

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Rodgers (Rogers)¹ W5729

Villa

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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The State of Indiana Switzerland County SS

Be it remembered that on the Thirtieth day of May 1818 before May William Cotton one of the associate judges of the Circuit Court in and for the County aforesaid, State aforesaid personally appeared Stephen Rodgers of the County aforesaid, a resident citizen of the United States who after being duly sworn according to law doth and did declare, depose and say that he entered the service of the United Colonies in the Army raised to obtain and defend American Liberty and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof, and served three years and a half. He enlisted in the year 1778, at Albemarle barracks in Virginia under Captain Garland Burley (Lieutenant Thomas Porter, Ensign John Taylor) in Colonel Francis Taylor's Regiment & in General Woods brigade and he was honorably discharged in May 1781 by General Wood. That he hath no pension allowed him by the laws of the United States to his knowledge; and if any should exist he does hereby fully and entirely release the same to the United States and finally, that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his country for support and further saith not.

S/ Stephen Rogers, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of May A.D. 1818

S/ William Cotton, Judge

The State of Indiana, Switzerland County SS

Be it remembered that on the 14th day of March A.D. 1819 Stephen Rogers personally appeared before me James McClure and after being duly sworn deposeth that Colonel Francis Taylor's Regiment in which this deponent done military duty during the American Revolution, belonged and was attached to the Virginia line and further saith not.

S/ Stephen Rodgers, X his mark

Schedule

A Schedule of property belonging to Stephen Rodgers of the County of Switzerland to wit

One horse	one colt
Three coves	one 2 year old steer
Three calves	4 sowes & 20 pigs
One plough	2 old hoes
7 pewter plates 40 years old	2 earthen plates
2 pewter dishes	2 pewter Basons

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1 Ten Gallon Kittle
1 Small do
4 chairs

1 five Gallon pot
1 skillet
1 Table

And that he has entered in company with Elijah Rogers the N. E. quarter of Section 30 Town [?] 3, Range 3 West of the Meridian line drawn from the mouth of the great Illinois River of the land sold at Cincinnati which will forfeit May 14 1821 on which he has paid the entrance money or one fourth part only that he is indebted to Ebenezer Wheeler \$5 and to Abner Clarkson \$7.75.

S/ Stephen Rodgers, X his mark

State of Indiana Switzerland County: Sct.

On this 14th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court in the Switzerland circuit Court being a Court of Record for the said County of Switzerland in the State of Indiana Stephen Rogers resident in said County of Switzerland who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows under Garland Burley of Colonel Francis Taylor's Regiment of Infantry in the Virginia line and that he was discharged by General James Wood and served ____, that he has received a pension under the act of Congress of March 18, 1818, that his pension certificate is numbered 9822 and dated the 26th day of April 1819 that the date of his original application is the 30th day of May A.D. 1818

And 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, that I am by occupation a farmer, that his family consisting with him consist of his wife Nancy Rodgers aged sixty-two, and one son Stephen Rodgers aged about twenty years.

S/ Stephen Rodgers, X his mark

[f p. 39: In a document attested on April 6, 1821, the veteran filed an amendment to his schedule of property in which he states the is 66 years of age and now living in the family of his son Stephen Rodgers.]

[f p. 42: In a document dated June 7th, 1821 the veteran stated he was 67 years of age living in Craig Township Switzerland County Indiana; he again lists his property showing a total value of \$105.25; he states he is living with his oldest son and that his family consist of himself only.]

[f p. 44: an affidavit dated June 3rd, 1823 signed by Stephen Rogers Junior stating that he purchased from his father Stephen Rogers Senior the moiety of North East quarter of section thirty, Town three and Range three West for \$50, his father only having made one payment of \$40 on said land.

 Stephen Rogers

[f p. 46: On June 2, 1823 in Switzerland County Indiana, the veteran filed yet another complete application with a schedule this time listing properties having a total value of \$53.25; in this document he states that his family consist only of himself and that he resides with his youngest son [not named].]

[f p. 14: On April 2, 1853 in Switzerland County Indiana, Villa Rogers, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Stephen Rogers a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him in Switzerland County Indiana May 12, 1839; that they were married by John G Anderson, a magistrate; that her name prior to her marriage was Villa Todd; that she has no family record of her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 20: Certificate given by Edward Patton, clerk of the circuit court of Switzerland County Indiana that a license was granted on May 10, 1839 to Stephen Rogers Senior and Mrs. Villa Todd to marry.]

[f p. 35: On January 6, 1854 in Switzerland County Indiana, Villa Rogers, 56, gave testimony that her husband died on or about November 30th, 1845.]

[f p. 17: On April 13, 1855 in Switzerland County Indiana, Villa Rogers, 58, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Stephen Rogers. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 30th, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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Addendum to Stephen Rodgers (Rogers) W5729

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The State of Indiana } ss
Switzerland county }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace within and for the county aforesaid Stephen Rogers, aged Seventy two years, who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted near Charlottesville Albemarl county [sic: Charlottesville in Albemarle County], Virginia in the year 1777 in the company commanded by captain Garland Burley [sic: Garland Burnley BLWt1885-300], in the 14th Virginia regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor, on the Continental establishment and served upwards of three years, when he was discharged at Albemarl barracks by James Wood. that he has no further evidence in his possession – that he receives a pension from the United States under the law of 1818 – that he lost his discharge many years ago. [part missing at bottom of page] enlisted he was promised [part missing at bottom of page]

The within named Stephen Rogers, of Switzerland county Indiana, a man of reputable character, well known to me was duly sworn by me this third day of August AD 1830.

Enos Littlefield
Justice of the Peace

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