

Col. James Rogers

1742-1828

Captain in the American Revolution, Virginia Militia,
Justice of the Peace & Baptist Minister

James Rogers was the second son of Mathew Rogers Sr, and Ann Wooels/Woods. Born on 4 Mar 1742 in Albemarle Co. Virginia.

His father moved the family to Patterson Creek Valley on 10 Jun 1749 near Ft. Ashby, Va. (WV.) 18 miles south of the Potomac River and Ft. Cumberland, Maryland in Shawnee claimed territory. Served in the French and Indian War, then moved and married Martha Blackburn in 1766 in West August, Va. (Pa.) they had eight children ; William, Matthew, James Jr., Evan, Jonathan, Mary Polly , Nancy and John.

He was in Capt. Daniel Smith Co. from Aug - Nov 1774 at Maiden Springs Station during the Dunmore War.

Capt. James Rogers was present at Camp Catfish War Council held by Patrick Henry on 20 Jan 1777. The Council was about how to fight the Indians and the British. Captain Rogers is in command of a detachment of Yohogania County Militia under Col. George Rogers Clark 3rd Regiment at Logstown, Va. (dates not given) He also served under Col. Isaac Cox in Yohogania Co. Militia and as Justice when he was commissioned Justice of Yohogania Co., Va. 26 May 1778. He was at the Annual Association of the Baptist Church held at Great Bethel Monongalia Co., Va. on 13 Oct 1777, he represented Pike Run Church.

In 1779 he secured a land claim in Kentucky., 4 miles west of what is now Bardstown, Nelson Co. and he returned in the spring of 1780 with Col. Cox and took permanent possession and built Rogers Station which provided shelter and protection. Capt. James Rogers was part of the 970 men led by George Rogers Clark, Benjamin Logan and Col. John Bowman in the first retaliatory expedition against the Indians following the British attack on Ruddle and Martin Station tha took place in June of 1780. At the Mad River Indian towns of Piqua and Chillicothe . They were gone for 25 days.

Capt. James Rogers was of one the founders and a charter member of The First Cedar Creek Baptist Church the second Baptist church constituted in Kentucky., July 4, 1781, fifth anniversary of Declaration of Independence. Would have been the first Baptist Church constituted in Kentucky but held out for the 4th of July.

29 Jun - Jul 6 1782 Listed on a Pay Abstract for Capt. Rogers was on duty at Ft. Nelson (Louisville, Ky.) along with 45 men of Col. Coxes Regiment of Militia of Jefferson Co. and for 3 days marching forty miles home.

He went on another expedition with Gen. George Rogers Clark to Miami Town against the Shawnee on 21 Oct - 25 Nov 1782 and engaged the Indians many more times thru and beyond the Revolution.

1785 Capt. James Rogers was commissioned Justice of Nelson Co., Kentucky

1785 Attended two Danville conventions and his was a signer of the Petition for Separation from Virginia.

28 Feb 1787 Promoted to Col.in charge of Nelson Co., Militia.