

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Hodges (Hodge) S1528

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State of Tennessee Obion County

On this day personally appeared in open court before James Henderson, William Wilkinson & Benjamin Totten Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting Edmund Hodges a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years who being first duly 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 to wit –

This Declarant states that he had a record of his age which is now in possession of his son in State of Illinois and that he was born on the 20th day of March in the year 1756 as well as he can recollect in the County of Chatham & State of North Carolina and continued to reside there until he was sixteen years & some months old & then he entered the service of the United States as a drafted man & private soldier & rendezvoused at Chatham Court house State of North Carolina under the command of Captain Ramsey (he don't recollect his Major but believes his name was Luttrell [John Luttrell]) Colonel Griffy & General Ramsey and served three months during which time this declarant & the troops to which he belonged continued in the said County of Chatham fighting with the Tories & once run them to a place called Drowning Creek in South Carolina & pursued them thither & routed them again there & then returned to Chatham leaving the Tories concealed in the swamp of said Creek. This Declarant at the expiration of three months was discharged at Chatham Courthouse but does not know what has become of his discharge. This declarant states that sometime afterwards, he thinks the next year he was again drafted for a tour of three months in said County of Chatham and again rendezvoused at the Chatham Court-house under Captain Stewart in the same field officers as before and continued to have occasional scrimmages with the Tories in Chatham & adjoining Counties who were commanded by Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] a celebrated Tory and again received his discharge at the expiration of three months at Chatham Courthouse but does not recollect what

became of his discharge. The declarant states that he was the next year (he thinks) drafted again for three months in said County of Chatham and rendezvoused at Chatham Court house under Captain Charles Crawford, Major Litteral [Luttrell] & he thinks Colonel Griffy immediately marched on horse into South Carolina to meet General Gates and did meet him near to Camden in South Carolina where he was in the Battle at Gates defeat. This was the first battle this Declarant was in against the British and in a short time afterwards this Declarant & he believes all his Company received Furloughs to go home and did go home and after being at home a very short time were called out to finish the three months tour against the Tories in Chatham County and did so & were again discharged at Chatham Courthouse but don't recollect what became of his discharge. In the next year as he believes he was again drafted for three months and rendezvoused at Chatham Courthouse under the same officers last mentioned as well as he recollects except the Captain who now was Levi Campbell he believes own horse again & about this time the British under the command of Lord Cornwallis attempted to march through Chatham County in General Green [Nathanael Greene] for the purpose of preventing them marched round & stationed himself & Army on Cape Fear River Chatham County where this Declarant & the troop of Horse to which he belonged joined him where they continued some days or weeks but does not recollect the exact time, And during the time General Gates [sic] and his Army remained at Cape Fear. This Declarant received a furlough to go to his home about 10 miles distant and was the night after he went home taken prisoner by the Tories & carried about 20 or 25 miles towards Wilmington & in two nights & a day after being taken made his escape & returned to General Greens Army and marched up to Guilford County was in no battle or skirmish of any kind during this tour and at the end of three months was again discharged in Guilford County & returned home to Chatham as aforesaid, but does not recollect what became of his discharge. This Declarant states that he was after Cornwallis was taken drafted in Chatham County for eighteen months & again rendezvoused at Cross Creek now Fayette [Fayetteville] under John Riddle Captain as he believes and Jacob Caster Major & does not recollect the Colonel's name was that of the General and before he marched from Cross Creek this declarant hired Thomas Pattisal [sic?] a substitute for the sum of \$140 & this declarant does not now recollect anything about the campaign last aforesaid nor does he recollect the date or date that he entered the Army either campaign nearer the above stated. He did not serve with any regular troops either first or second tour above mentioned but did in the third but does not recollect any other officers but Green DeKalb & Morgan. This declarant states that sometime after Cornwallis was taken how long he does not recollect he volunteered in the said County of Chatham as a private soldier under Robin King Captain Robert McFarlin [Robert McFarland] was Major Daugherty was Colonel and Sevier was General and marched against the Cherokee & he thinks some other nation of Indians and in about a week after he entered the service George Horner Ensign & Tidence Lain [Lane?] Lieutenant of the company of King to which this Declarant belonged deserted and he was elected Lieutenant and commissioned which commission was signed by General Sevier and he does not know what became of it. They marched own horse to the Cherokee Towns and broke them up, in this campaign this declarant served as Lieutenant as aforesaid & continued in service 2 months as nearly as he recollects & was discharged in said County of Chatham but does not know what has become of his discharge.

This Declarant continued to reside in said County of Chatham until he was about 32 years old and then moved to Jefferson County in East Tennessee and lived there about 12 years & then moved to Bedford County in said State of Tennessee and lived there upwards of 20 years and then moved to Obion County in the Weston District of Tennessee where he has lived about 4

years & where he still lives. That besides the campaigns above mentioned this Declarant had a number of short trips & skirmishes against the Tories sometimes continuing a few days only & sometimes a few weeks.

That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. This Declarant 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 or if any only on that of the Agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed 9th of October 1833

S/ Samuel D Wilson, Clerk

S/ Edmond Hodge, X his mark

[George B Hubbard and John McLure, clergyman, Thomas Allen, Joel L. Enloe & Lysander Adams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, in the North Carolina militia.]