

Pension Application for James Rogers

W.1895 (Widow: Mary) Married January 14, 1795. Died January 14, 1849.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York. Washington County SS. On this tenth day of August 1832, personally appeared before me, John Willard, first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington and State of New York, James Rogers a resident of the Town of Hebron in said County and state, aged sixty eight 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he was born in the Town of Londonderry and State of New Hampshire in the year 1763.

That he has a record of his age in his family bible. That he lived when he was called into the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution in the Town of Salem County and State aforesaid and that he now lives in said Town of Hebron in said County.

That he served part of the time as a volunteer and part of the time as a substitute for William Page.

That his services were as follows to wit:

That in the year 1779 or 1780 he entered into the Service of the United States in the Militia of the State of New York in the Town of Salem aforesaid, and in Capt Stockwells company, for Nine months. That he marched to Skeensboro now White Hall in said County of Washington. That he served his time out but he cannot remember the names of any officers nor the particular time he enlisted. Except his Capt whose name was Stockwell, his Lieutenant's name was Bowell. That in the next March which he thinks was in March 1780, he was ordered out from said Town of Salem to White Hall aforesaid for two weeks. That he was marched to Whitehall aforesaid. That his Lieutenant's name was Bowell. That his service was in the Militia of s'd State. That he served at White Hall his time out, and that his duties during his stay at both times at said White Hall consisted in guarding the frontier from the enemy, and performing garrison duty.

That at the expiration of his terms of service as aforesaid, the officer concluded to discharge all the company on account of the scarcity of provisions, but eight or ten or thereabouts who should stay at said Skeensboro now WhiteHall as a guard.

That his time being expired, he did volunteer to stay at said place as one of the guard—

That on the 22d of March aforesaid in the afternoon of that day or on the next day the day or the day after the said company were discharged, a company of Indians from Canada made their appearance in said town, and took him with some others prisoners. That he was taken to Montreal in Canada and there sold by the Indians to

one Col. Campbell, a British officer whose business was to purchase United States prisoners from the Indians—

That he was detained a prisoner of War in Canada, from the said 22 March for two years, two months and about a half of a month. That he was liberated from his Imprisonment on the 10 of June 1782 as he believes, and he further states, that during his captivity as aforesaid, he was confined in prison in Montreal for several weeks from thence he was taken to Chamblee in Canada and then kept in close confinement for about one year and a half and some part of the time in Irons—from thence back to Montreal, where I staid until liberated.

That from his recollection, he was exchanged and liberated from his said Imprisonment by Vermont. That during his captivity he suffered most severely from want of wholesome food, and sickness, and that his health was impaired, and has been poor lever since.

That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services, nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the same other than the affidavit hereto annexed and Abner Carswell.

That his is known in his neighbourhood by John Wilson, John Livingston, and others. That he does not remember the names if any, of any Continental officers, who were at s'd Town of Skeensboro nor of any other officers except that of his Capt. & Lieutenant aforesaid.

And he herby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) James Rogers.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John Willard, first Judge &c

Letter in folder dated December 10, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

You are furnished herein the record of James Rogers as found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.1895, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

James Rogers was born April 21, 1763, in Londonderry, New Hampshire; the names of his parents are not given.

While residing in Salem, Washington County, New York, he enlisted in 1779, served as private in Captain Stockwell's New York company, and was discharged after having served nine months. He volunteered in March, 1780, served two weeks as private under Lieutenant Powell in the New York troops, and while on guard at Skeensborough which was later Whitehall in Washington County, New York, he was captured March 22, 1780, by the Indians, carried to Montreal, Canada, held prisoner there by the British for several weeks, then removed to Chambly, Canada, where he was kept in close confinement for one and one half years, part of the time in irons, then taken back to Montreal where he was held until released June 10, 1782.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed August 10, 1832, while residing in Hebron, Washington County, New York. He died January 14, 1849, in Hebron, New York.

James Rogers married January 14, 1795, in Salem, New York, Mrs. Mary Tyrell was born January 2, 1768; the place of her birth, her maiden name and names of her parents not stated. She was the widow of Caleb Tyrrell. At the time of her marriage to James Rogers, she and James were both residing in Salem, New York.

James Rogers' widow, Mary, was allowed pension on her application executed August 11, 1849, while a resident of Hebron, Washington County, New York. In 1850 she was still of Washington County.

The only name designated as the child of Mary by her first husband, Caleb Tyrrell, was that of Sally Blair, who in 1849 was aged sixty-three years and the wife of Dr. Nathan Blair then of Becket, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, where he had practiced medicine for more than forty years. It was stated that Sally Blair had resided also in Blandford, Hampden County, Massachusetts, more than forty years.

The following names of children of James Rogers and his wife, Mary, are shown in the claim:

Polley Rogers, born February 29, 1796; died July 14, 1798

James 2nd Rogers, born October 6, 1797; died July 22, 1798.

David Rogers born May 25, 1800

Lydia Rogers born May 7, 1803

Mary Anne Rogers born May 3, 1805

Gean Rogers born March 24, 1811