

Pension Application for Lewis Rogers

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B.L.Wt.96533-160-55 (Widow: Effie or Effy) Effy Stimets married Lewis Rogers May 7, 1807. Lewis died February 14, 1835.

State of New York

City and County of New York SS

On the eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the City and County of New York now sitting Lewis Rogers, a resident of the City and County of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the City and County of New York now sitting Lewis Rogers, a resident of the City and County of New York in the State of New York aged seventy six 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States at the City of New York as a volunteer about the 15th day of July in the year 1775 in Captain Copsps Company of Col. Hughes Regiment, attached to the army under the command of Genl Washington, that on entering he received an appointment as Lieutenant and immediately proceeded to Poughkeepsie where he joined Capt'n Simmons Company. This was in the latter end of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy five from Poughkeepsie they proceeded to Albany this was in October 1775 from Albany they marched to Saratoga and from thence to Fort Edward where they came under the command of General Schuyler, from Fort Edward we proceeded to Fort George and remained there in Tyconderoga [Ticonderoga] was evacuated by the Americans, declarant thinks that Col. Willett commanded at Fort George but is not certain. At this period Burgoyne had taken every vessel on the lake except two, which had been just built, land having determined to retire they burnt the vessels, burnt the Barracks (at Fort George) and blew up the Magazine and retired to Fort Edward where General Schuyler remained until the forces were collected and returned to Fishkill in the month of July 1777.

In the same month of July 1777, the declarant joined Captain Bankers Company, Col Udney Hays Regiment, attached to the Quarter Master Generals Department, the declarant received from Col. Hays a commission as Lieutenant and in the same month of July proceeded to West Point, and was engaged in service at that place and its vicinity, until according to the best of the deponent's recollection in October or November 1777, when he was ordered to accompany the army in its march through New Jersey.

He was with Genl Washington's army at Germantown, Morristown, Middlebrook when the army encamped at that place at Brunswick, Trenton, Princeton, Philadelphia, being very frequently sent on cases of emergency to supply the different posts with provisions, he was during the period from October of November 1777 and during the years 1778, 1779—continually engaged in active service in the QuaraterMaster General's department.

In the latter part of December 1779 during the severe winter, the declarant received order to rejoin Col Hays at Fishkill, on his arrival at Fishkill on or about the 1st of January 1780, the declarant was informed that the garrison at West Point were in great want of Provisions, and that Col. Hays expected provisions from Hartford, Connecticut. Col Hays immediately on declarant's arrival gave him this information and dispatched him to hasten the teams. The day after declarant started he met the teams and brought them on as far as Fishkill, they were unable to proceed on account of the great depth of the snow the troops were ordered to open a road through the highlands, and declarant was ordered to proceed to West Point with orders for Major Askin, who the next morning turned out a part of the troops who commenced a road to meet the one forming from Fishkill, on that day the road was completed, when the declarant returned to Fishkill and forwarded the provisions to West Point, in this service the declarant was almost [?] declarant remained with Col. Hays Regiment until the army was disbanded at West Point. The declarant was frequently sent from Fishkill to Genl Washington's army in New Jersey, and back again—while the army was to Middlebrook New Jersey the declarant twice collected droves of horses for the use to the army and conducted them to Middlebrook for the use of the army at one period, deponent thinks when the public stores were taken at Bennington, declarant was sent with dispatches to Genl Washington, who as then quartered at Morristown, on receiving the dispatches, Genl Washington immediately sent the declarant with the dispatches to Congress who were then at Philadelphia.

The declarant says that during the period of his service he received the rations and pay of a Lieutenant until the Bills became almost worthless.

He says that he served altogether in the Quarter Master generals department under Col. Hughes and Col. Hays, and that he o served (to the best of his recollection) in the grade of Lieutenant from the 15th day of November 1775 to the month of November 1783, making a period of eight years or thereabouts, his commissions and written appointment are lost or destroyed, and the only document which he can produce in relation to his services is the affidavit of Captain Dunn (now deceased) which sets forth his knowledge of declarants services from 1775 to the end of the war. This affidavit is annexed to a petition for a pension, which application was made in 1831 and handed to Hon Gulian G. Verplanck who informs the declarant it is on file at Washington.

The declarant hereby relinquishes every claim to my pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(signed) Lewis Rogers

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Richard Hatfield, Clk