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Pension application of Daniel Rogers (Rodgers) S18186

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State of South Carolina I Edgefield District

On this 31st day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the said State now sitting in and for the District aforesaid, Daniel Rogers, a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States about the beginning of the year 1779 as a private in a company of mounted volunteers, commanded by Captain Benjamin Hatcher (the particular name or character of the corps cannot be designated as the arms used were not uniformly of the same descriptions) which said company was attached to a Battalion in the District and State aforesaid commanded by Major John Purvis, belonging to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond, which constituted a part of a brigade of South Carolina Militia of which Brigade General Andrew Williamson was the commander. That the deponent together with the company aforesaid made an expedition into the State of Georgia in the beginning of the year 1779 and near Briar Creek in the County of Burke and State of Georgia they met and engaged an advance party of the British longing to General Prevost's Army, which had taken up its line of march from Augusta to Savannah where a few of the enemy were killed - - That this Deponent in the company before mentioned and a considerable body of American forces, continued in camp near Augusta for several months, whence the said company was ordered to the defense and protection of the sea coast of South Carolina which was then menaced by the British -- That he was engaged in a skirmish which preceded the main battle, which took place at Stono ferry in June 1779. That at the time and during the main battle he was detailed a guard. After these events and the lapse of a few weeks, his company was informally disbanded in the low Country at a place (he thinks) called Coosawhatchie without any written or formal discharge. In fact this deponent believes that no regular written discharges were ever given to the militia at the termination of their terms of service. The next affair of any historical note in which this Deponent was engaged was the final siege of Augusta in the spring of 1781 where he was actively engaged in the reduction of the forts Brown & Grierson and their surrender to the American arms. On these occasions he was under the command of General Pickens. This deponent was occasionally actively engaged subsequently in the last mentioned period in various scouts and reconnoitering parties and in pursuit of Tories and disaffected persons, who in considerable numbers infested this section of the State. He was at times under the command of Captain Benjamin Hatcher and at others under that of Captain John Ryan, rendering such service as the condition of the Country admitted. This Deponent would further observe generally that he

was occasionally engaged in the service of the United States from the early part of the year 1779 till the final evacuation of the State by the British and served in one tour from the first of January 1779 to the first of July following in and near Augusta, headquarters being at Liberty Hill. And if the different periods of time during which he was actually engaged for doing military service, were added together, they would greatly exceed the period limited by the said act to wit 2 years -
- This Deponent has no written or documentary evidence on which to rely for the verification of his declaration, herein above made and set forth.

S/ Daniel Rogers

This Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

S/ Daniel Rodgers

State of South Carolina Edgefield District: I do hereby certify that all the material facts in the foregoing declaration are true -- having personally served with deponent under the same officers and in the same campaigns therein set forth -- and entertainment no doubt that he served more than 2 years in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

S/ Jn Simkins

[H. Burt, a clergyman, and John Simkins gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Edgefield District: On this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the court of Common Pleas & general sessions, now sitting in and for the district and State aforesaid Daniel Rodgers, a resident of the said District and State, aged seventy-two (in August next) 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 the 7th of June 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States in January 1779 as a private in a volunteer corps of mounted militia first under the command of Captain John Ryan (who a short time afterward was made prisoner and confined in the Provost at Charleston South Carolina) this Company composed a part of the Battalion, Regiment and Brigade under the command respectively of Major John Purvis, Colonel Leroy Hammond and Brigadier General Andrew Williamson. His first campaign embraced a period extending from January to February inclusive 1779. The Americans concentrated and established there Head Quarters at Liberty Hill in the vicinity of Augusta, the latter place being then in the possession of the British -- a detachment including the applicant under the command of Colonel Leroy Hammond was ordered to march from their Head Quarters aforesaid into Georgia with the aim to operate on the Enemy then about to Evacuate their Fort at Augusta, in order as was supposed to retreat towards Savannah. In February 1779 near that period the detachment aforesaid met with an advanced party of a division of the British commanded by General Prevost, who was proceeding from Augusta to reinforce another body of English troops which had preceded General Prevost, and which said English troops afterwards so signally defeated General Ashe's Army at Brier Creek. On the occasion of alluded to Colonel McIntosh of Georgia at the Head of 200 or more All-American Regulars supported our detachment -- from thence the detachment returned to their Head Quarters at Liberty Hill, where they remained until the succeeding spring. In June the low country of this State being managed by the Enemy the Army at Liberty Hill including applicant, was again put in motion and commenced its march towards Charleston. On the 20th of June 1779 the battle of Stono was fought on which occasion the applicant acted as a guard near the

battlefield. After the Battle the American Army were successively stationed at Parkers ferry on Edisto and at Coosawhatchie in Beaufort District South Carolina and continued in camp for 2 months. At the latter place they with the applicant was disbanded. The applicant never received a discharge at any period of the war nor is he aware that written discharges were ever given to the South Carolina Infantry or militia after their discharge.

A large portion of the year 1780 day the British were conquerors and [indecipherable word] of the State.

In the succeeding year 1781 they again took up arms -- the second campaign in which the applicant served extended from the year aforesaid to the termination of hostilities in South Carolina in April or May 1782 to the best of the applicant's recollection and belief. In this tour of service, the applicant entered the 1 January aforesaid as a private in a volunteer company of mounted militia (the only species of service in which he was ever engaged) under the command of Captain James Thomas. The only affair of any historical note in which the applicant was engaged from the period last mentioned, was the reduction of Fort Brown in Augusta and Golphins Fort on the Savannah River -- the officers in command at Brown's Fort were, as recollected by applicant, General Andrew Pickens, Colonel S. Hammond [could be "L. Hammond"], Major Purvis & Middleton. In addition to the officers already mentioned as recollected by applicant and same at different periods of the service, were General Lincoln, Colonel Mayson & General Clarke of Georgia. The applicant was also frequently engaged in the year 1781 & afterwards in scouting parties against the Tories, defending the country from their depredations.

The applicant further declares in answer to the interrogatories required by the War Department to be propounded, that he was born in the lower sections of South Carolina in the District now called Colleton, the 24th of August 1761 as appears from a record formerly in the possession of Colonel Ford, of the District last aforesaid, since deceased, What disposition has been made of the said record since the death of said Colonel Ford is to the applicant unknown. That when he entered the service he was residing in the district of Fairfield and has been continued to live from that period to the present -- that during the whole period of his service he acted as a volunteer and a private -- that he has no distinct recollection of the names of any regiments he may have seen or served with besides those mentioned -- our militia system being in and imperfectly organized state that he received no commission -- the applicant further states that he is personally known to the Honorable George McDuffie & Colonel A P Butler of Fairfield District South Carolina who can testify as to his character for veracity &c. The applicant has no documentary Evidence on which to rely for the verification of his declaration above set forth, but would refer to the subjoined certificate of John Simpkins Esquire and confirmation thereof. 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 & year aforesaid.

S/ J. Richardson, C. C. P.

S/ Daniel Rogers

[William Watkins, a clergyman, and B. M. Blocker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Additional amended declaration of Daniel Rogers the declarant states he entered the service as a volunteer on the first January 1779 and remained at the head quarters at Liberty Hill from the time above stated until about the last of May say the under the officers before named in the former declarations and performed the services stated in former Declaration Georgia--&c which tour of service ended.

The deponent then volunteered under the same officers as before stated and marched to Parkers ferry about the first of June in the same year 1779 -- and on the 20th of the same month was at the battle of Stono as stated in former declarations after which the detachment was stationed at Coosawhatchie till about the last of September or first of October, when his company was disbanded without any written discharge as stated in former declaration -- which embraces the service from June till the time above stated say 4 months &c

The third tour of service was in April 1781 the deponent volunteered under Captain James Thomas in the same battalion Regiment and Brigade under the same field officers except Brigadier General which was General Andrew Pickens, marched to Gaulphin's Fort on the Savannah River South Carolina which was taken by the Americans from thence to Brown's Fort and Grierson's in Augusta as stated in former declarations and continued in said Thomas' Company until sometime in July which constituted a tour of 3 months say from some time in April 1781 until some-about the last of July following &c

the 4th tour of service the deponent volunteered under Captain John Ryan about the last of July 1781 and was stationed near Edgefield Court house and was engaged in scouting after Tories through the County about one month and a half from thence to Ramboes Station and still performed various services of scouting after the Tories from said station to another stationed near the Ridge in which the deponent served about 5 months under the same field officers above named say until about the last of December 1781.

The 5th tour of service the deponent volunteered about the first of the year 1782 in the same company under the same field officers and performed various services of scouting after the Tories as fall down the Country as a place called Ridle springs -- for more than 3 months -- and was frequently stationed at different places from nearly 6 to the above mentioned place in the low Country.

The 6th tour of service deponent was called on by Captain Bryan and the deponent entered said company as a volunteer some time in the month of May 1782 and was actively engaged in defending the Country from the depredations of the Tories which in numbers were robbing killing and burning the houses of the Citizens for the term of 5 months and upwards &c.

The deponent performed a short tour of service under Captain Ryan as volunteer after the Tories in the spring of 1782 who had collected a small number together and robbed the settlements of various articles of Propen [sic, property?] and marched off with down the Country from one month to a months and a half &c. The deponent made this amendment to his former declaration according to the best of his recollections and can say with a clear conscience before the world and his God that he faithfully served the tours above stated.

&c this first of February 1834

S/ Daniel Rogers

Test: S/ Robt Bryan, JP