

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Rogers (Rodgers) S1249

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State of Kentucky Adair County: SS

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Adair County Court William Rodgers a resident of said County & State aged eighty-four years who being 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 –

That he entered the service of the United States about the 1st May 1779 as a drafted militia man under Captain Henry Francis and was marched to the lead mines in Montgomery County Virginia and was left with 19 others under the command of Lieutenant Samuel Ewing to guard said mines, but in a short time received orders and marched to the Moravian Towns in North Carolina, and joined the Company to which they formerly belonged which company made part of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Preston, Lieutenant James Ward and Major Cloyd, Captain Francis was killed by the Tories before we reached our old Company. We took about 20 Tories as prisoners. Some of them were whipped and some sent to the regular service. We were something over three months on this tour & were discharged but whether he received a written discharge or not if however he did, he does not recollect what has become of it. A short time after he reached home, he thinks in August 1779 he volunteered for a three months tour to North Carolina, marched through the Moravian Towns to Guilford Courthouse &c and at the expiration of the tour was discharged but does not recollect to have received a written discharge if he did however he does not recollect what has become of it. In 1780 he volunteered and served six months during which term he was marched to Greenbrier County Virginia came on some Tories, surrounded them and drove them into a house and this applicant with others chosen by the officers as true Whigs were ordered to guard and safely keep said Tories until further orders and the others were marched on to where he does not now recollect. Sometime after his time expired he was discharged but does not recollect to have received a written discharge, if he did however he does not recollect what has become of it. He was at that time under William Montgomery as Captain Samuel Ewing Lieutenant, Colonel Campbell, James Ward Lieutenant Colonel and Major Cloyd – About the last of March 1781 he again volunteered as a scout or a company of Rangers to guard the frontiers about the head of Clinch River and other frontier parts and places and continued in said service until sometime in July 1781, still continued under same one or all of the last mentioned officers during this service we had frequent skirmishes some of our men killed and we killed some Tories & Indians &c. He states that he served about nineteen months in all. He further states that when he entered the service he lived in Montgomery County Virginia and remained there about forty-six years he then removed to Adair County in the State

of Kentucky where [he] now resides. He was born in Culpeper County Virginia on the 24th day of May 1748. He has a record of his age at his residence in Adair County –

He states that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person now living in Kentucky who can testify to his service –

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Rodgers Sr., X his mark

[William Mass, a clergyman, and Francis S. Browning gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Adair County SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the said County William Rodgers Senior who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For one-year and seven months I served in the militia Service as a private militia man and for such service I claim a pension. I also served a short time after the aforesaid mentioned time but as I cannot speak definitely about it I claim nothing for it.

S/ James G. Yates, JP

February 26, 1833

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 7 months in the Virginia militia.]