

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philemon Hodges S32326 NC [SC]
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Baldwin County } S.S.

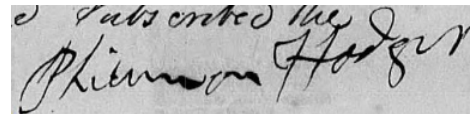
On this 27th day of August [1832] personally appeared in open Court, before Lucius Q. C. Lamar the Court of Baldwin now Sitting, Philomen Hodges, a resident of the County of Muscogee & State of Georgia, aged Seventy one years, who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

In April 1776 he entered the Continental Army commanded by Colo. Wm. Thompson [sic: William "Danger" Thomson, 3rd South Carolina Ranger Regiment] in Capt. Sam'l Wise's [Samuel Wise's] company was in that memorable battle fought on Sulivans Island [sic: Sullivans Island SC at Breach Inlet] on the 28th June 1776. Sir Peter Parker commanded the British fleet & Cols. [William] Moultrie & Thompson Commanded on the Island. Soon after his time of service expired he returned to his father's house in North Carolina joined a troop of Horse Served in Capt. Isaac Atkins [Isaac Adkins's] Company commanded by Colo. Ebenezer Folsom [Ebenezer Folsome], continued in that service until the Regiment was disbanded, then returned home & there remained one year or more, then volunteered in the Militia and served time after time four tours of three months each until times got so bad & Tories so troublesome, and shortly after the fatal defeat of Gen'l [Horatio] Gates near Camden in S. Carolina [16 Aug 1780] I with many others had to seek refuge in the North part of N. Carolina & there remained until Gen'l. [John] Butler defeated the Tories at Lindly's Mills in Chatham County N. Ca[page torn; Battle of Lindley's Mill then in Orange, now Alamance County NC, 13 Sep 1781] Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford came with an Army to our assistance. I then returned home & joined a Troop of Horse, and continued with them until the Tories killed Capt. Thomas Hadly [Thomas Hadley] in his own house who had the command for several years he was killed in Autum 1781. Colo. Thos. Armstrong [Thomas Armstrong], Colo. Com'dt [Commandant] of Cumberland County N. Car. commissioned me to raise a troop of horse & proceed to keep order and suppress the tories in Cumberland & the adjacent Counties which duty I continued to discharge to the best of my from that time until the end of the war. Which was between 18 & 20 months that I was in actual service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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, Territory or District whatever.

Sworn to, and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philemon Hodges". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Georgia Baldwin County
Milledgeville August 14th 1832

I have been acquainted with Captain Philemon Hodges from my earliest recollection, he is now about seventy two years of age, and about ten years older than myself. I recollect seeing him with the light horse riding by my fathers house and wearing a Cockade [hat], but whether as Captain or private I cannot say, but I know he was generally called Captain Hodges afterwards. I also know from what I can recollect and from report that he was very active in the American cause in the time of trouble, and yet humane. At that time he lived in the State N. Carolina about three miles from my Father's. I left N. Carolina in the year 1795 when a young man, and did not see Mr Hodges for upwards of twenty years, until he came to Georgia. he is now in low circumstances from loss by fire and other misfortunes and a

cripple from a severe stroke of Palsy What length of time Mr Hodges served I am not able to say, but have reason to believe he was occasionally in the war till its termination, from the first tour that I recollect to have seen him in the light horse, which might be in the year 1777 or 1778 or perhaps in the latter part of 1776.

Sworn to before me the 14th day of August 1832 [signed] John Bethune

Georgia }
Muscogee County } SS

On this 12 February, 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before Grigsby E Thomas, Esq'r the Court of Muscogee County in Session Philemon Hodges, a resident of said County & State, who being duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, as a supplement, to his application, made in August last, for the benefit of the act of Congress, passed 7th of June 1832.

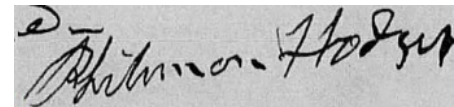
The declarant did not make his declaration in the County in which he resided because, he was in Baldwin County, on business when advised how to proceed, to obtain a pension – the Court in Muscogee County was then in session, & he could not reach it in time, & the Court in Baldwin then in session afforded an immediate opportunity to make his declaration.

The applicant served in the Malitia as a private, & volunteer, four terms of service Three from this rank, and as Captain of a Light Horse Company, in Cumberland & adjacent Counties in North Carolina, between eighteen & Twenty months the precise time not recollected, & the dates lost as his commission & discharges were burnt when His house was consumed by fire in 1811.

The documentary evidence owing to the fire alluded to above is put out of his power

Answers to quest

- 1 I was born in Cumberland County North Carolina in the year 1760.
- 2 The record of my age was consumed by fire when my house was burnt.
- 3 I received discharges in each case of service except when commanded by Capt I Atkins, in that case the company was disbanded, the discharges were also burnt in my house I did receive a Commission as Captain signed by Col Thomas Armstrong (Col Com't of Cumberland County NoCa – which was also burnt in my house.
- 7 Col Leaborn Jones – Gen'l James N Bethune, Gen'l James C Watson, Col E B W [last name illegible] & Mr E Champion [are persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and the belief of his services]



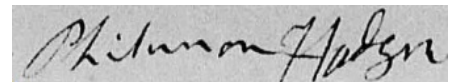
Georgia, Richmond County

Personally appeared before me Robert Raiford who being sworn deposeseth and saith that he has been personally acquainted with captain Philemon Hodges for more than fifty years, who has this day applied to me to state what I know respecting his revolutionary services in order that he can get his name on the pension rolle. I was at the time of the Revolution a boy at school and occasionally lived with my uncle Thomas Armstrong Colonel commandant of the couny of Cumberland in the State of North Carolina. In the autumn of 1781 Captain Thomas Hadley comanding a light horse company was killed in his own house by the tories, after which time the said Colo. Thomas Armstrong commissioned the said Philemon Hodges as Captain of the light horse company to fill the place of Captain Hadley as I have understood and have a right to believe having seen him at the head of a troop of horse and called captain, and frequently at the residence of the said Colo. Armstrong as an associate &c and continued in service to the end of the war.

Several years after the war captain Hodges' house was burnt in the night during his absence from home by which accident he alleges, and I have good reason to believe a large part of the furniture was destroyed together with most of his papers.

Sworn to before me this 12th July 1833 Robert Raiford

After a lapse of so many years I may not be able to answer precisely as to dates &c but can give the substance of the facts called for – it is said I appeared upon the muster roll of Col Thompson in July 1776 – instead of April as I had stated In april 1776 John Hodges my cousin living near Long Bluff So Ca came to my Fathers house in No Ca, a recruiting Officer my Bro William [William Hodges] George Draughan & Robt Draughan [Robert Draughan] & myself enlisted & went with him to his his fathers in So Ca. Thence to Nelson’s ferry Santee River, about forty miles from Charleston. There we joined Col Thompsons regiment was sworn in for six months service, remained there a few days then [illegible word] the return of the soldiers, who having gone home on a furlow as I understood returned the said John Hodges & his Bros Edmund [Edmund Hodges] & Joseph [Joseph Hodges, pension application W3995] being part of the Company, we marched near Charleston to a place called the Ten Mile house, & remained there a few weeks were then marched to the City, & on Boats went to Sullivans Island in the night – our regiment, was stationed on the lower end of the Island with our small arms, & three field pieces, to keep the enemies Land forces from coming up on the back of the fort, there we remained untill some days after the battle of the 28 June, when when we were all furlowed for some, I returned to my Fathers in No Ca, was taken sick & not able to return to my regiment untill my time had expired I served under Col Folsom in Cpt Atkins Company from Dec’r 1776 to the April following to the best of my recollection – when we were disbanded by order of the Legislature. My first militia tour was in the spring of 1778 under Capt Joshua Gish in Cumberland, Bladen & Duplin Counties to take up Lyers-out Deserters &c. The second was in 1779 under Captain Neil McCraney [Neil McCraney] our travels were in Cumberland Chatham & Bladen. To keep the Tories in awe. The third was to assist Peter Mallet Comissary at Cambleton – now Fayetteville – to procure supplies for the army marching to the South. The fourth was under an order of Genl [Richard] Caswell when on his way to the South to Mr Mallett to keep a keen active young man such as he choose, to cary dispatches He choosed me, I went with dispatched to Genl Caswell in Randolph county, & then went with dispatches to the Gov’r at Hillsboro [Thomas Burke at Hillsborough], then he sent me to Mr Mallett at Fayetteville where I remained assisting him untill my time expired, & I was discharged As Captain of the Light Horse I was in actual service from 18 to 20 months from the time the Torys killed Capt Hadley The Burning my House & Corn[?] &c in it prevents, my being able to show the documents My accounts as Captain of the Troup was settled from the above time by Wm Dickson Thomas Rutledge & Thomas Seawell the Auditors of the Wilmington Dist at thirty dollars per month. Those Gentlemen are now ded & my papers burned, or the whole, could be fully proven Answered to & subscribed before this 23rd day of January 1834

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philimon Hodges". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

NOTE: The file also contains a letter written by Hodges to James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, from Lincoln County GA on 14 July 1833 describing his efforts to document his service.