

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Rodgers S11311

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The State of Alabama County Court pickings County February 20th 1840

On this 18th day of February 1840 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County now sitting James Rodgers a resident of Pickens County State of Alabama of eighty years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit 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, he was drafted in January 1777 for three months and served as a guard under Lieutenant John Combs in guarding some Hessians prisoners taken by General Washington, which was received at Noland's ferry on Potomac River, was stationed at Albemarle Barracks in Amherst County in the State of Virginia, at which place he was discharged and received the same signed by John Combs, and in the last of May or the first of June 1778 he does not now recollect precisely, he volunteered as a horseman for three months and served under the following named officers to wit William Triplett was my Captain, Francis Triplett was the Colonel part of the time, he was transferred to the Command of Colonel __ Ennis [James Innis] he does not recollect Colonel Ennis' given name being with him only a short time, this Tour he served 3 months, as also his 1st Tour, he was discharged at Gloucester below Little York where he was discharged by the said Colonel Ennis and Captain William Triplett signed his discharge which said discharge with the 1st he has lost never expecting to have any further use for them – 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 any agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Rodgers, X his mark

[Richard Wilkins Senior, a clergyman, and Francis W Bostick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories propounded to James Rodgers a Applicant for a pension in open court

1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Culpeper County State of Virginia in the year 1760 July 2.

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it – my age was registered in my father's family Bible where it is I know not at this time.

3. Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live – I was living in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia at the time I first entered the service where I lived until I was twenty-four years of age – from there I removed to what was then called New Virginia Franklin County where I lived four years, thence to Sevier County in the State of Tennessee where I lived until 1811, thence to

Lincoln County Tennessee, where I lived five years, thence to Limestone County Alabama where I lived seventeen years thence to Franklin County still of Tennessee, where I lived four years thence to Pickens County State of Alabama where I now reside – the first Tour I served I was drafted for three months, and served the time out, and received a discharge – the second Tour I volunteered horse man and served this Tour three months also and received a discharge in answer to the fifth interrogatory I do not recollect any of the Regular Officers no such being connected with the troops I was with

Answer to 6th interrogatory I received my first discharge signed by Lieutenant John Combs, I think my second discharge was signed by Captain William Triplett, both of which I have lost expecting never to have any call for them.

S/ Sam B. Moore, Judge

Settlement to the Declaration of James Rogers [sic] for a pension heretofore filed in the office of the Commissioner of Pickens of the United States

The State of Alabama Pickens County: Personally appeared before me William Castles an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County James Rogers and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith the reason why he did not make an earlier application for a pension was he this deponent had been informed by those who he supposed knew, that he could not get a pension unless he could prove his services by a living witness, and that he knew of none now living unless he could go to the State of Virginia, and in all probability those that knew of his services are now dead, and that he knew no better until about three months since, he was informed to the contrary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 1st day of June 1840

S/ Wm Castles, JP

S/ James Rodgers, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]