

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Rodgers W10239
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State of Ohio Clark County

On this 20th day of July in the year 1829 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of the State of Ohio in & for the County of Clark in the State of Ohio the same being a Court of record expressly so made by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio William Rogers [sic] a resident of said County aged about sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare and make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said William Rodgers enlisted for the term of nine months on the __ day of October in the year 1780 in the State of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain John Reid (as he believes) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Washington of the line of the State of North Carolina or Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until the battle of Guilford which was the next spring after his enlistment he was in that battle and at his station when he received a wound from a musket ball which was lodged in his breast. He was born from the field of battle on a litter and his wound was supposed to be mortal: shortly afterwards he was removed to his father's house (in that State and not far distant from Guilford) where he remained disabled and confined until sometime after peace was made. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the pension roll of any State except North Carolina and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That he was called averse to ask the charity of his country until absolute necessity compelled him and he was until the fall of the year 1827 sound and healthy and able to support himself and family by his own industry.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 small horse, one cow, one heifer, one feather bed & bedding, one pot, one oven, two skilletts, two kettles, two buckets, two pitchers, one churn, a few Nocks [?], one loom & apparatris [sic, apparatus?] for weaving, part of a set of shoemakers tools, one ax, one hoe, one shovel plow, one set of gears, one sickle, one handsaw, one drawing knife, one auger, & plates & knives & forks

S/ William Rodgers

My occupation until late years was a shoemaker but for the last 10 or 12 years I taught school the greater part of the time occasionally working at shoemaking in October 1827 I got my right shoulder broken by the accidental falling of a log at a house raising since which I have been unable to do much of anything but teaching school and in October 1828 I received an accidental wound on the head by a fall which confined and disabled me all winter and from which I am not yet entirely recovered and am barely able to teach a small school a part of the time. The members of my family residing with me are my wife Sarah aged about thirty-six with an infant aged 4 months within a few days, my stepdaughter Ann aged about 11 years my daughter Minerva aged about 2 years.

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property in 1818 I was a widower & had one horse and my clothes only but enjoyed good health & strength and was able to support myself comfortably as I did it for several succeeding years in February 1824 I married my present wife who had no property. On the 7th of March 1824 I contracted with one Alexander Garringer for the purchase from him of 40 acres of land at \$5 per acre and executed to him my notes for the purchase money payable one in 6 months for \$50 one in 12 months for \$80, one in 2 years for \$75 there being \$5 added thereto for we bought at the same time immediately after the aforesaid purchase I ascertained that said Garringer had purchased the land from one Ralph Osborn and had not paid in full for it and that Osborn held the title to the said land. The said Ralph Osborn & Garringer upon settling their accounts without the knowledge or agency of this affiant all the above obligations were transferred by Garringer to Osborn and on the 28th of April 1826 I paid the said Osborn \$35 on said obligations which is all I ever paid on account of said land for I had expected to have been able to raise a part of the money by teaching a school but was unable to get one at that place and having settled in the woods was unable to do more than to keep my family in the fall of 1827 my shoulder was broken as before stated and in the spring of 1828 Ralph Osborn demanded payment of the balance due upon the said land or that I should give it up; being satisfied that I could not pay for it I gave it up without waiting to be put off by process of law at my costs I had enclosed and cleared about 11 acres of land & built a cabin for a dwelling and had built a stable all of which I lost as well as the \$35 and which all those was less than I should have lost if had incurred the expense of legal proceedings being wholly unable to pay any more to keep the land. The Horse mentioned which I owned whilst a widower died my property in 1820.

S/ William Rodgers

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 20th day of July 1829

S/ Saul Henkle, Clerk

[fn p. 41]

State of Ohio Clark County

Personally comes in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Clarke aforesaid the same being a Court of record expressly so made by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio William Rodgers who being sworn says that in October of the year 1780 or 1781 he enlisted in the Service of the United States on the Continental establishment in the Company of Captain John Read of North Carolina in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Washington & that in his declaration heretofore by him forwarded to the War Department it was stated that he was "in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Washington in the line of the State of North Carolina on Continental establishment" which statement was made by the person who drafted the said declaration following the form furnished by the Department and escaped the

notice of this affiant as he did not so particularly attend to that part of the declaration the Department having in reply to his first application informed him that "his service was admitted" This affiant states that he did serve as first above stated & he believes the fact to be that Colonel Washington was of the Virginia line but the Company of Captain John Read was of the North Carolina & was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Washington & this affiant prays the Court to order a copy of this affidavit to be certified by the Clerk of this Court as an amendment to his declaration.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court October the 11th AD 1829
S/ James J. Halsey, DC
S/ William Rodgers

[fn p. 8: on January 27 [year too faint to read] Sarah Rodgers, 64, filed in Richland County Wisconsin for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Rodgers, a pensioner for his services in the revolution until the date of his death on December 18, 1845; that she married him February 11, 1826; that they were married by William Goodman in Franklin County, State of Ohio; that her name prior to her marriage to William Rodgers was Sarah Michael; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 14: on April 10, 1855 in Allen County Ohio, Sarah Rodgers, 61, filed an affidavit stating that she intermarried with William Rodgers in February 1825; that said marriage was solemnized in Franklin County Ohio; that her husband was a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 7, 1830; that her husband died December 17, 1845; that her husband died in Allen County Ohio; that he removed to Allen County from Clark County Ohio and that he moved to Clark County Ohio from Kentucky.]