

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willoughby Rogers S39048

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State of Tennessee Second Judicial District: On this first day of July 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the State aforesaid, personally appeared Willoughby Rogers aged about fifty-six years, resident in Blount County and the State aforesaid, who being, by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" that in the latter part of the year 1778 he entered the militia service and was in the battle at Brier Creek at Ashe's defeat, that he then served another militia tour of four or five months under General Caswell, and was at Charleston at the time it was surrendered by General Lincoln; that he afterwards, he thinks in the latter part of the year 1780 or early in the year 1781, he enlisted at Kingston [sic, Kinston] in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain __Jones of the 3rd Regiment, as he thinks, from North Carolina under the command of General Greene; that he continued in said Corps in the service of the United States about 12 months, the time for which he enlisted when he was discharged from service at Ashley Hill in South Carolina, which discharge he has since lost; that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services; that he was in no battle during said time; that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; that he never was in any way a pensioner of the United States, or of any State, hereby relinquishing all rights or pretensions to any such claim.

S/ Willoughby Rogers, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ Edw. Scott, Judge &c.

[Stephen Graves and Thomas Spraggins, neighbors of the applicant, testified as to his being in reduced circumstances and to his reputation as having served in the revolution.]

State of Tennessee

On this 27th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court to wit the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of Blount County being expressly made a court of record by the laws of the State of Tennessee and having the power of fine and imprisonment Willoughby Rogers aged sixty-four years, as he believes, resident in Blount County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows: he enlisted under Captain Simon Lee at Tarborough in Edgecombe County North Carolina in the end of the year 1778 or early in the year 1779 and was at General Ashe's defeat at

Briar Creek, and soon after was discharged having only enlisted for five months. Soon afterwards he enlisted again under Captain Brickle and served under General Caswell's Command for three months and was again discharged -- Some time afterwards he enlisted the 3rd time at Kingston Wayne County North Carolina on Neuse River for twelve months under a recruiting officer called Allesck [?] and was marched by Lieutenant Slade to Wilmington and there he was attached to Captain Jones, Company in which he served during his term of service and was again honorably discharged having been the whole time under General Greene's Command, this declarant has lost all his discharges, and cannot recollect any of the Regiments to which at any time he belong -- That his original Declaration was made on or about the first day of July 1818, and as well as he recollects, and he has received a pension Certificate dated the 15th day of January 1819 and numbered 5324.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz. 40 acres Knob land lowest quality, State installments and interest thereon yet due and unpaid -- one horse 4 years old -- one cow and calf -- 5 head small cattle -- 23 head of hogs -- 4 head of sheep -- necessary clothing and Bedding of myself & family excepted -- And I owe the balance purchase money of my land and for necessities for support to various individuals, the sum of \$152.

S/ Willoughby Rogers, X his mark

I am by occupation a farmer but am now aged and infirm and can do but little at that business -- My family consists of my wife Mary aged 64 years and sometimes entirely unable to do anything & has an old sore on one leg that seems almost incurable -- My oldest Daughter Zilpha aged 20 years -- my 2nd Daughter Sally aged 18 or 19 years -- my son Shadrach aged 13 or 14 years, my grandson Willoughby Davis aged 4 years they are all tolerably healthy, but my son Shadrach is much troubled and sometimes entirely disabled by the Rheumatism.

S/ Willoughby Rogers, X his mark

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 27th day of September 1820

S/ Jacob F. Foute, Clk

State of Tennessee Blount County: County Court June Sessions 1824

Be it remembered that on this 28th day of June A.D. 1824 personally appeared in Open Court, to wit the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for Blount County aforesaid, being a Court of record expressly made so by the laws of the said State of Tennessee and having the power of fine and imprisonment for the County of Blount aforesaid Willoughby Rogers resident in the said County aged about sixty-eight years as he believes who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 -- the 1st May 1820 and 1st March 1823. That he the said Willoughby Rogers enlisted at Tarborough in Edgecombe County North Carolina under Captain Simon Lea in the latter part of the year 1778 or beginning of 1779 as well as he now recollects, and was at the defeat of General Ashe at Briar Creek and having served out his time of enlistment, being 5 months, received an honorable discharge -- Shortly afterwards he enlisted for

3 months under Captain Brickle in Edgecombe County North Carolina was marched thence under the command of General Caswell to headquarters war general rendezvous, where he thinks General Lincoln took the command. He served out his 3 months and was again honorably discharged -- Some time afterwards he enlisted in Kingston Wayne County North Carolina for twelve months under a certain Officers called Allcock, was marched thence by Lieutenant Slade to Wilmington North Carolina was then attached to Captain Jones' Company which was marched together with others under command of Major McCrea [sic, probably Griffith John McRee or McRea], to General Greene's head quarters and served his term of service then in said company under General Greene's immediate command and was again honorably discharged at Ashley Hill in South Carolina. He has lost all his discharges and cannot now recollect any of the regiments to which he at any time belonged -- Nor can he be certain of the correctness of the dates he has given; as he is totally illiterate and now old & his memory much impaired = That he made an original declaration to obtain a pension on or about the first day of July 1818, as he believes, and received a pension certificate dated 15th January 1819 No. 5324. On which he received some money, amount not now recollected, and was stricken from the pension Roll under the act of 1st May 1820. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit one mare and colt \$50 -- 8 head of cattle including calves etc. \$32 -- 15 head of hogs including pigs & Shotes \$13 -- one small & one middle sized pot (both broken) \$2 -- one shovel plow & Gearing \$3 -- one chopping ax & 2 old weeding hoes \$2.00, one mattock, 1 water pail \$1.50 -- one piggin 13 old chairs 3 knives one dollar -- one oven -- one pewter dish & 4 plates say \$2.50 -- 3 earthen plates 37 p (\$107.87 ½ in all)

S/ Willoughby Rogers, X his mark

necessary bedding & clothing of myself & family excepted

And from testimony heard and examined it is the opinion of the Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is \$107.87 ½ and no more -- and it is ordered by the court that the same be certified accordingly =

That since the exhibition of my first Schedule the following changes have been made in my property to wit

Property in the first Schedule --

one horse 4 years old

to whom sold

sold to Asa Delezier Nov or Dec.

1820 for \$50 paid to Jos. Boghon

my note given in part payment of the tract of land

one cow & calf & 5 head of small cattle, I now have mentioned in the above Schedule

23 head of hogs Out of these I have

supplied myself with meat—some died
some were killed by the wolves &c &c
leaving the stock which is above set forth

40 acres of Knob land of the lowest quality—this land I purchased after I was first placed on the pension Roll expecting by my pension to be able to pay for it. The land like all other lands within the district south of French Broad & Holston [rivers], between the rivers Big Pigeon & Tennessee [rivers], was subject to the encumbrance of one dollar per acre view the State for the use of Coledges [sic, colleges] & academies & the interest on that some for 15 years or more, and held by the same ten year and liable to be sold by the State at any time a failure was made in the pavement of the interest or installments required by law from time to time -- After I was stricken from the pension roll my resources failed and were cut off entirely. I owed the individual from whom I purchased the land and others into whose hands my notes have passed -- I was indebted for necessities etc. etc. to several persons -- All those press me for pavement I could not meet their demands nor those of the State for my land -- The consequence was that the treasurer of East Tennessee, Matthew Nelson in obedience to the law, advertised and in September 1821 sold my tract of land (with some hundreds more in this district) and was purchased on by the State, for the interest, costs & charges that were due their own -- 2 years were allowed by law for claimants to redeem, but not poverty was such and my necessities so pressing, that I could not raise the money to redeem it --

It is now therefore entirely beyond my reach and I could never expect to regain it -- I am still indebted somewhat, and much more than any particle of my property would bring in cash -- I am by Occupation a farmer, but am now so aged and infirm that I can do but very little in that way -- my family consists of myself my wife Mary, aged about 68 years -- can sometimes spin a little [indecipherable word] -- but is often unable to do anything of labor -- my son Shadrach aged about 19 years who is tolerably stout but sometimes afflicted with the rheumatism -- also my grandson the Willoughby Davis -- aged about 8 years he is healthy as usual --

S/ Willoughby Rogers, X his mark