

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hodges S21826

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South Carolina Marlborough District: Court of Common Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Hodges a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged seventy years or upwards 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 was born in Pitt County North Carolina – does not know the time – he can neither read or write & does not know whether his age was ever recorded – he thinks however that he is now upwards of seventy years old. He was living in Pitt County North Carolina when he was drafted & was drafted at the age of 16 years. Edmond McKeal was his Captain. He marched from Pitt County on through Fayetteville North Carolina, Cheraw, Camden, Columbia in South Carolina to a place called the White House on the Carolina side of Savannah River – does not know why he was carried there – Stayed out his time (five months) & then went back to Pitt County North Carolina. Was in no engagement during that time. He substituted himself on his return for a person whose name he does not recollect & served out three months under the same Captain. Had no engagement. Went on from Pitt County through Hillsboro, Salisbury, Charlotte & then to the Six Mile Creek near the Hanging Rock in Mecklenburg County North Carolina. His time expired at this place. He then returned to Pitt County & enlisted directly afterwards in the Army of the United States as a regular Soldier. The person under whom he enlisted was James Crandall. The term of his enlistment was two years & a half. He was in the 2nd Regiment as it was shifted of which Colonel Kusaski (so pronounced) was the commander & his Captain was named Antony Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] – marched down to Charleston South Carolina where he was stationed five months. A part of the 2nd Regiment was then sent on to Ninety Six in South Carolina to reinforce General Ashe but before they reached him, the Americans under General Ashe were defeated & he met some of them crossing the River on their retreat. In this time the British had taken Charleston & this part of the 2nd Regiment under the command of a Captain Wolden could not rejoin the Americans. They

were therefore Stationed at one time on Santee River & at another at the Bacons Bridge across the Ashley River about twenty-one miles from Charleston. Here they were joined by the other half of the 2nd Regiment & the whole were commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene]. He was in no engagement, although a part of his Regiment were in the engagement at Eutaw Springs, this deponent was not with him owing to the fact that he was left behind in order to take care of a soldier who got burnt. His time expired whilst Green was stationed at Bacons Bridge & he received a discharge at that place. He has lost his discharge. – Not knowing that it would ever be of any service to him he took but little care of it. He recollects William Bush, adjutant of the 3rd Regiment – but no others except those above mentioned. He has no documentary evidence of his Service nor does he know of anyone now alive who can testify to his services. He was in the war altogether 3 years & 2 months. 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 any State. He has been living in Marlborough District ever since the Revolutionary war to the present time. He moved into Marlborough after the war.

Sworn to the 3rd of October 1832 before

S/ B. J. Earle

S/ William Hodges, X his mark

[James Odom, a clergyman, and George Bristow gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Marlborough District

Before me, James E David a Justice of the Peace for the District & State aforesaid, appeared William Hodges of the same State & District who upon being duly sworn according to law on his oath said that in the year 1779 he served 5 months in the militia as a private under Captain Edmond McKeel Colonel Armstrong, was the highest officer who marched with his Company from Pitt County North Carolina. He believes that the detachment he was in, was sent to join General Ashe on Brier Creek; before this was effected however, he heard on the Carolina side of Savannah River that Ashe was defeated & when his time was out return to Pitt County.

In the year 1780 he served 3 months in the militia under Captain Edmond McKeel as a private – as marked on Declaration (B). He cannot prove by two witnesses his services as a regular Soldier – All those who know anything about it part in North Carolina & consequently out of the reach of the deponent. He claims a pension however for eight months service in the militia as a private & will sacrifice the rest to the rigor of a law, which to exclude imposters, shuts the door almost against the innocent. For the above eight months he swears positively that he served with an embodied Corps called into service as he believes by competent authority, that he was either in the field or in Garrison for the time during which the Service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to & signed before made this 20th June 1833

S/ James E David, JP

S/ William Hodges, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private.]