched back to Chatham and discharged after having served 3 months his discharge was signed by Colonel Dudley which he has lost he entered the service in the above Tour in May 1781 and he was discharged in August of the same year --

In the Winter of 1781 he was drafted and joined Captain John Cashenbury's company in General Butler's [John Butler's] Army near Pittsboro in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Mebane he was marched across Deep River, Drowning Creek from thence to the Raft Swamp between the Raft Swamp and Wilmington we fell in with a detachment of Tories and defeated them we lost 2 men the Tories 7 -- he was then marched into the lower part of South Carolina he remained in the lower part of South Carolina and North Carolina until the term of his service expired when he was discharged after having served 3 months his discharge was signed by General Butler but is now lost.

He has no documentary Evidence and knows of no person except James Kirby whose

¹ [Guilford Dudley W8681](#)

testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services.

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 in the union.

Test: S/ Thomas Ragland, Clerk

S/ Bias Rogers, X his mark

[Abner Lassater and John Hackney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 17]

State of North Carolina Chatham County: On this 30th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Kirby² who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith in the war of the Revolution he saw Bias Rodgers in the service under Captain Rosser of the Horse when he saw him he was near the South Carolina line this deponent was in that service at the same time but under a different Captain and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written

S/ Henry Williams, JP

S/ James Kirby, X his mark

And I the said [Henry Williams] do hereby certify that James Kirby who has sworn to and subscribed the preceding deposition is now about 71 years of age that he is a resident of Chatham County and is a credible person and that his statement is entitled to credit.

S/ Henry Williams, JP

[fn p. 9: on December 18, 1850, Sarah Rogers, 85, filed in Chatham County North Carolina for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Bias Rogers, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$35 per annum; that he died September 15, 1845; that she married him on or before May 9 1799; that they were married by William Merritt, a justice of the peace in Chatham County North Carolina; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 8: on December 9, 1852 in Chatham County North Carolina, John Herndon, 73, testified that he saw Bias Rogers and Sarah Herndon married in Chatham County North Carolina by William Merritt a justice of the peace; that he knew Bias Rogers from the time before he was married until he died September 15, 1845; and that Sarah Rogers remains his widow.]

[fn p. 11: in November 1855 in Chatham County North Carolina, John Pendergrass gave testimony that Sarah Rogers, widow and relic of Bias Rodgers died May 15, 1851 leaving 3 children now living to wit Frances Rogers, George Rogers & Elizabeth Barbee [could be Barber].]

[fn p. 21: John Pendergrass gave testimony on June 9, 1855 in Chatham County North Carolina that he was then 75 years old; that Bias and Sarah Rogers lived together as man and wife in Chatham County; that Sarah's maiden name was Sarah Herndon; that her father's name was John Herndon and that John Herndon left his door Sarah part of his estate; that he (Pendergrass) has heard John Herndon [Junior] said that he saw his sister Sarah Herndon married to Bias Rogers; that he has seen the family Bible of Sarah Rogers and that she names 3 children one by the name of Francis born Made 9 1799; one by the name of George born the 11th of September 1802 and Elizabeth born December 23, 1804.]

² I did not find that anyone by this name filed for a federal pension claiming service in the Revolution. This may be this veteran's only record of his service.