

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rogers (Rodgers) S11330

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of South Carolina, District of Marion }

On this 25th day of November, one thousand Eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared in open court, before the undersigned, Judge of the Court of Ordinary, now sitting, Silas Rogers, a resident of said District, aged Sixty Four 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 act of Congress passed on the 7th June 1832 for himself, John Rogers and Jonah Rogers, only surviving children of John Rogers, late a captain in South Carolina, in the war of the Revolution. He was in actual service as a commissioned officer for more than three years. His commander in chief was General Francis Marion. [He] Served some time with Major Mullver [sic, probably either Albert Aerny Muller or Stephen Muller, both of whom served as majors under Marion]. He was at the siege and Fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780];² was at siege of Savannah³ when Pulaski fell and was also at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].⁴ He served some time at Beaufort; at Haddrell's Point; [was] in the neighborhood of Camden; was in several skirmishes with the British at and near Georgetown, where on one particular occasion, Genl Marion received notice from a friend of the importance of being at on certain point within a given time, to do this the troops (Capt. John Rogers among them) started immediately after supper and by next evening they arrived at the point and stationed themselves in a swamp, just in time for the advance guard of the British came in sight with a cannon. Marion's order was not to fire until the main body of the British should come up, that the Americans might all have an object at which to fire, as Marion's men had but three rounds of Ammunition and were commanded to reserve one. But the sergeants of the men induced them to fire on the advance and killed all those who had charge of the cannon which remained there until the main body of the British came up and took it off. He was at the battle at Qimby Bridge [Quinby Bridge, July 17, 1781]⁵ where Marion commanded in person. He continued in service until the end of the war and was honorably discharged by General Marion and Died on the 9th day of August, 1840, leaving no widow, but these surviving children, this affiant, (who has taken out letters of administration of the goods and chattels, rights and credits

¹ This application is erroneously filed under the District of Columbia in the Ancestry.com files.

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

³ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quinbys_bridge.html

of the said Capt. John Rogers) John Rogers and Jonah Rogers. The above I heard from my father and others.

S/ Silas Rogers



Sworn to and Subscribed before me
the day and year above written.

S/ Edward B. Wheeler, Judge of the Court of Ordinary

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John Rogers, deceased

S. C.

Act 7 June 1832

Adm

12 months private	\$40
6 months Lieutenant	80
6 months Captain	<u>120</u>
	\$240

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State of South Carolina Marion District} SS On this 8th day of July 1852, before me John McMillan a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, personally appeared William Shaw⁶ a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States, aged ninety-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, saith that he was for several years attached to various companies in General Marion's Brigade, and was personally acquainted with Captain John Rodgers [sic] from the commencement of the Revolution to the day of his death -- That he served one tour of six months under him, and after being discharged, did upon a call for additional troops, enlist under Captain Shade Simonds [sic, Shade Simons], and that during this term of service, he distinctly remembers seeing Captain Rogers in command of his Company, and well remembers the fact of their being discharged I General Marion at the Bolling Green [sic, Bowling Green], -- He further declares that the service of Captain Rogers as within his own knowledge was more than one year as private -- 6 months as Lieutenant and over one year as Captain -- He further states that he never knew, nor does he believe there was any other officer by the name of John Rogers attached to Marion's Brigade, other than by Captain John Rogers of this District.

S/ W. Shaw



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

S/ Jno McMillan, Magt.

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⁶ [William Shaw S19078](#)

State of South Carolina Marion District} SS Be it Known that before me John McMillan a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid personally appeared William Shaw aged 92 years old, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth depose and say; that he has resided in the District of Marion, for the last 70 years past, and that he was personally acquainted with Captain John Rogers, of the aforesaid District from the year 1776 to the time of his death – That in the year 1782, he served a tour of six months duty under Captain John Rogers, who Commanded a Company in General Marion’s Brigade, – That he knows of his own Knowledge, that the said Captain John Rogers, Continued in service as Captain until after peace in 1783. That this affiant was then attached to a Company Commanded by Captain Shade Simonds, and distinctly recollects seeing Captain John Rogers in Command of his Company at the Bowling Green, where they were all discharged in 1783 by General Marion.

S/ W. Shaw

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State of South Carolina Marion District} SS Be it known that before me John McMillan a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid personally appeared Jonah Collins upwards of 86 years old, who being first duly sworn according to law doth depose and say, that he has resided in Marion District for the last 86 years in fact ever since his birth that he was personally acquainted with Captain John Rogers in a part of the period of the Revolutionary war, and from the time peace was made in 1783 to the time of his death. That he knows of his own knowledge, said Captain John Rogers continued in service as Captain until after peace in 1783 in command of his Company, at the Bowling Green under General Marion who commanded all the troops there, where they were discharged after peace, that off and on for more than a year, he saw Captain John Rogers, at different times and places, in command of his Company, before the peace and discharge at the Bowling Green.

S/Jonah Collins, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January 1852....

S/ Jno McMillan, Magistrate

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State of South Carolina Marion District} SS. Be it Known, that on the 19th day of April 1852 before me John McMillan a Magistrate, in and for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Silas Rogers aged Sixty five years, who being first duly Sworn according to law, that he is the son of Captain John Rogers late of said District, and has resided in the District of Marion from the time of his birth to the present day and that he always understood from his Father, the said John Rogers, that he resided in said District from the Commencement of the Revolution to the day of his death, which occurred on the 9 day of August 1840. He further declares that his Father never in his lifetime made application for a pension, either in the State of South Carolina or the United States. He further states That he did not set forth in his declaration, the services of his Father as private & Lieutenant, because he was satisfied from the Statements of his Father, that he served over 2 years as Captain this from late in the year 1780 to the time of his discharged by General Marion in 1783.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
the day and year 1st above stated

S/ Jno McMillan, Magist.

S/ Silas Rogers

[Note: Veteran was pensioned posthumously at the rate of \$240 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending with his death on August 9, 1840. The rate of his pension was calculated on the basis of his service as a private, Lieutenant & Captain in the South Carolina militia. The initial rate of the pension was \$120 per annum but it was increased to the above noted amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to John Rogers [Rodgers]
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 6571 & 6548
Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Note: Given the fact that the veteran did not file an application for a federal pension under the 1832 act, it is difficult, if not impossible, to accurately identify the claims made to the South Carolina Comptroller General shortly after the war as belonging to any particular veteran. Based on having reviewed as many as 20,000 pension applications, I have come to believe that applications made by widows or children of a veteran long after the war can sometimes be tainted by their having obtained certificates from the various state officers regarding claims made shortly after the war. In my experience, it has often (but not always) been the case that widows and children who have access to such records believe those records refer to their husband or father. That said, I offer the following transcripts from the South Carolina Audited Accounts as possibly relating to the above veteran based on the services claimed by his son.]

[Note: From file No. 6571 relating to veterans named Rogers [Rodgers], John]

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Mr. John Rogers his Account of 66 days Duty in the Militia as Captain in 1782

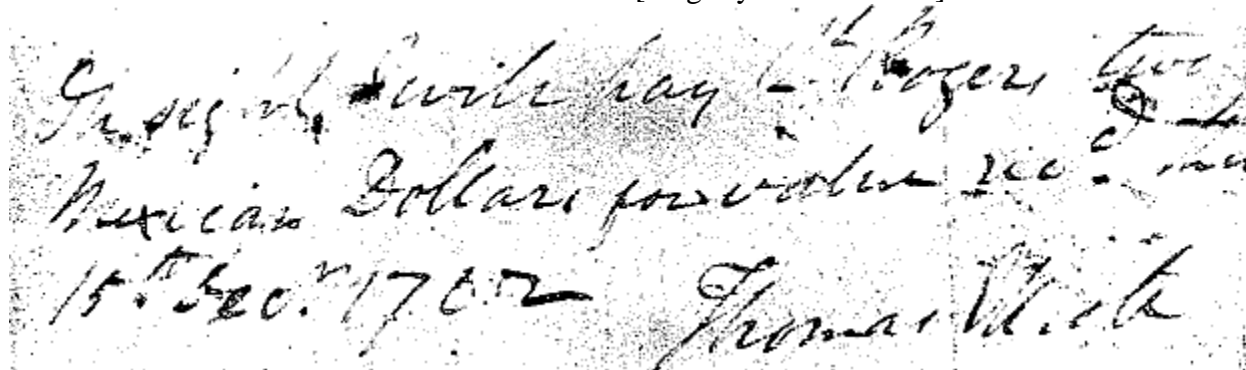
Amounting to £28.5.8 ½ Stg. [Sterling]

N. B. Not attested

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

On sight I will pay Lt. Rogers two Mexican Dollars for value rec'd this 15th decr. 1782 [?]

S/ Thomas [illegibly faint surname]



The image shows a handwritten transcript of the payment order. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. It reads: "On sight I will pay Lt. Rogers two Mexican Dollars for value rec'd on 15th Decr. 1782 Thomas [illegible]". The signature "Thomas [illegible]" is written in a large, flowing cursive script.

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⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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John Rogers his Account of Two Steers hed [?] in Sept. 1782 Weighing 500^{lbs}, also for 82 days duty in the Militia as Lieutenant the whole in 1782

Amounting to £26.18.4 Sterling

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina
1782

to John Rogers

Dr.

Sept. 7 To 2 Stears, three years Old Weighing each 250 lbs
say 500 lbs at 25/8 [25 Shillings
8 pence old SC currency]

£6.8.4

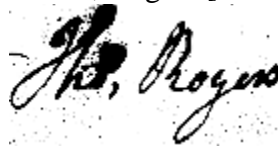
To 82 days duty as Lieutenant at 5/ per day

20.10

£26.18.4

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Received the ___ full Satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 180 T By Virtue of an order
S/ Ths, Rogers [Thomas Rogers]



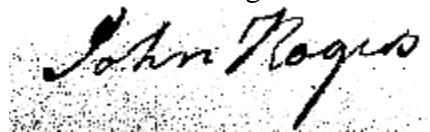
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Gentlemen/

Geo. Town [Georgetown] 17th of January 1786

My account against the Public as Lodged in your Office for an Indent, please deliver an Indent for the same also a Special Indent for the Interest due thereon, to the Bearer Thomas Rogers and his receipt shall be sufficient for the same.

& Am Gentlemen your most Obedt Servant
S/ John Rogers



To/ Peter Bocquet

& James Mitchell Esquires

Commissioners of the Public Treasury, Charleston

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Rec'd of Captain John Rogers one Steer weighing 300 wt for the use of the troops under my Command

22nd Octr. 1780

S/ Frans. Marion [Francis Marion]

Rec^d of Capt^l John Rogers one star washing
three hundred wt for the use of the troops
under my command
22nd Oct, 1780
J. Hanson
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[Note: I did not find any of the documents in South Carolina Audited Account file No. 6548 as being likely to apply this this veteran.]