

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Nathaniel Rogers W9263

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State of South Carolina }

Union District                    } To wit

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October before John B. Oneall one of the Justices of the Court of Appeals of the said state, now sitting and holding in the place of Wm D. Martin one of the Circuit Judges of the said State, the Court for Union District at chambers Nathaniel Rogers, a resident of Union District, aged Seventy one years who from bodily infirmity was unable to go into court and 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 pass'd June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. "I entered the Service in Meclingburgh [sic: Mecklenburg] County North Carolina under Captain Huston [possibly James Houston] and Major White as one of the drafted militia, for six months, in the year 1779 - but cannot recollect the day - and was stationed at a place called Fifer's near Salisbury until the fall of the year, when we march'd to the South fork of the Calatba River [sic: see note below], and surprised and took one hundred and sixty Tories, and lodged them in Salisbury Jail. I was then regularly discharged by Captain Huston and return'd home - about the first of april 1780. I again joined the army in Captain John White's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel White in Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherfords Division, as a volunteer and was station'd at Fefer's old field for some time, and then march'd to Cheraw [SC], where we joined the Army under General [Horatio] Gates, and march'd twords Camden, and being joint by by the Regulars under Barron De Kalb. we met the British about Eight or ten miles from Camden, in June 1780 [sic: Battle of Camden about 6 mi N of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] and were defeated - and compell'd to retreat to North Carolina - General Rutherford being wounded an taken prisoner. I then fell in with Captain Patterson, and remain'd under his command at a point between the Yadkin River and Salisbury untill after the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781], we then marched to Wilmington, where I was stationd a short time, and discharged regularly by Captain Patterson about the last of December 1780 [sic: see note below] and finally left the army. Previous to the service herein mention'd I performed two tours of duty, of which I can give no satisfactory account, having forgotten the dates, ad the names of my officers. — I have no documentary evidence and know of no one now living in this country who served with me.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. — In answer to the interogatories put by the Court I answer —

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2. I was born in Kent County in the State of Maryland in July 1767 but do not know the day - and have no Record
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I lived in Meclingburgh No.Car. when I entered the service and have resided in North & South Carolina ever since the War and now reside Union So.Car
4. I was first drafted, and all the rest of my services were as a Volunteer
5. See the written Declaration.
6. I received four different discharges but can only recollect the names of three of the officers who signed them, Captain Huston, Patterson and White. - they are all lost.
7. I refer to the Revd Mr. Walker and and John Gage Senr. to prove my character for truth and moral deportment  
Nathl hisXmark Rogers

NOTES:

The engagement said to have occurred in the fall of 1779 on the "South fork of the Calatba River" may have been the Battle of Ramsour's Mill near the South Fork of the Catawba River, 20 Jun 1780.

After the Battle of Guilford Courthouse Gen. Nathanael Greene's army followed Cornwallis toward Wilmington NC, but halted at Ramsey's Mill on Deep River. Wilmington was

then under British control, and it remained so until 18 Nov 1781. Rogers may have been discharged there in Dec 1781 instead of 1780.

On 9 Dec 1839 Cely Rogers, 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Nathaniel Rogers in Mecklenburg County NC in Aug 1783, moved to Fairforest Creek in Union District after the birth of two children named Elizabeth and Sally, and that her husband died 15 May 1833. The file contains part of a family register that is only partly legible.