

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ralph Rodgers [Rogers] S4788

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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' or 'undeciphered' 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 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Tennessee, Jackson County} May County Court 1833

On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 appeared in Open Court before the worshipful John Graham, John McCarver & Tandy K. Witcher Presiding Justices of sd. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for sd. County of Jackson, Ralph Rodgers aged Seventy three years in March 1833 who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following names Officers & served as herein stated. In 1777 in the latter part of July he volunteered under Captain Robert Lusk for a two month tour in that part of South Carolina now called Pendleton District & proceeded from home to a part called Sinaca Fort [sic, Seneca Fort] on Sinica River [sic, Seneca River], afterwards called Fort Rutledge about 140 miles from where he lived & remained at the fort until about the first of January—while at this place was principally engaged in building the fort called fort Rutledge. He thinks there was a Captain Tutt [Benjamin Tutt] & Capt. Moore at this fort—from thence he was discharged & went home after serving five months although he volunteered only for two months & received no written discharge from any officer. In May 1778 he substituted for his brother Clayton Rodgers under Capt. Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] & started for Florida<sup>1</sup> where he got as far as Amsterdam River they were overtaken by Capt. Lusk, whose company then at the sd. river he was attached to Brown's Regiment, Genl Williamson [Andrew Williamson] Commander. After getting as far as St. Mary's River there were 600 men chosen to go on to Browns Breast works, he thinks about 25 miles distance commanded by Maj. Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. He rec'd no discharge that he recollects of & got home sometime in September making four months service. In January 1779 he had gone to Charleston, about 220 miles with his waggon & team<sup>where he got them impressed</sup> to go to Bufords Island [sic, Beaufort?] 60 or 70 miles south of Charleston, stayed there about a month & returned to Charleston, then after remaining at Charleston two or three weeks went to Orangeburg with about twenty-two waggons in company. After remaining in Orangeburg sometimes hauling provisions in for the army he went home about the first of June after serving five months. Gov. Rutledge [John Rutledge] was at this place with the upper country militia. Applicant was in the service during almost the whole of the year 1780 in Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Army. He volunteered this year under Capt. Burnett [sic, Jacob Barnett] & Col. Neal [sic, Andrew Neel] the latter was killed at Rockey Mount [sic, Rocky Mount, July 30, 1780]<sup>2</sup> in

<sup>1</sup> Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer]

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC\\_Revolutionary\\_War\\_Known\\_Battles\\_Skirmishes.htm](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm)

which battle he was, he thinks, in August, from thence he went to hanging Rock [August 6, 1780].<sup>3</sup> Another battle under Gen. Sumter, Col. Hill [William Hill] & Maj. Wynn [sic, Richard Winn?] & Capt. Jamison [sic, James Jamieson], he now recollects were wounded at hanging Rock with whom he was acquainted. He was not at Sumter's defeat [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780], but after going home for clothing joined him, at Charlotte, & was with him in a battle in October at place called Black Stock [sic, Blackstocks Plantation, November 20, 1780],<sup>4</sup> on Tiger River [sic, Tyger River], here Gen. Sumter was wounded & retreated & crossed the Tyger River. After this he still remained in Sumter's army, went awhile over to N. Carolina to wait on Gen. Sumter while wounded. Soon he was able to ride perhaps in the forepart of the year 1781, went to Conger's fort [sic, Congaree Fort a.k.a. Fort Granby] on Congaree River, from thence to Col. Thompson's [Thomson's Plantation], then through by the big Savanna & took 16 waggons from the British generally spying & scouting the country, from Thompson's went down to the Santee [River] followed by Lord Rowden [sic, Lord Rawdon] & forced to swim the River at Hoods from thence proceeded towards Rights Bluff [sic, Wright's Bluff]. This was no regular march of the army but a confined state of things through the country & proceeded through the country crossing Black River & turned up to Ratiff's [sic, Ratcliff's Bridge, March 6, 1781]<sup>5</sup> where we were attacked by the British & forced them to retreat, from thence went home—these tours was twelve months or more but he will only say twelve months as he cannot particularly distinguish them. In the Spring of 1781 in the months of March & April he served a tour of two months & got a receipt from Lieut. Carr [William Carr of the New Acquisition District Regiment]. Went to Fort Mott & from thence to Orangeburg & was at the taking of Orangeburg [May 11, 1781],<sup>6</sup> from thence to Dorchester to near Jacksonboro. Then rode towards home. In the year 1782 was in another two month's tour under a Lieutenant Darwin [John Darwin] & a Capt. Hannah<sup>7</sup> who commanded the Orangeburg District. Gen. Henderson [William Henderson] commanded the Army—this was in Orangeburg District engaged altogether in scouting the country. Cannot recollect the months but is confident of his service of two months.

In the year 1780 & for part of the year 1781 where applicant has given twelve months certainly he cannot from his infirmity & loss of memory give the dates & separate tours—he knows that he served upwards of twelve months in that time but for great caution & certainty he has put it for twelve months only. In all his services as a soldier of the revolution he was in actual service thirty months for which he claims a pension was a volunteer or a private in all his services except the tour of 1778 when he substituted for his brother Clayton Rodgers.<sup>8</sup> He was born in the state of New Jersey near Trenton in March 1760 & has a record of his age he made

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_blackstocks.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_radcliffes\\_bridge.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_radcliffes_bridge.html)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_orangeburgh\\_2.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html)

<sup>7</sup> Either John Hanna or Robert Hanna, both of the New Acquisition District Regiment

<sup>8</sup> At this point, the veteran began answering the seven questions promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a federal pension for service in the Revolutionary War. The seven questions were:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

from the information of his parents while living in South Carolina which he has in his possession. From the state of New Jersey his parents moved to South Carolina where he lived the whole time he was in the service. In 1805 he moved from South Carolina to Jackson County, Tennessee where he now lives. He has stated as many facts as he can recollect as to his service & he was acquainted with Col. Hampton<sup>9</sup> who was attached to the state troops. He never rec'd any discharge from any officer for any of his tours. Jonas Griffith & George C. Darwin are acquainted with him & believe him to have been a revolutionary Soldier. They live in his neighborhood & will testify to his character for veracity &c; [he] has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his service in this country or else where to his knowledge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll on any state to his knowledge.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Ralph Rodgers, X his mark

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk of Jackson County Court

[Jonas Griffith, a clergyman, and George C Darwin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: The file contains no reference to any wife or children of this soldier. The soldier died April 20, 1836.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>10</sup> relating to Ralph Rogers [sic]	pp12
Audited Account No. 6576	
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[No. 366] Boat L

Mr. Ralph Rogers his Account of 278 days Militia Duty

Amounting to £39.14.3 ¼ Stg [Sterling]

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina to Mr. Ralph Rogers

Dr.

For Personal Services under Capt. Barnett

210 days at 20/<sup>11</sup> per day

£210.0.0

Under Lt. James Darwin 40 days at 20/

40.0.0

Under Lt. Humphrey Barnett 28 days at 20/

28.0.0

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<sup>9</sup> Both Lt. Col. Henry Hampton and Lt. Col. Wade Hampton served in the SC State Troops

<sup>10</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

<sup>11</sup> 20 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a mounted militia man providing his own horse and equipment.

Total            £278.0.0  
                      £39.14.3 ¼

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Received the 25 October 1780 for full Satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 366 Book L4 £39.14.3 ¼ Sterling in Virtue of an Order from the within named Ralph Rogers

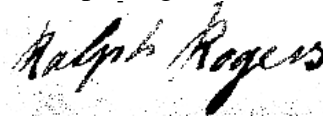
S/ J. Barnett

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Barnett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. A small number "12" is visible to the right of the signature.

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Gentlemen Please Deliver to Jacob Barnett the Indent Due to me from the Public and You will Greatly Oblige Gentlemen

Your humble Servant  
S/ Ralph Rogers

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph Rogers". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

To the Commissioners of the Treasury  
State of South Carolina  
Edward Blake  
&  
Petter Boquet Esqrs.

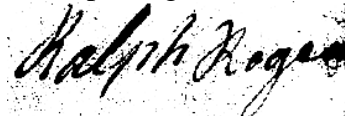
Signed in presence of David Leech, JP

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 366 Book L]

[pp 7-8: Images of the Reverse of the Above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I Assign Over my Right and Title of the within Indent to Jacob Barnett  
29<sup>th</sup> March 1785

S/ Ralph Rogers

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph Rogers". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

in Presence of  
S/ Wm Carr

[Note: Pages 9 through 12 of this file indicate that the veteran filed some sort of petition with the South Carolina Legislature in 1795. Unfortunately, the petition is not included among the documents in this file and there is no indication from the documents as to the subject of the petition. There is a note that indicates that the committee considering the petitioner recommended to the legislature that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.]

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<sup>12</sup> This is the signature of Captain Jacob Barnett