

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hodges VAS1558

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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Gentleman Auditors Norfolk 2nd September 1791

Pleas to Paid major William Hoffer the Pension due to me agreeable to and Act of the General Assembly for the year 1790 – and 1791 which is 12£per annum and oblige your Humble Servant
S/ Joseph Hodges

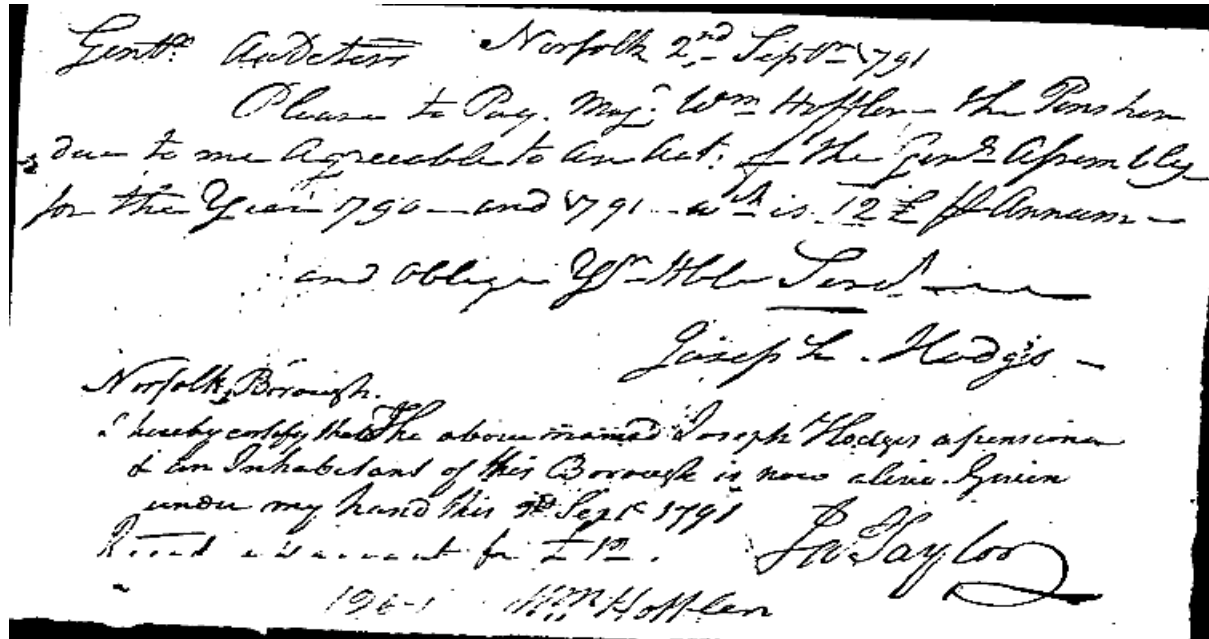
Norfolk Borough

I hereby certify that the above named Joseph Hodges a pensioner and an inhabitant of this borough is now alive. Given under my hand this 2nd September 1791

S/ James Taylor

Received a Warrant for £12

Wm Hoffer



[Note: All of the documents in this file relate to the annual authorization, disbursement and receipt of the pension due the veteran. There are no documents in this file that give any

substantive information regarding the reasons for granting the veteran a pension. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905*, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011, p 374 contains the following information: "Virginia Private. He was wounded by a musket ball in his leg [place not stated]. He was pensioned at the rate of £12 a year on 8 September 1791. He lived in Norfolk Virginia, September 2, 1791. He died 17 August 1800."

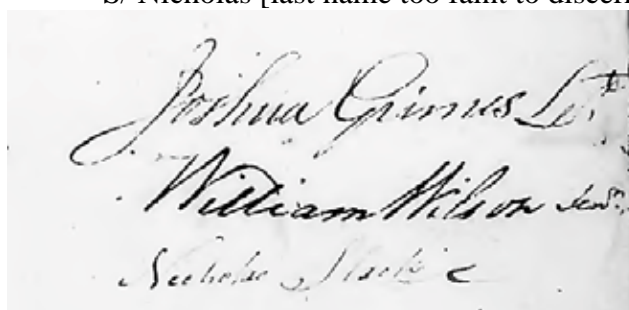
[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Norfolk County Legislative Petitions

This is to Certify that Joseph Hodges of the Borough and County of Norfolk served under us in the last War as a Volunteer that the said Hodges behaved as a brave and good Soldier and deserves every encouragement that his Country can bestow upon him. That in a skirmish between a foraging party of the British and Americans he received a Wound in the leg which we supposed would disable him from ever serving as a Soldier and would disable him from ever supporting himself or family, nor can we believe that he at this time is able to support them as usual – as Age increases the Wound must be felt, his leg being fractured in such a manner that upwards of twenty pieces of bone were extracted from the Wound. The said Joseph Hodges is a Virginian and proved to be an industrious hard laboring man, and we are convinced was he able to support his family never would ask Assistance from his Country. Given under our hands this 7th day of November 1790

S/ Joshua Grimes, Lt.

S/ William Wilson Senior

S/ Nicholas [last name too faint to discern]

A photograph of a document showing three handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is "Joshua Grimes Lt.", the middle is "William Wilson Senior", and the bottom is "Nicholas [last name too faint to discern]".

To the Honorable the Speaker and House of Delegates of Virginia

The petition of Joseph Hodges Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner as a volunteer entered into the Service of his Country and was in Every Campaign during the late war, that he flatters himself soldier in the Army Served his Country with more fidelity than he did, and in an action between a foraging Part [sic party] of the Enemy and the Americans, he unfortunately received a wound in the leg, which, Shevered [sic?] it in such a manner, that upwards of Twenty pieces of bone were Extracted from the Same, nor has your petitioner ever been able since to Support his family in such a manner as an Honest Soldier would wish to do, but being Determined not to ask anything of his country for his Service [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] as a Soldier whilst by Labour and Industry he could maintain his family with the common necessaries of life, which is the only reason that your Petitioner has not laid his case before your Honorable house until this late day, but finding from the wound that he received, which at times is so extremely painful, that as his age increases, the pain does equally so, and at times entirely disabled him from Laboring at all, and as his wife and

Children Solely Depends on his labor for Support, your Petitioner is compelled from necessity, and necessity alone, to petition your Honorable House to grant him such Assistance the few remaining days he may live, and after his death to his family as you in your wisdom may think [indecipherable word]¹, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will Ever pray

[Reverse]

Petition of Joseph Hodges

19th of November 1790

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

£12 [indecipherable abbreviation]

£12 per annum

Referred 29th of November 1790