

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hodge S21825

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South Carolina Union District} On this 11th day of October personally appeared in open Court before John B O'Neill Presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting at Union Court House in the District & State aforesaid, John Hodge, a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged seventy 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.

1st.¹ That he was born in the State [of] Pennsylvania in York County in or about the year 1762.

2nd. Has no record of his age at this time, the record being destroyed by fire in the time of the revolutionary war.

3rd. Was living in the district of Union then called Ninety Six on Pacolet River in the State of South Carolina where he now lives, & has continued to live ever since the revolutionary war.

4th. Entered into the service of the United States as a volunteer in an Indian expedition² under Captain Zachariah Bullock & General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], and was stationed about 3 or 4 weeks near the Grindal Shoals where he was employed in building & guarding a Fort – Soon after the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in October 1780 under the command of Captain John Thomson [John Thompson] & Lieut. Francis Latimore & Col. Brandon [Thomas Brandon] & Lieutenant Colonel Farr [William Farr], & soon afterwards united with General Sumpters [Thomas

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

² August 1-November 1, 1776:

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

Sumter's] Army & was engaged in the battle at Blackstocks Ford³ on Tyger River where General Sumter was wounded in the shoulder. From this place he marched with General Sumter to Broad River there left him & joined General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Army at the Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River & with the dragoons under the command of Col. Brandon & Col. Washington [William Washington] marched to Hammonds Store⁴ being about a days travel from General Morgan's camp where an attack was made upon the body of Tories, & about 40 of them made prisoners. Thence returned to General Morgan's Army and was soon afterwards engaged in the battle at the Cowpens in January 1781.⁵ After the battle this applicant was placed as one of the main guard over the prisoners & thence marched across Broad River at the Island Ford, where this applicant was relieved from guarding the prisoners, & placed as one of the guard over the baggage wagons. This applicant then left the service about the first of February and on the 14th of April following entered the service under Captain Thomson [sic] & served a tour of duty for three months during which time he served mostly as a guard over the Block house containing prisoners. This applicant further states that he served another 3 months tour under command of Captain Thomson and performed the most of his services at Neals Mills. This applicant further states that he was frequently engaged in the performance of patrol duty but cannot state the precise time he was thus employed.

6. Never received any written discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence of his service.

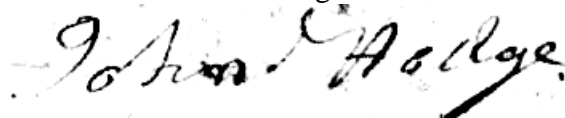
7th. In support of the above declaration & for my character as a man of veracity, I refer to the Reverend Elias Mitchell and James Moseley⁶ the last mentioned of time knew me as a soldier in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ John Hodge



[Elias Mitchell, a clergyman, and James Moseley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I James Moseley Senior of the District and State aforesaid do hereby certify that I am acquainted with John Hodge the subject of the within Declaration and that I saw the said John Hodge once in the year 1782 at the Block House on Fairforest in Union District doing duty as an American Soldier. And also that I have good reason to believe that the said John Hodge was engaged in the American Service during the war of the revolution and that he was at the Battle of the Cowpens.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th of October 1832.

John B O'Neill, Presiding judge

S/ James Moseley

³ November 20, 1780: https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁴ December 30, 1780: https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hammonds_store.html

⁵ January 17, 1781: https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁶ [James Moseley S9421](#)

James Mosley

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John Hodge came personally before me and deposed as follows in order to explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the act of June 7th 1832 – and saith that during the Revolutionary War, he entered the Service of this Country against the Common Enemy the British & Tories & Indians, & served as herein set out, I entered the service under Captain Zachariah Bullock & General Williamson in the year 1776 against the Indians, one month at the building & guarding a Fort on Pacolet River. Again in 1780, I entered the service a volunteer under the command under Captain John Thomson [sic] & Colonel Brandon & Lieutenant Colonel Farr & soon after joined General Sumter Army was in the battle at Blackstocks & served a tour of 3 months and was also during this time in the battle at the Cowpens in January 1781, under General Morgan –

Again in the same year in the fall 1781 I served another tour of duty of 3 months under Captain John Thomson & Colonel Farr at Neals Mills. Again in the year 1782 I served another tour of duty of 3 months under Colonels Farr & Brandon & in the [indecipherable word, possibly "excess"] of my services of 3 months [indecipherable word, possibly "tour"] I done repeated Patrol duty – during the last mentioned Tour of duty I was stationed mostly at a Block house – & from that time until the close of the war I was on repeated tours of duty as a patrol – this deponent did served ten months duty in behalf of his Country besides the time out as Patrols this deponent has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any such proof that can be had –

Sworn & subscribed before made this 17th July 1833

S/ D. Wallace, JP

S/ John Hodge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33, commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to John Hodge⁸
Audited Account No. 3649

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[No.] 2921

[Book] X

5 June 86 [1786]

John Hodges Junior (or Senior) for Militia duty Since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

⁸ This man's Audited Account has been indexed under the name of John Hodges.

Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment per
Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –

[old South Carolina] Currency £94
Stg. [Sterling] £13.8.6 ¾

Received 5 June 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an indent No. 2921, X per Order
S/ Charls. Brandon [Charles Brandon]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Brandon". The ink is dark and the background is light with some speckling.

State of South Carolina
To the public Treasury –

Gentlemen Be pleased to Deliver to Mr. Chas. Brandon all the publick Indents that will
appear Due to Me from this State & in So Doing you will Oblige your Humble Servant

S/ Jno Hodge
Sept. 2? 1786

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Hodge". The ink is dark and the background is light with some speckling.

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S/ John Richman [?], JP

[p 22: Restatement of the veteran's services as set forth above except in a slightly different
format.]

[p 23: Printed form of Indent No. 2921 Book X]

[p 24: Reverse of the above Indent]