

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hudgens (Hudgins, Hudchins) R5322      fn16NC  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

### Georgia Upson County

On this first day of March 1831 personally appeared in Open Court in Upson County holding its Spring term for the Flint Circuit State of Georgia, Constituted and appointed the Supreme Court of the State, William Hudgins sometimes spelt Hudgins & Hudchins resident in Upson County aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that said William Hudgins entered the Revolutionary Service one nine months tour in Captain Moore's Troop Commanded by Colonel Malmody [Malmedy] & General Green [Nathanael Greene], one twelve months tour under Captain Jones & Colonel Taylor, and one three month tour under Captain Oldham William Moore Colonel & Brigadier General Davidson Commencing in August & ending in November as will be seen by reference to the discharge, besides several other terms the officers in terms of Service not being recollected, the said tours were all served in the State of North Carolina in the Continental establishment, he served sometimes as a volunteer and at other times as a regular, particularly the tour of twelve months as a regular, that he served the times or tours fully out for which he volunteered or enlisted and was discharged every time in the State of North Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Roll of any State except North Carolina and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, being poor and illiterate and living in an obscure part of the United States he was not apprised until recently of the existence of the above mentioned laws or of the manner of application for a pension.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property with the exception of occasionally giving my younger Children a part of my Stock & household furniture that he has had 13 Children 8 of whom are living, his family consist of himself and wife only.

Schedule of property belonging to the Applicant

One Bed and furniture

One Cow and Calf

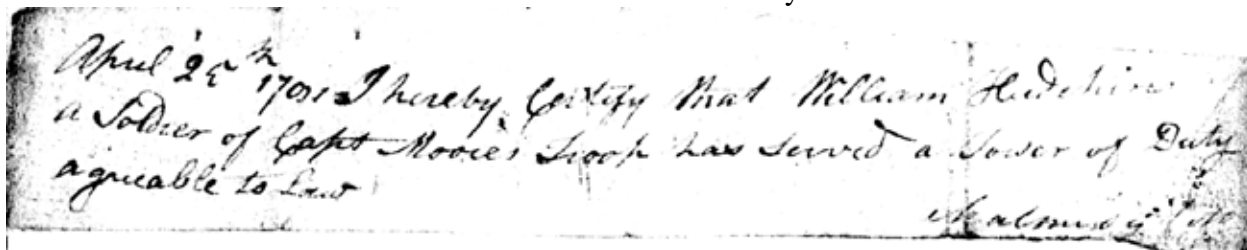
His trade or occupation has been Hewing & getting Shingles but recently on account of age he occasionally employs himself in agriculture.

S/ William Hudgens<sup>1</sup>

Declared and sworn in open Court on the first day of March 1831 before  
S/ C. B. Strong, Judge

April 25th 1781 I hereby Certify that William Hudchins a Soldier of Captain Moore's Troop has served a Tower of Duty agreeable to Law.

Malmedy Colo.

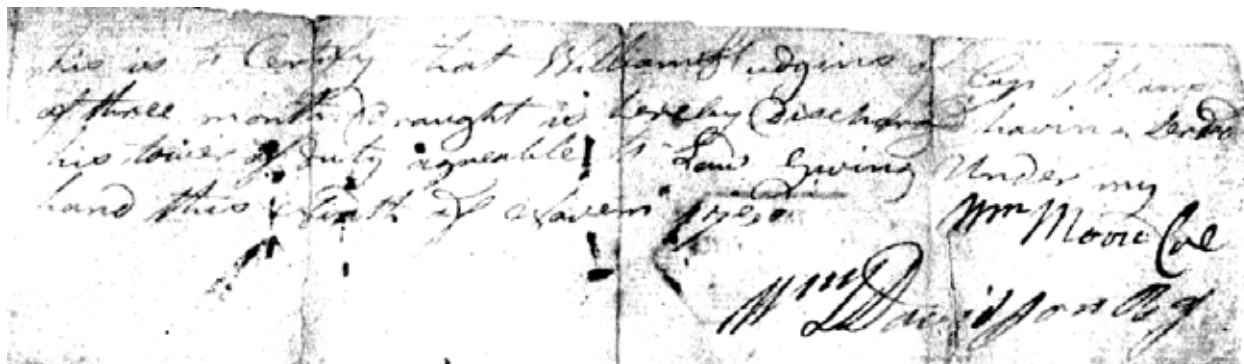


April 25<sup>th</sup> 1781 I hereby Certify that William Hudchins a Soldier of Capt Moore's Troop has served a Tower of Duty agreeable to Law

This is to certify that William Hudgins of Captain Holmes of 3 months draught is hereby Discharged having Served his tower of duty agreeable to law. Given under my hand this 6th of November 1780

S/ Wm Moore Col

S/ Wm Davidson B G



This is to Certify that William Hudgins of Capt Holmes of three months draught is hereby Discharged having served his tower of duty agreeable to Law Given Under my hand this 6th of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1780

Wm Moore Col  
Wm Davidson B G

Territory of Florida Escambia County: Personally came before me R. Vaughan an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, William Johnson<sup>2</sup> of the same County who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith on oath that William Hudgins served with him in the Revolutionary War in the behalf of the United States, and they both served in one company under Captain Butler.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 4th day of March 1842 A.D.

S/ William Johnson, X his mark

[Note: the file affords no indication as to why this applicant's claim was rejected. I suspect, but do not know, that the reason might be that as he was claiming under the 1818 and 1820 acts he

<sup>1</sup> I do not believe that the signature of the veteran is he is but rather his name written by the scribe since the handwriting in the application and the signature appeared to me to be identical.

<sup>2</sup> [William Johnson S10918](#)

did not sufficiently prove his service in the Continental line. Most veterans of North Carolina who served in the Continental line were required by the pension office to submit a statement from the North Carolina Secretary of State giving the muster roll record of that veteran. For what it is worth, I searched the roster of North Carolina continentals ([B76](#)) posted on this site and did not find any veteran listed therein by any of the variant spellings of this veteran's name. Given how incomplete I believe the muster rolls for the North Carolina Continentals are, I do not ascribe much significance to the absence of the veteran's name therein. It is pretty clear to me that this veteran did serve in the Revolution.]