

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Rogers S6006

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State of Virginia Buckingham County to wit

On this 14th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Jonathan P Phelps one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Buckingham and as such one of the Justices of the Court of Buckingham in the State aforesaid (which Court is a Court of Record) Robert Rogers a resident of the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath take 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 the 11th day of January 1781 as a private under the Command of Captain Charles Patterson, Lieutenant John Banks and Ensign William Beckham he marched from Buckingham Court House through the Counties of Cumberland, Powhatan and Chesterfield and through Petersburg to Cabin Point, at which place he joined other Troops which composed Colonel Charles Fleming's Regiment, the other field officers were Major B. Jones and Dalaman [Christian Charles de Klauman] a Frenchman, these with Colonel Meriwether & Faulkner's regiments with others formed General Muhlenberg's Brigade, from Cabin Point he went to the neighborhood of Portsmouth crossing the River at a small town called Suffolk which had been burnt by the British that he continued in that neighborhood until the 11th day of April at which time he was discharged at a place called Babs old field [Babb's old field] having served a Tour of three months, that Captain Patterson informed him he had procured a discharge for the whole of his Company, but he never received his discharge in writing, that in this tour he was in no engagement, the Infantry had some skirmishing with the enemy's pickets that for this term he was drafted, That he served a second tour of duty as a private as a Substitute for Samuel Muggenson [?]¹ that he met at Buckingham Court House about the 6th of May 1781 that he marched under the command of Captain Samuel Saunders Lieutenant Joseph Hooper and Ensign Anthony Hockell [?]² to Prince Edward Court House, when they met many other troops at that place they met General Steuben who had retreated from the enemy, that there was present at that place General Lawson Colonel Gaskins and Majors Holcomb & Purnall that he was marched from Prince Edward Court House, through the County of Cumberland, that he crossed James River at Carter's ferry and marched through the Counties of Goochland, Henrico, Charles

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Samuel Muggenson

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Anthony Hockell

City, New Kent by Holt's Forge, that he was near when a battle was fought at James Town, that he continued in that neighborhood sometime and was marched to Morben Hills [Malvern Hills] where he continued until the 20th of August 1781 when he was discharged having served three months, that he received a discharge but has lost it was in no engagement his field Officers was Colonel Skipwith and Majors Holcomb & Balew [Ballew?]³, That he was drafted and served a third Term as a private he marched from Buckingham Court House the 20th September 1781 under the Command of Captain Silas Watkins and Lieutenant Joel Watkins, through the Counties of Cumberland, Powhatan and Chesterfield crossed James River at Swan's point from thence he marched through Williamsburg to York where they joined the main Army the evening that the American Army took from the enemy the redoubt called Pigeon Hill that he either joined Colonel Holt Richardson's or Beverly Randolph's Regiment, that he remained at York until the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and his Army, that he then marched with others to guard the prisoners, that he marched through Williamsburg by Hanover Courthouse, Bolling Green [Bowling Green], Fredericksburg, Orange Court House, crossing the Blue Ridge, at Chester's [?]⁴ or Ashby's gap to Winchester, recollects no particular officer on the march except his immediate Captain Giles who continued with him to the barracks near Winchester, that he remained in the Service until the 16th of December when he was discharged, his discharge was signed by Captain Giles he arrived at home in the xmas Hollidays [Christmas Holidays] that this Tour lacked four days of three months unless the time of his arrival at home should be taken in the estimate of time it would then exceed three months, That upon Interrogatories propounded, he states in Answer to the first, that he was born in the County of Buckingham and state of Virginia in the year 1763, in answer to the second he states that he has no record of his age that his ancestors informed him of the date of his birth, – In answer to the third, he states that at each time that he was called into service he resided in the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia, that he has resided in the same County and state ever since the War of the Revolution and now resides in the same County and State, in Answer to the fourth he states that he was twice drafted into the service and once he went as a Substitute for Samuel Meggenson, In answer to the fifth he states he has before stated that General Muhlenberg, Lawson and Steuben as also Colonels Richardson or Randolph, Skipwith, Gaskins with Majors Holcomb, Balew and others, and at the siege of York, General Washington was with the troops, and in Answer to the sixth he states as he has before stated that he received written discharges for his second and third Tour which has been lost, the first Tour under Captain Patterson he received no written discharge Captain Patterson having informed him that he Captain Patterson had procured a discharge for his whole Company, and as to the seventh he refers to the affidavits of Jesse Thornhill, John Doss and James Whitaker, who have resided near him ever since the close of the Revolutionary War, and as to his character for veracity he refers to all his Neighbors as also for their general belief that he was a soldier during the revolutionary War, he will name the Reverend William Pinnell, Jonathan Christian, Samuel P. Christian, Benjamin P. Walker, Robert S Gary, Charles Haman, &c. He further states that of any if the officers under whom he served are still living there residence is unknown to him, that he resides nearly 30 miles from the Court House and

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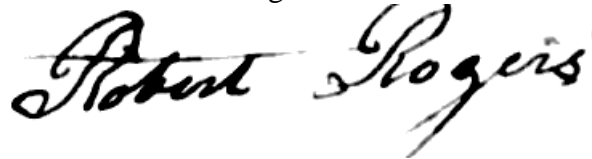
⁴ *Chester* Chester's ? or Charles's

from bodily infirmity cannot attend their without great inconvenience to qualify to his declaration for a pension.

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 any agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid
S/ J. P. Phelps

S/ Robert Rogers



[Gabriel Walker, a clergyman, and Bryant Nowlin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Buckingham County to wit

John Doss⁵ aged seventy-five years old a respectable citizen of said County personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that Robert Rogers of said County served in the Militia of Virginia in the War of the Revolution, that he himself was in the Army and saw the said Rogers in actual Service at a place called the Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills] about twelve miles below Richmond in the summer of 1781, this Affiant further states that he has no recollection of the length of the tour of duty the said Rogers served at that time, that he having served the Tour of three months, and has no reason to believe that the said Rogers served a shorter time, as the Company that I served and was a relief for the Company said Rogers served in; and the said Rogers was discharged in August at the Morbin Hills in the year aforesaid

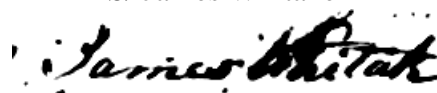
S/ John Doss, X his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me a Justice of the peace for said County this 4th day of August 1832
S/ Jonathan P Phelps, JP

State of Virginia Buckingham County to wit

That James Whitaker⁶ aged sixty-nine years personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he was in the Army of the revolution and saw Captain Rogers in actual service at a place called Cabin Point in 1781 that after that as well as I recollect in the same year I saw the said Rogers serving another Term at York and served there myself and at the Barracks near Winchester myself and have every reason to believe that the said Rogers served the same length of time as the said Rogers was also at the Winchester Barracks.

S/ James Whitaker



Subscribed and sworn to before me a justice of the peace of said County 4th August 1832
S/ Jonathan P Phelps

State of Virginia Buckingham County SS

Jesse Thornhill of the County of Campbell and State aforesaid a Respectable Citizen near seventy years old personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County and state

⁵ FPA S5350

⁶ [James Whitaker W3482](#)

aforesaid and made oath that he served 2 tours of duty with Robert Rogers in the War of the revolution – 1st Tour in the winter and part of the spring of 1781 in the neighborhood of Portsmouth near Norfolk and was discharged at Babbs old field on the 11th of April same year after serving 3 months. 2nd Tour same year sent out in the Army from Buckingham Court House as well as my recollection serves me about the 15th or 16th of September 2 York, where Cornwallis was captured and marched with the said Rogers as a guard for the prisoners and was discharged at the Winchester Barracks some time as well as I recollect about the 15th of December of the same year and returned Home in Christmas, performing a 2nd Tour of about 3 months.

S/ Jesse Thornhill,⁷ X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 10th of August 1832

S/ Wm Walton, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]

⁷ [Jesse Thornhill S14679](#)