

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hodges R5086

Amelia Hodges

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mrs. Amelia Hodges a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-one years in September next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of William Hodges who was a soldier in the Regular service in the Virginia Line in the War of the Revolution. That her husband the aforesaid William Hodges entered the service in the year 1776 for three years under the following named Officers Captain Henry Erwin Tooley the rest of his officers she at this time cannot recollect but well recollects of hearing her husband say that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], and Long Bridge [December 9, 1775] for further testimony she refers the Department to the Virginia Rolls and the testimony hereunto annexed. She further declares that she was married to the said William Hodges on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1782 that her husband the aforesaid William Hodges died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1836, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Amelia Hodges, X her mark

State of Tennessee Sullivan County: SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Mr. Abraham Grigg a resident of the County and State aged 54 years in September next and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit That he is well acquainted with Mrs. Amelia Hodges who resides in this County and was well acquainted with her husband William Hodges up to the day of his death and knew them to live together as man and wife from affiants first recollection and were always understood as such in the neighborhood. Affiant further declares that he has had frequent conversations with the aforesaid William Hodges before his death in relation to his services in the war of the Revolution. Affiant heard him the aforesaid William Hodges say he entered the service in the town of Norfolk Virginia in the Virginia line for three years and had the promise for land. Affiant further declares that it was believed in the neighborhood where the aforesaid William Hodges lived that he was in the war of the Revolution and never heard the same doubted. Affiant further declares that he heard the aforesaid William Hodges say that he was stationed at the town

of Norfolk<sup>1</sup> at the time the British laid the city in ashes.

S/ Abraham Grigg

State of Tennessee Sullivan County: SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Mr. Roland Hodges a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-four years and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Affidavit. That he is well acquainted with Mrs. Amelia Hodges and was well acquainted with her husband William Hodges up to the day of his death and knew them to live together as man and wife from their marriage which took place in 1782 and the aforesaid William and Amelia Hodges were recognized as man and wife in the Neighborhood where they lived up to the time of his the aforesaid William Hodges death. Affiant further declares that he well recollects of the aforesaid William Hodges being from home in the service in the War of the Revolution and always understood that the aforesaid William Hodges was in the Regular service and served as such in the War of the Revolution. Affiant further declares that sometime before the close of the war of the Revolution Affiants father was apprised of the aforesaid William Hodges being confined in the Hospital by sickness and brought the aforesaid William Hodges home for the purpose of medical aid.

S/ Roland Hodges, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> Norfolk was burned by forces under the command of John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia on January 1, 1776.