

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hodges R5088

Sarah

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State of Georgia Bullock County: On this 7th day of September [1846] personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of Bullock County now sitting (being a Regular Session) Mrs. Sarah Hodges a resident of Bullock County aged sixty-six years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th, 1832. That she is the widow of Joseph Hodges a soldier of the revolution; that she is sixty-six years of age; that her husband Joseph Hodges was born in January in the year of our Lord 1763; that he died in the year of our Lord 1828. From all that this declarant can remember of the conversations of her husband during his life, she believes that he served for a considerable period of time in the war of the Revolution; but in consequence of old age and the loss of memory, she cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service in the said war, but according to the best of her recollection, her husband frequently told her and others of his having served for one term (she thinks) in the latter period of the revolution. She cannot say positively but thinks that her husband mentioned of having served as a regular soldier under General Greene; but this declarant recollects of being told of his militia or volunteers services among the State troops of North Carolina and was engaged in miltity [military] duty with the Army in South Carolina in which state he received his discharge. This Declarant feels certain that her husband, Joseph Hodges, served for a long time in the war; for at least one term or two; as she thinks from what he she has recently heard on the subject will be made to appear by the evidence of others and also by the record of such service: and she has never heard it doubted that he did so serve. He lived at that time near New Bern in North Carolina; and after the war he lived for the greatest part in Bullock County Georgia. Believing that the said Joseph Hodges served in the war and that this service will be established by other sources of testimony, and feeling it to be heard duty and her right to make this application, is with confidence in the power of truth, that she submits her case to the wisdom of the Government.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written

Witness

S/ Jonathan Guinen [?]

S/ Sarah Hodges, X her mark

[fn p. 5: Veteran's younger brother Nathaniel Hodges, 69, gave testimony that he seems to recollect that his brother served in the revolutionary war and came home in a "very feeble condition in consequence of his service in the war"]

[facts in file: the veterans children, Hardy B. and Joseph C Hodges, were living at Mill Ray in Bullock County Georgia in 1853. The widow's application under the 1832 act was rejected because under that act the veteran had to make the claim himself. There is no evidence that she ever filed for a pension in her own right as his widow.]