

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of John Rogers W18825      Rebecca      fn64NC  
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I William Wilson do hereby certify that Captain John Rogers died on the 31st day of October A.D. 1815, and that his widow has remained single ever since.

November 6th 1839

S/ John Sloan, JP

S/ William Wilson

I Thomas Downs<sup>1</sup> do hereby certify that I served in one campaign with Captain John Rogers from the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina to Wilmington North Carolina we were in service together at that time about 3 months -- we had a small engagement at Swans Bridge on the Cape Fear River. I was frequently in court martial with Captain Rogers during our campaign to Wilmington -- which I think to the best of my recollection was some time during the year 1781. We were commanded by General Rutherford [sic, Griffith Rutherford] -- under whom were Colonel Robert Irwin -- Colonel Caleb Phifer -- and Major James White -- Captain John Rogers at this time of the revolution, and since until he died -- was a resident of Waxhaw settlement in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina -- the officers of Captain Rogers' company when I served with him, were William Ferrell Lieutenant and John Lathan Ensign --

November 6th 1839

S/ John Sloan, JP

S/ Thomas Downs

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

On this 6th day of November 1839 personally appeared before John Sloan one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Mecklenburg County, Rebecca Rogers a resident of Mecklenburg County and State aforesaid aged eighty-two years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 --

That she is the widow of Captain John Rogers who was a Captain of a militia company in the American Service during the revolution -- that he was in the battle of Guilford in the State of North Carolina -- that he was in an engagement at Swans Bridge on the Cape Fear River -- that he marched from Mecklenburg in Colonel Robert Irwin's Regiment under General Rutherford a tour of 3 months to Wilmington North Carolina. And that he was drafted when he entered the Army the said Rebecca Rogers further states that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said Captain John Rogers on the 21st day

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Downs S8337](#)

of February A.D. 1782, that her husband the said John Rogers died on the 31st day of October A.D. 1815 -- and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. --

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ John Sloan, JP

S/ Rebecca Rogers, X her mark

I Mary McCain do hereby certify that I know of my own knowledge that John Rogers was a Captain in the Army during the revolution -- and that my husband John McCain<sup>2</sup> served under him -- they were out on several expeditions under Captain Irwin (Robert Irwin) once after the Indians -- and at another time they went to Wilmington North Carolina -- but whether they were in any engagement or not I do not recollect.

November 6th 1839

Attest

S/ Mary McCain, X her mark

S/ John Sloan, JP

I George McWhorter<sup>3</sup> do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with John Rogers during the revolution and since until his death -- and no that he was elected Captain of a militia company and was shortly afterwards drafted and took command of his company -- he was in the battle of Guilford -- and was in command of his company during that engagement -- one of his company was killed there. Captain Rogers was legally married to Rebecca Parkes in the year 1782 on the 21st day of February. I was at his [indecipherable word, looks like "infun"] --

November 6th 1839

S/ John Sloan, JP

S/ George McWhorter

I Andrew Walker<sup>4</sup> certify that I was one of Captain John Rogers company -- and was under him in several skirmishes with the Tories -- Captain John Rogers and Rebecca Parks were married during the year 1782 -- And Captain John Rogers died in the year 1815.

November 6th 1839

S/ Andrew Walker, X his mark

S/ John Sloan, JP

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Sarah Black<sup>5</sup> personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace, and made oath in due form of law that she remembers very well when John Rodgers and Rebecca Parks were married, she deponent, was then living in the neighborhood of where said marriage took place. That said marriage of occurred during the Revolutionary War -- and to the best of deponent's recollection, before the last term of said John Rodgers service. The above facts are impressed upon deponent's mind, by reason of her then situation, viz. = she was an orphan girl about 9 years old, her mother having died before said war, and her father was taken prisoner at Gates defeat and was taken to Charleston South Carolina where he died, and at the date of said

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<sup>2</sup> [John McAin \(McCain\) W9543](#)

<sup>3</sup> [George McWhorter S9011](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Andrew Walker S7830](#)

<sup>5</sup> She probably is the Sarah Black, widow of Ezekiel Black, FPA W8144. If so, she was Mrs. Sarah McEwen (a widow) at the time she married Ezekiel Black, her second husband, according to the marriage bond filed in Ezekiel Black's file. The name of her first husband does not appear in Ezekiel Black's file.

marriage she was living with her aunt Lily Wilson, she does not know that said John Rogers had any active service after his said marriage, but was still in the service of his country, and called Captain Rodgers. Deponent further states that she is now about 84 years old, & a pensioner. Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of August A.D. 1854.

S/ W. Maxwell, JP

S/ Sarah Black, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Be it known that on this 10th day of September A.D. 1851 -- before me FM Ross one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for Mecklenburg County personally appeared Sarah Black and being duly sworn according to law says, that she was born in 1771 -- and was about 11 years old when John Rodgers and Elizabeth Parks were married, that she remembers the time the said marriage took place very well, he was then living with her aunt and was anxious to go to the wedding but her aunt would not let her, That she remembers well when aunt came home she said they (John & Rebecca) were married -- That she knows that John Rodgers and Rebecca his wife had a child born to them about one year after they were married and they had seven children afterwards making in all eight children by said marriage -- She further states that her (Sarah Black's) 3rd child is now 52 years old and he was about the same age of Joseph Rodgers who was the youngest child of John and Rebecca Rodgers -- And she further swears that the said John Rodgers and Rebecca his wife lived together as man and wife from the day of their marriage until the death of John Rodgers.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above mentioned.

Before me

S/ FM Ross, JP

S/ Sarah Black, X her mark

[facts in file: veteran and his wife had 8 children as follows

David born December 17 1782

John born March 31 1784

Martha born October 9, 1785

Robert born October 26, 1787

James Parks born March 26, 1789

Betsey born April 4, 1791

Colly born July 4, 1793

Joseph born May 25 1798<sup>6</sup>

In 1851, James E. Rogers lived in Alabama with his family and Martha Dulin, of Mecklenburg County North Carolina, where the only surviving children of the veteran and his wife.]

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<sup>6</sup> fn p. 59 in an affidavit attesting the Bible record, Rebecca Maxwell states that the Bible record is complete and true except that the name of the youngest child of the veteran and his widow is not contained in the record. Rebecca Maxwell testifies that the Bible of John and Rebecca Rogers is now in her possession.