

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Rodgers SC2116  
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To the honorable the Senate and House of representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Memorial of John Rogers

respectfully Sheweth, that your memorialist was appointed a Captain in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Williams and was employed in several expeditions against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1776 & 1779, for which he then received his full pay that shortly after this, he was applied to by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] who then commanded a brigade of militia in the service of the State, for a Loan of money for the purpose of purchasing provisions for the use of the Army, & that in compliance with the said Williamson's request & instruction your memorialist loaned to his Commissary, a certain Mr. Lusk, the sum of Five hundred Dollars and some time after, the said Williamson quitted the American service, and went over to the British, and never returned to this State – that during the war, your memorialist's house was robbed by a party of Tories, who carried off or destroyed all his papers, and amongst them, the said Commissary's receipt, which was the only evidence of the Loan. That the said Lusk always refused to repay the money, alleging that the same was borrowed & laid out for the use of the State, and that he was not individually liable for it; and shortly after the conclusion of the war, and pending a Suit, which your memorialist had instituted against him, absconded from the State, and has not since been heard of by your memorialist.

Your memorialist begs leave further to state, that he continued in the service of the State during the whole of the Revolutionary war and a return was regularly made to the proper office; but before he had an opportunity of making application, some person had fraudulently obtained an Indent for the whole amount of his claim by virtue of a forged order purporting to be drawn by your memorialist that in addition to the loss of Five hundred Dollars loaned, as above mentioned to Commissary Lusk, which your memorialist verily believes was laid out for the benefit of the State, and of the whole amount of his claim for services performed after the year 1777, he at various times expended considerable sums of his own money in the private service, of which he never kept an account – and that he is now in the seventy ninth year of his age, entirely blind, and reduced from affluent circumstances, to a State of indigence. He therefor


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prays your Honorable body to take the circumstances into consideration and grant him such relief as you may deem [word too faint to discern] & reasonable –

Nov. 15, 1819

S/ John Rodgers

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Rodgers". The ink is dark and the signature is centered on the page.

Memorial John Rogers praying to be reimbursed a sum of money expended in the public service during the Revolutionary war

Claims

Rejected

S/ W Burnside

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State of South Carolina Laurens District } Personally appeared John Rodgers of said District before me who being sworn as the law directs saith that Early in the Revolutionary War he was appointed a Captain in Colonel Williams Regiment (now the Districts of Laurens & Newberry) and continued to serve as such during the war & that he Received pay for his services in an Expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1776 & 1777. And after that date a Return of his Services was made and an Indent issued and drawn by a false order by a Person of the name of John Rodgers. And further this deponent says about the date of 1777 that General Williamson who then commanded a Brigade applied to this deponent for the loan of Money for the use of Purchasing provisions for the use of the Army and directed him to loan it to his Commissary a certain Mr. Lusk and Accordingly he this deponent loaned the said Lusk about Five hundred Dollars and since the Revolutionary war he brought suit against said Lusk but Recovered nothing from said Lusk nor from the State and further this deponent say that in the time of the war his house was Robbed and his papers destroyed so that his Receipts and many documents that might substantiate his claim for said money loaned were destroyed or carried away and further this deponent saith that he is about Seventy nine years of age and he lost his Eye sight and from Affluent circumstances he is Reduced low in the world &c

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819

S/ John Rodgers

S/ W. Burnside, JQ

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The Committee on claims to whom was referred the Petition of John Rogers [sic] praying to be Reimbursed a Sum of money expended in the public service during the Revolutionary war –

Beg leave to Report –

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the prayer thereof, be not granted.

S/ Thomas Carr, Chairman