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Pension application of Edward Rogers S31944

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State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County

On this 28th day of December 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Marmaduke Williams Judge of the County Court for the County aforesaid Edward Rogers aged 87 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

By birth he is an Irishman and he bound himself to one John Brown with whom he removed to America, he Brown sold him to one John Saunders, and Saunders sold him to George Somerville [sic, George Summerville, who while he owned him was appointed a Captain before his time was fully out with Somerville he enlisted in the Service of the United States for 2 years under Captain James Pettigrew of the South Carolina troops he living at the time in the County of Kershaw South Carolina. His lieutenants name was James Long Ensign not remembered Colonel Jack commanded the Regiment Colonel Farrell next in command as Lieutenant, -- This service was as minute men. He was called out on the service on the Savannah & Broad Rivers against the Indians Tories & British, no hard fighting but some skirmishes from this service he was honorably discharged & returned to his former residence, where he was drafted as a militia man under Captain Somerville his former master for a term not recollected & called immediately into service he marched towards Charlestown & came close to that place from there to Purrysburg where Colonel Kershaw commanded, after this he returned home, he had not been long at home before he was called back to Purrysburg to relieve those on duty -- this calling & returning happened frequently within the troops, for the purpose of relief of those on present duty, or to rest from labors thereof. -- while in the same company Captain Summerville died, and the command devolved upon Lieutenant Braden [? could be Craden or Graden], they joined Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter close bracket and was at the Battle of the Hanging Rock. The night before the Battle he got wounded while spying out the enemy's camp. After this Battle they had to retreat until joined by General Greene in the meantime Marion had fallen in with them. They proceeded to the Eutaw Springs -- he was in that Battle, at which time Marion assisted in the fight, though rather in a skirmishing posture -- After the Battle of Eutaw he became one of Marion's men & stop to him till peace was made, with him he had many scouts & skirmishes against the British & Tories, he has no family Register -- but from the best information he believes he is 87 years old, he believes he was 23 years old at the Battle of Eutaw Springs. He after the war lived some time in Carolina and after several removals, he hath removed a few years back to this State & County where he yet resides. His discharge he has lost,

he has no documentary evidence of his services, but he refers for the best evidence now in his power to the affidavit of John Andrews, as well as to the general character he sustains as a revolutionary soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the 28th day of December 1832

S/ John A. Hodges , Clk

S/ Edward Rogers, R his mark

[Samuel M. Meek, a clergyman, and Moses Collins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

John Andrews states on oath that when a boy himself, he lived in the neighborhood where Edward Rogers the above applicant was engaged in service that being too young to be in the war himself, he does not know personally of said Rogers' service as a soldier but he being engaged in the service and of his fighting bravely against the British & Tories, was a matter of notoriety in the neighborhood, & he has no doubt that what he has sworn to above is correct.

S/ John Andrews

State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County

On this 10th day of June A.D. 1833 Edward Rogers -- who heretofore has applied for a Pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, now on men's his former declaration; and answers to each of the Interrogatories propounded or required by the War Department.

To the first he answers -- His birthplace was Ireland as before stated, & he believes his age to be about that of 87 as stated in his first declaration yet he is so old and so roll of a scholar that he cannot well tell how far back 87 years would extend to.

Second -- He has no record of his age nor ever had, he is not sure that his Parents before he left our line had made a family Register or were capable of it, -- he is incapable himself, for he cannot read or write.

To the third: He conceives he has answered explicitly in his former declaration.

To fourth: He says that his manner of being called into service he hopes is sufficiently stated in his first declaration -- But the time when he cannot state from a loss of memory from old age or more likely from primitive ignorance -- Events he remembers better than the dates of their occurrence -- And he verily believes that he began to fight very soon after the war began, which he is informed & believes was about the year 1776.

To the 5th, 6th & 7th Interrogatories: He can make no other answer than what will be found in his original declaration, save this. He has omitted to state from what particular officer he received his discharge -- he now says that the company's Officers were too frequently changed by being killed &c &c & for the other reason of his not knowing how to read, that the name of the officer who discharged him was not remain upon his memory -- though he supposes it was the one he has last named as the one under whom he served at the time his enlistment of 2 years terminated.

His written discharge he has lost as nothing was ever done for him by or under it he perhaps became careless of it, and for many years, he is gone & he does not know what has become of it.

In regard to his services in the Militia he does not think he ever got a discharge in writing -- and as to the time of his service therein, he cannot be more precise than heretofore. -- and the only nature of the service he was the greater part of the time engaged in, prevents him from stating each particular period of militia service, even if from old age & consequent loss of

memory he would be more able than he now is to do so.

His grade whether under the enlistment war in the militia was that of a private soldier -- Under the first he served 2 years, under the last not less than 3 & he believes 4 or 5 years.

S/ Edward Rogers, RE his mark