

Pension Application for Joseph Rogers or Rodgers

S.19063

STATE OF VERMONT.

County of Windham SS.

Probate District of Marlborough. At the Probate Court, within and for said District, being a Court of Record.

On this Second day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court. At Brattleborough in the said District Present—Hon. Marshall Miller, Esquire Judge.

Before the said Probate Court, within and for said district now sitting, Joseph Rogers a resident of brattle borough in the county of Windham and State of Vermont, aged eighty 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832—

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

On or about March 30, 1776 entered and engaged in the service of the U.S. as an orderly sergeant in Capt. Vansteenbarack's company of New York State troops in Col. Morris Graham's Regiment for the term of nine months, and served that term, at West Chester, White Plains was in the battle at White Plains, then to Peekskill this term of 9 months expired at Peekskill. Lived near Rhinebeck, N.Y. when enlisted. The year before this in 1775, I had served eight months in the corps of minute men, under the same Captain VanSteenbarack and Col. Humphrey, and served that term at Harlem, where we built a fort, aforesaid and served at Livingston's manor apprehending tories and seizing their arms, came back to Rhinebeck, and was thee dismissed without a written discharge about February 1776—When I left the nine months service I was appointed a Lieutenant in Capt John Adams' company of artificers and served therein as such until the latter part of the summer of the year 1778 when I left the service by the consent of the Quartermaster General—and I was afterwards for some time employed in the publick service in building a vessel (large and flat bottomed) at Wappingers Creek on the North River above Fishkill. Does not remember that the officers of the artificers received commissions. To prove that he served in the rank of Lieutenant in that corps he herewith transmits to the war department an original paper, dated Fishkill August 13th 1777, signed by Jno. Keece A. Q to the general giving him orders and directions to enliste men for that corps. Has no evidence in his power at this time to prove his services, except his own declaration and the original paper which is herewith forwarded to the War Department.

He hereby 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.

To the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, he answers upon his oath as follows:

1. Was born in the State of New Jersey in the township of Hopewell, in the year 1752.

2. Has only a private family record of his age.
3. Lived near Rhinebeck in the State of New York when he entered the service— Since the Revolutionary War he has lived about five years at Stillwater N.Y. about 38 or 39 at Lancaster, Mass. About six or seven at Northfield Mass., and a year ago last March removed into Brattleborough, Vermont.
4. Engaged voluntarily in every instance.
5. Remember G. Washington, General Lee, Colonel Clinton and many other officers of the Continental troops.
6. Does not recollect that he ever had a discharge in writing or a commission as an officer artificers.
7. Refers to Messn. Thomas Ahsley and Benjamin Fessenden under this interrogatory, there being no clergy in the vicinity who can testify as required.
(Signed) Joseph Rogers.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Marshall Miller Judge of probate.