

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Bodly (Bodley) S32128

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State of Alabama Jackson County: This 31st day of December 1832

Personally appeared in open Court before me Thompson M. Rector Judge of the County Court of Jackson County in State aforesaid now sitting John Bodley resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, under Colonel William Warford Seignior [sic, William Wofford Senior] Captain William Worford Jun. [sic, William Wofford Junior]. That he entered the service about the year 1777 as a volunteer and served five months in said campaign and that he was in an engagement at dewits Corner [sic, Dewitt's Corner<sup>1</sup>] on the frontier of South Carolina that he then resided in the State of South Carolina not far from Cambridge or Ninety Six. 2<sup>nd</sup> Time he enlisted in the Regular Service of the United States under Colonel Henry Hampton and Captain Joseph Robins [sic, Joseph Robbins] immediately after his return from the first tour and continued in said service for the term of ten months and one day during which time he assisted in taking the Fort of Tories at Columbia<sup>2</sup> in South Carolina on the Congaree River, he was also at an engagement at Orangeburg Court House with the Tories in which about 150 of the Tories were taken prisoners.<sup>3</sup> He was also in an engagement with the Tories at Dodgester [sic, Dorchester<sup>4</sup>] in which the Tories was defeated and that Colonel Hampton's loss in that engagement was about 100 men =

3<sup>rd</sup> That when his time of service ended he joined Colonel Richard Hampton as a mounted Ranger under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in South Carolina that he continued in said

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<sup>1</sup> Indian treaty site: May 20, 1777 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/dewitts.htm>

<sup>2</sup> The Veteran appears to be describing the taking of Fort Granby which occurred at the culmination of a siege began in early May and ended in mid-May 1781. I hedge making an absolute commitment to this assumption based largely on the very disjointed and out of sequence events described by the veteran. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortgranby.htm>

<sup>3</sup> Sumter laid siege to Orangeburg on May 10 -- 11, 1781; Nathanael Green laid siege to Orangeburg in July (8 -- 10) 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/orangeburg.htm>

<sup>4</sup> There were a number of actions in or around Dorchester, SC. See <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/dorchester.htm>; <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/dorchestercreek.htm>; & <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortdorchester.htm>

service for the time of three years in which said service he was at the battle of the Cedar Spring<sup>5</sup> in which there was a good many killed on both sides. He then marched from there to Briar Creek<sup>6</sup> in the State of Georgia at which place he was in another engagement in which the loss was considerable on both sides. He was also in an engagement with the British and Tories at Boxes Ferry Edisto from there he marched to the four holes bridge<sup>7</sup> at which place he was in another engagement with the Tories in which the Tories were defeated. From thence he marched to buck head [sic, Buckhead] a Creek<sup>8</sup>, at which place 100 of Tories was killed and taken prisoners from thence to Stono,<sup>9</sup> in Georgia [sic, South Carolina] at which place he was wounded by a Rifle Ball which penetrated through he [his] body. From thence he was carried in a wagon to head quarters at Stono at which place he remained until he recovered from his wound he then remained in the Garrison of said place guarding said Garrison until peace was concluded between the United States and Great Britain at which last mentioned place he obtained his discharge from the proper officer which has since been burned with his house. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State of the United States.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the County of Anson and State of North Carolina I do not recall the year in which I was born

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

I have none =

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

Answer I lived in the District of Ninety Six and State of South Carolina when called into the service. Served [one or more words obliterated] I lived seven years in York District in South Carolina from York I moved to Burke district in North Carolina where I lived six years, thence I moved to Tennessee and lived in Bledsoe County about one year thence I moved to Jackson County West Tennessee where I resided one year thence I moved to Overton County Tennessee where I resided three years -- Thence I moved to Marion County Tennessee where I resided about four years from thence I removed to Jackson County Alabama where I resided about twelve months thence I removed to Monroe County Tennessee where I lived about four years from thence to Marion County Tennessee where I lived about five years thence to Jackson County Alabama where I now reside and where I have lived near one year.

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

Answer I volunteered first and when that Campaign was ended I then enlisted and entered as a Regular Soldier for ten months etc.

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

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<sup>5</sup> July 12, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cedarspring.htm>

<sup>6</sup> March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

<sup>7</sup> April 7, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fourholes.htm>

<sup>8</sup> Normally referred to as the siege of Fort Motte, which occurred from May 8 through 12, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/motte.htm>

<sup>9</sup> June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

Answer. General Sumter a militia officer Colonel Richard Hampton a militia officer Colonel Henry Hampton a Regular officer Captain Joseph Robbins a militia officer Major Blueford a militia officer I cannot now recollect the names of any of the Regiments either Regular or militia

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

Answer I did receive a discharge from Captain Joseph Robbins and it was burnt up in my house with every thing I had.

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Answer. Robert Jones, John Higdon Senior, Charles Higdon, John Higdon Senior, John Flecher

S/ John Bodly, X his mark

[John Flecher, Joseph Burton and John Bodley gave the standard supporting affidavit

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private in the South Carolina militia and State Troops [veteran refers to his service in the State Troops under Henry Hampton as "regular service"].]