

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abednego Hodges S38037

VA

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Franklin County [VA] S.S.

On this 28th day of February 1828. personally appeared in open Court being the Superior Court of Law for the said County and a Court of record, Abednego Hodges resident in the County 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 provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Abednego Hodges enlisted for the term of Eighteen months, the date of his enlistment not recollected, in the Company commanded by Capt. [Robert] Woodson, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Abraham Buford in the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said corpse until sometime after Bufords defeat [at Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] when he was sent as one of the guard with the prisoners taken in the battle at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] to the City of Richmond, Virginia, where after the expiration of his term of service, he was discharged. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and that the following is his reason for not making earlier application for a pension. That until within a few years past he has been blessed with health and felt an unwillingness to burthen the Government so long as he could procure a comfortable subsistence by his labour.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of May [sic] 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress "entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contract, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

One tract of Land containing about two hundred acres conveyed to Thomas T Kean and Robert Jones in trust to secure the payment of a debt due to Pleasant Dickenson, amounting to one hundred and thirty four dollars & sixty seven cents. With interest from the 9th March 1822. which said Deed is of record in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Franklin a copy whereof accompanies this Declaration marked No. 1. That he has paid to the said Dickenson at various times the sum of \$70:64 cents leaving a balance due of \$111:48 as per statement marked No. 2, That sometime after the conveyance aforesaid he was imprisoned in the jail of the County aforesaid by virtue of a writ of Capias as Satisfaciendum which issued from the clerks office of the County Court of Franklin upon a Judgment obtained in the said Court by Josiah W Dickenson as trustee for Robert N Dickenson for the sum of \$50:38 with Interest thereon from the 25th day of December 1819 and \$18:45 cents. That in order to avail himself of the provisions of the act of the general Assembly "entitled an act concerning Executions and for the relief of insolvent debtors" he conveyed to John Forbes, then sheriff of Franklin the said tract of land, which deed is of record in the Land Office, and a copy thereof accompanies this Declaration marked (No. 3). The said tract of Land in both of the Deeds before mentioned was estimated at two hundred and seventy eight acres, but which by a recent survey by the County surveyor has been ascertained to be about two hundred Acres. That he has paid to the said Josiah W Dickenson the sum of \$73 00 and is still due him the sum of \$15:07 as per statement marked (No. 4). That both of the debts before named were contracted with the Mess'rs Dickenson for goods and necessaries for his family, they having been merchants in his neighbourhood. That the said tract of Land is worth about \$200.00. see affidavit marked No. 5

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NOTES:

The property mentioned by Abednego Hodges was jointly owned with Elisha Hodges and was in two parcels on Chestnut Creek.

A letter dated 19 Jan 1843 lists the children of Abednego Hodges, deceased, as Chloe Stegal, Mary Richards, and Elisha Hodges.