

Rogersville, Tennessee



Rogersville is the county seat of Hawkins County. Hawkins County wasn't always in Tennessee. This area was originally part of North Carolina and was at one time in the State of Franklin. Franklin was created in 1784 from part of the territory west of the Appalachian Mountains that had been offered by North Carolina as a cession to Congress to help pay off debts related to the American War for Independence. It was founded with the intent of becoming the fourteenth state of the new United States. Franklin was never admitted into the union. The extra-legal state existed for only about four and a half years, ostensibly as a republic, after which North Carolina re-assumed full control of the area.

Settled in 1775 by the grandparents of Davy Crockett, hero of the Alamo, Rogersville came from a love story Joseph Rogers, the city's namesake and founder, was an Irishman who was given the land upon which the town was established as a wedding gift from his father-in-law and Revolutionary War hero Thomas Amis.

Rogersville is home to the oldest courthouse, inn, and post office in Tennessee. It was here that the state's first newspaper was published in 1791. The entire downtown area and most of the adjacent neighborhoods are on the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to the man-made history, Rogersville is home to the world-famous Ebbing and Flowing Springs -- which ebbs and flows at regular intervals, just like the tide. There is only one other spot on Earth where a similar phenomenon has been observed. Today, Rogersville is governed by a Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

To see a more complete history of Rogersville, go to the website below.

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