

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Rogers (Rodgers) W867

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State of Tennessee, Campbell County

On this eleventh day of December 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarters Sessions for said County it being a court of record Benjamin Rogers a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He states that he was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia in the year 1755 the record of which he has in his Bible & moved from said, & from the County aforesaid to Wythe County in the State aforesaid, & from there to the County of Blount in the State of Tennessee, & from there to the County of Campbell in the State last aforesaid, where he now resides.

He states that he was living when called in to the service in the County of Wythe in the State of Virginia & lived there all the time of the war. He states that he entered the service of the United States a volunteer under Captain Harbert [sic, William Herbert], Col. Christin [sic, William Christian] & General Lewis [Andrew Lewis] & served in that tour more than three months.

He states that his second tour of duty was something over three weeks, & that he was also a volunteer in that tour, the names of the officers he does not at this time recollect.

He states that his third tour was something over three weeks, that he recollects serving under Capt. Campbell & Capt. Treay [sic, Tracy?] & Colonel Preston tho' he does not at this time recollect what tour it was he served under them, nor whether he served more than one tour or not under the last named officers.

He states that his fourth tour was something more than three weeks, & that the exact time he does not at this time recollect, nor what officers he served under, he at this time does not recollect.

He states that his fifth tour was more than three weeks, but how much more he does not at this time recollect; nor does he recollect the names of any of his officers that he served under.

He states that his Sixth tour was more than three weeks, tho' the precise time he does not recollect, or does he recollect under whom he served.

He states that his Seventh & Eighth tour was more than three weeks each—but he does not recollect under whom he served.

He states that he served the eight tours above named, & he is confident that he served each one as long as he has stated but how much longer he cannot at this time tell.

He states that he marched in his first tour through Green Brier [sic, Greenbrier] County, now in West Virginia] & to Canaway [sic, Kanawha River] & was there dismissed.

He states that he marched twice to the Moravian Towns in the State of North Carolina & marched once to NC [illegible word possibly ?Bushy or Reedy?] <sup>1</sup> Creek & once to Haw [sic, Haw] River in the State of North Carolina but what towns it was that he was at those places he does not at this time recollect.

He states that they were drawn up in a line of battle on Haw River to fight the army of Lord Cornwallis & that the regulars were also at that place. It was commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & the militia was commanded by General Preston, Greene's aide-de-camp, Greene's aide-de-camp came to the commander of the militia upon which there was an arrangement made that the horses of the militia should be given to the care of a few men that is to say six horses to one man.

He states that he served all the Tours above named a volunteer, & that they all amounted to more than eight months tho' the precise time he cannot recollect.

He states that he received a discharge in writing at the end of ever [sic, every] tour, that the most of them was given by General Preston but that he had the misfortune to have lossed [sic, lost] them some time since, when or where he cannot tell.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except to the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State he says that William Chambers & Abraham Hayter can testify to their belief as to his service as a soldier of the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed this day of year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Rogers, X his mark

[William Chambers and Abraham Hayter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[There is in this file what appears to be a page, much written on and over, giving the birth information of the applicant. It is largely illegible. It appears as page 10 of the Footnote.com digital image.]

[f p. 12: family register :

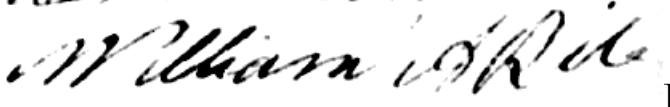
Benjin Rogers was Bourn Junery the 29 1756

Marthy Rogers his wife was Born the 26 April 1766

Benjmin Rogers and Marthy Rogers was Married 24 March 1788

Benjmin Rogers died the 27 day of June 1834

[f p. 18: William A Rite [Wright] gave testimony that he wrote the family record

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<sup>1</sup> Bushy Creek

[f p. 14: On March 12, 1840, Martha Rodgers [sic] appeared in Campbell County court to file her claim as the widow of Benjamin. She states she was born April 26, 1766; that Benjamin died June 27, 1834 agreeable to the record in her Book, to wit, the Life of Fletcher, in the handwriting of William A. Wright, a man she raised from an infant of 5 months old; that she married Benjamin on March 24, 1788 in Wythe County, Virginia, and they were married by a Methodist preacher named Masten when court was held at Fort Chiswell; and that her maiden name was Brawley. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 47: On November 9, 1843 in Claiborne County Tennessee, David Rogers gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Benjamin and Martha Rogers who resided in Campbell County Tennessee; that they lived together as husband and wife for 40 years before his death in 1834. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran or his widow is not stated.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]