

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony Hudgen (Hudgins) S10883

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State of Virginia County of Mathews: to wit:

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Mathews County now sitting, Anthony Hudgins [sic] a resident of Mathews County and State of Virginia aged seventy-three years, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was under Captain Josiah Foster, Isaac Foster was Lieutenant: Humphrey Hudgins Ensign Colonel Sir John Peyton [John Payton] Major Boswell [perhaps Thomas Boswell] and Major Throgmorton [possibly Mordecai Throckmorton] were the field officers – he went out first with a man by the name of ___ from Middlesex, who had gotten leave to return to England about the commencement of the war and bad weather drove him up into Horn-Harbour, and Josiah Foster supposing it to be the enemy called out himself and about fifteen others, he left the service two or three days after Corn-Wallice [Cornwallis] surrendered at York [October 19, 1781]. He was in no engagement worth speaking of – he was in a small engagement on Cherry Island with a small Boat loaded with Alum salt – He was one of those who volunteered under Houlden Hudgins and Philip Tabb to go to Richmond – they marched through part of King & Queen County crossed at West Point or rather the brick house, through part of New Kent, James City down to Williamsburg and from there to Burwell's ferry where they saw all the fleet passed down James River, he served other tours at Williamsburg and the New Magazine. At the time Lord Cornwallis came to York he was called out with the Gloucester militia, they were drawn into line near Whitney's Mill in the edge of King & Queen County and encamped in Hubbard's old fields just on the Gloucester side of the mill pond where they had a standing encampment for a long time from there they went to Wear Church [Ware Church] and thence to Seawell's old field where again they made a standing encampment – Richard Billups', Peter Bennett's and Robert Taylor's companies were ordered to gather up all the canoes in which a man might cross York River and carried them to the mouth of that River, he was among them; the morning after they got there, there was a cessation of arms, they remained there two days and then were discharged. He did not get acquainted with any of the Continental regiments or companies or officers, he has no documentary evidence to show when he was called out or when he was discharged, he never received a written discharge – He can prove his service by William Digges and Isaac Smith, he was born in Kingston Parish Gloucester County in the year 1759 he has no record of his age, he thinks he was out upwards of four years in all. He hereby

relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Anthony Hudgen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Hudgen". The ink is black and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Humphrey Billups, a clergyman, and John N. Sale gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia, Anthony Hudgens, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now speak positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection it was not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade to wit: For two days and a night I served on guard at Pepper Creek under Captain Josiah Foster by order of Colonel Peyton in 1776 – For three months I served on guard at Point Comfort 1777 under the same officers called out by like order, For three months I served at same place in 1778 under same officer called out by like order – For three months I served at same place in 1779 under same officer called out by like order – For three months I served at the same place in 1780 under same officers called out by like order – During one of the foregoing years what particular year I cannot now recollect I served twenty-one days at Gloucester Court House under Captain Isaac Foster, we were called out by the Colonel – I served a tour of twenty-one days at Williamsburg and about a fortnight after that expired I served another tour of twenty-one days at the same, this was about the middle of the war in the latter part of 1776 I served two months at Point Comfort under Captain John Billups ordered out [by] the Colonel of the County. I served two months at Gloucester Town and about there at the time of the siege of York, in Captain Robert Gayle's Company. We joined the Continental troops when we went down to the siege of York and were put under the command of General Weeden [George Weedon]. I do not recollect the number of the Regiment, it was the Regiment of Gloucester militia commanded by Colonel Sir John Peyton. I was a private during the whole of my service. And for such periods of service amounting to sixteen months and six days as a private militia man in the Revolutionary war I claim a pension.

S/ Anthony Hudgen

The Affidavits of William Digges¹ and Isaac Smith² both of lawful age, made in Mathews County to accompany the declaration of Anthony Hudgens made on 15th day of August 1832 in open Court before the court of Mathews County in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 to which he has now added an amended declaration.

These Affiants being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with Anthony Hudgens before he entered into the service, that they were in service with him during the Revolutionary War, that he belonged to Captain Josiah Foster[s] company which composed a part of the Regiment of Militia for Gloucester County which regiments was commanded by Colonel Sir John Peyton, that he was in said Company most of the time he was on duty – he was in Isaac Foster's Company for a short time. He was with these Affiants in service at

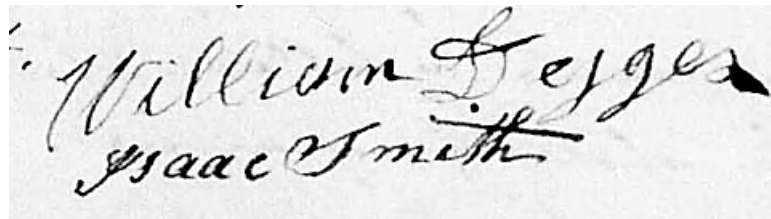
¹ [William Digges S8327](#)

² [Isaac Smith S11427](#)

Williamsburg – at their encampment at Hubbard's old field, at Ware Church, Seawell's old field and Gloucester Town, that he was discharged with them in October 1781 after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, These affiants say that they heard the declaration made by said Anthony Hudgins this day, that they think he served fully as much as the periods mentioned in said declaration made, and that during those periods he was not engaged in any civil employment – that he was on duty by the order of the Colonel of the County and that further they say not.

S/ William Degges

S/ Isaac Smith

A photograph of a piece of aged paper with two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "William Degges" and the bottom signature reads "Isaac Smith". The ink is dark and the paper shows some texture and slight discoloration.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months and 5 days in the Virginia service.]