Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Rogers¹ W10240 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky, Wayne County

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Justices of the Wayne County Court the same being a Court of record and in Session, George Rogers, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Sixty-eight years last February 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 7th 1832. That he was drafted to serve in the Army of the United States in the Virginia Militia in the year 1780 in the month of August for and during the tour of six months and that he is entered the Service of the United States in the month and year aforesaid under the following named officers Company officers to wit Francis Triplett Captain, John Dearing Lieutenant, John Combs Ensign and rendezvoused at Fauquier Court House State of Virginia and marched from thence [to] Richmond Virginia thence to Hillsboro North Carolina thence to Salisbury North Carolina thence to new providence old fields South Carolina [sic, New Providence was in NC] and there joined the Main Army and served under the following Field officers General Morgan, 1st Colonel Howard [John Eager Howard], Major Giles - the Regiment not recollected. I resided in the County of Fauquier State of Virginia at the time I was drafted I served out my full-time of six months and during that period engaged in the following Battles, 1st we marched to what was called Rugeley's Mill against the Tories and took 160 of them. I was in the Battle of the Cowpens South Carolina. I was in several other scouting parties; &c we were then marched to home by way of Albemarle Barracks. I obtained no regular discharge. I again served in the Virginia State Troops residing at the time I entered the service at the same place as above stated for and during the tour of three months under the following circumstances to wit in the year 1781 in the month of August as well as I recollect there was a call for three companies out of Fauquier County State of Virginia after the Army or companies had been drafted and started to Join the Main Army at Williamsburg Virginia I left home believing that I was drafted also and overtook the Companies aforesaid between Fredericksburg and the Bowling Green. I there ascertained that I was not drafted I then Joined as a volunteer under the following officers company officers were Thomas Helms [Thomas Helm] Captain __ Bradley [perhaps John or Alexander Bradford] as well as I recollect was Lieutenant the other officers not recollected nor the Regiment Joined the Main Army at Williamsburg Virginia under General Washington &c Thence to little York where I remained during the Siege of York I was there during the Siege and Battle and at the Surrender of Cornwallace [sic, Cornwallis] [October 19, 1781] from York I guarded the prisoners to Winchester Barracks Virginia from thence home I served out my said tour and sometime after I went home my discharge was sent to me I have since lost it I have no documentary evidence whereby I can prove my services and [indecipherable word] of any person whereby I can prove [the same]. I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Elizabeth

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Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Rogers²

[Richard Barrier, a clergyman, Andrew Miller & John Dick gave the standard supporting affidavit [Archibald Woods, Presiding Judge]

State of Kentucky, Wayne County: June Term 1833

George Rogers makes the following as an amendment to his original declaration made at the September Court 1832 for the County aforesaid to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7^{th} 1832, he states that he was born in the County of Fauquier in State of Virginia in the year 1764 he states that he has a record of his age and that it is in his possession.

He further states that he is well known to John Dick, James Miller, Andrew Miller, Thomas Dodson, Isam Burnett, Eli Dodson and many others all of his neighbors who can testify as to the veracity of this Applicant and that they has no doubt & believe he served as a Soldier in the Revolution as stated in his original declaration – that he did procure the Certificate of the member required by the regulations of the War department to his original declaration. Subscribed and sworn to in open Court. S/ George Rogers³

State of Kentucky, County of Wayne

On this 20th day of June A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me Thomas Powell a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, George Rogers, aged ninety-one years a resident of Wayne County in the State of Kentucky who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical George Rogers who was a Private in the Company Commanded by Captain Francis Triplett a Company of Virginia militia attached to the Maryland troops and the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John E. Howard the No. of the Regiment he does not recollect in the War of the Revolution, that he was drafted in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia in the fall of the year. He thinks in the month of September 1780 for the term of six months and continued in actual Service in said War for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Salisbury in North Carolina on or about the first day of February 1781 by Captain Francis Triplett. He further states that after he was drafted as aforesaid the company of Virginia Militia to which he belonged was attached to the Maryland troops aforesaid at a place called Providence old field in the State of South Carolina and that he was at the taking of the Tories at or near a place called Rugeley's Mills in South Carolina, that he was at the taking of some Tories a short time before the Battle of the Cowpens on Pacolet River, that he was in the Battle of the Cowpens on or about the 17th or 18th day of January 1781 at this place Captain Triplett acted as Major or Colonel having been as he thinks promoted to that office, the Captain of the Company to which he belonged at this time was John Combs who was killed and we fell by his side.

He further declares that he is the identical George Rogers, who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Helms the Lieutenant of the Company was a man by the name of Bradford in the Regiment of Virginia Militia the No. of which he does not recollect, Commanded by Colonel Dark. The Major's name he thinks was Welch in the war of the Revolution that he volunteered in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia some time he thinks in the month of August, in the year 1781, for the term of three months and as well as recollected he Continued in actual service until sometime in the month of May 1782, and was honorably discharged in or near Fauquier County in said Month of May 1782 by Captain Thomas Helms, that he was at the Siege of Yorktown on or about the _____ day of October 1781.

 $^{^{2}}$ Because the handwriting of the signature appears to be identical to the handwriting in the document itself, I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran.

³ Ditto

He further declares that he is the identical George Rogers who is at this time drawing a pension from the Government of the United States under the Act of Congress approved 7th day of June 1832, at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing on the 4th day of March 1831 and payable semiannually on the 4th March & 4th of September in every year, that he is the identical person named in the Certificate of pension bearing date 3rd day of September 1833 and Signed by Lew [?] Cass, Secretary of War, Recorded viz. Pension office Book 6, Vol. 7, Page 25, by Don Boyd, Clerk. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved March 3rd, 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for Bounty land under this or any other Act of Congress, nor made any other application therefore.

S/ George Rogers, X his mark

[On the November 2, 1860, Elizabeth Rogers, 88 years old, made application in Wayne County Kentucky for a widow's pension stating that she married George Rogers on October 27, 1791 and that her husband died on November 28, 1858. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]