



Born in 1922 Charleston, George C. Rogers began his education at the Craft School before enrolling at the High School of Charleston. He attended the College of Charleston and earned degrees in English and History in 1943. After graduating, Rogers enlisted into the Air Force and simultaneously attended the University of North Carolina to study meteorology in order to serve as a First Lieutenant meteorologist.

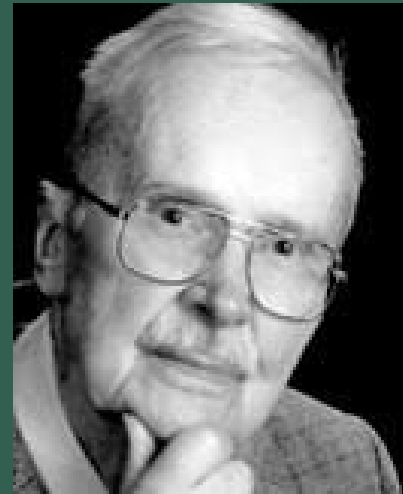
After the military, Rogers enrolled at the University of Chicago and received a Master's in American History in 1948. In 1953, he received his Ph.D. in both American History and English. After teaching at several universities, he returned to South Carolina to teach at the University of South Carolina. In 1972, Rogers became the Caroline McKissick Dial Professor of History at USC, a position he held until his retirement in 1986.

Rogers joined organizations such as South Carolina Historical Society and the South Carolina Historical Association, and authored multiple books on the history of South Carolina, including *Evolution of a Federalist: William Loughton Smith of Charleston, 1758-1817* (1962), a biography of the Charleston lawyer and congressman; *The History of Georgetown County, South Carolina* (1970); and *Charleston in the Age of the Pinckneys* (1980). When discussing his focus on SC history, Rogers explained, "I grew up in Charleston. It does something to you."

Rogers passed away on October 7, 1997.

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