

Jos. Rogers—Letter of instruction relative to enlistment of carpenters.

S. 19063

State of Vermont—Windham County SS.

New Fane, December 21, A.D. 1832.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid, Joseph Rogers, of Brattleborough in the said County, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection had served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades:

For eight months as a minute man, from about June 1775 to Feb'y 1776.

For nine months from about March 30, 1775 to about Dec. 30, 1776, I served as a Sergeant.

I served for about seven months, that is to say, from about January 1777 to about July 1777, as a private artificer & from about July 1777 till about July or August 1778 as a Lieutenant of artificers as heretofore stated in my declaration and afterwards about three months longer as a private artificer as stated in my declaration.

As a minute man I was actually in the field, that is, in actual service, the whole term of eight months, as heretofore stated in my declaration.

And for eight months service as a private minute man, nine months as a Sergeant, one year as a Lieutenant of artificers, and about ten months as a private artificer, I claim a pension. I am convinced upon recollection, that I was understating in stating in my declaration that I was appointed a Lieutenant of Artificers "when I left the nine month's service". (Signed) Joseph Rogers.

State of Vermont, Windham County Court Clerk's Office, New Fane—December 21, A.D. 1832. James Elliot, Justice of the Peace.