

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of S8737 Alexander Hodge

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[Note: this transcription is heavily edited: the scribe was only semi-literate.]

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: August 28th 1832

This Day came before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said County Alexander Hodge of County and State aforesaid and being duly sworn as the law directs that he served the following towers [tours] in the Revolutionary War

1. A three months tower under Colonel Thompson of South Carolina, James Jack Captain he thinks in 1778. 2. A five months tower under General Retherford [Griffith Rutherford], Francis Lock [Francis Locke] Co. [Colonel] till we went to head quarters by Savano [Savannah] then General Lincoln was Commander in Chief he [indecipherable word] the very year for the [they]<sup>1</sup> had to retreat before the British till they came to Stoneo [Stono] and was reinforced from Charleston and had a Bloody battle which was in 1779. 3. One three month tower under Colonel Polk and Colonel William R Darve [William Richardson Davie] Samuel Flenneken [Samuel Flanagan?] Captain it was in the Horse Service as 2nd Lieutenant and found our horses swords pistols and Cap this was in 1780. 4. A three month tower under Colonel Davie Marten [Martin] Captain in 1781 and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in both towers by Davie. 5. He got a Certificate for a three month tower from Colonel Washington for going with a part of his men after men of his that had run away he went as a pilot but was gone but about fifteen days till they came up with them and brought them back this [was in] 1781. 6. When Davie was Commissary General he went to guard him & provisions till General Green's [General Nathanael Greene's] head quarters on the twenty-five mile Creek – but was gone but about five weeks but was allowed three months tower and was discharged for Every tower but all lost and commissions also – and commands for two weeks were eight or ten days he don't think it worthwhile to name, was in the Battle of Gilford [Guilford, March 15, 1781] under Green Battle at Camden [Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781] under General Green Battle of the Hanging Rock [probably the engagement on August 6, 1780] under General Sumter where he was wounded

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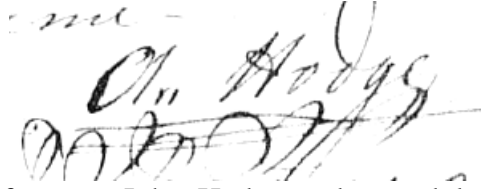
<sup>1</sup> Throughout this document the scribe has written the word "the" when the word "they" appears to be intended.

under his left arm the ball lodged under his back bone and in his body yet there is a lump as large as a Boys head close to the place where the Ball went in and never been able <sup>for</sup> anything of any amount ever since.

S/ Jas. Cunningham, JP

Sworn to before me

S/ Ar Hodge

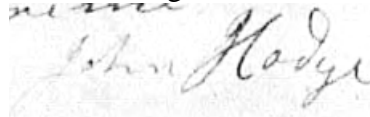
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September 1 1832 his [this] day came before me John Hodge and was duly sworn that he remembers of Alexander Hodge service under Captain Jack but does not remember how long nor in what year but minds [?]<sup>2</sup> of his service under General Rutherford for five months too and says he thinks it was in 1779 and that he minds [?] of his own service too three months too Towers under Colonel Davie in 1780 & 1781 – and knows he was badly wounded but don't remember what battle it was in and that he served both the Davie towers as a Lieutenant for I seen his commission after he was wounded

S/ Jas Cunningham, JP

Sworn to before me

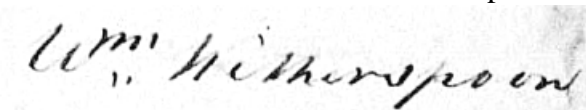
S/ John Hodge

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September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1832 This day came before me William Witherspoon<sup>3</sup> and was lawfully sworn and says he remembers of Alexander Hodge's service five months under General Rutherford or [indecipherable word] at Savannah and thinks it was 1779 – and that he served two tours under Colonel Davie for he served one of the tours with him in Captain Flenneken Company and he was his second Lieutenant in the Horse service and was told he served in the same grade in Martin's company in the Horse service – and he says he was Mortaly [mortally] wounded and was one of the party that carried him on a Beare till the Hospital and that the two towers was in 1780 & 1781 and thinks he minds [?] [indecipherable word] of Washington tower and mind of the time he guarded Davie and the public stores till General Greens head quarters but can't tell how long. Sworn to before me

S/ Jas Cunningham, JP

S/ Wm Witherspoon

Handwritten signature of Wm Witherspoon in cursive script.

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Alexander Hodge a Soldier in the Militia of Revolution, who made the foregoing declaration preparatory to further Examination before our Courts but from Bodily infirmity was unable to attend said Court. He said Hodge in order to comply as near as practicable with the Requisitions of the act of Congress to obtain a pension came personally before me one of the justices of the peace for said County and after propounding to him the following Interrogatories made the answers as follows: viz.

<sup>2</sup> I think this scribe uses the word "minds" in lieu of "remembers."

<sup>3</sup> [William Witherspoon S7901](#)

1. Where and in what year were you born
2. Have you a record of your age, &c &c

The said Hodge says that he was born in Ireland first day of November 1763 – he has no record of his age. He was living in Providence in said County being the same place where he has lived ever since and at which place he now lives. He volunteered in each tour of service except one, which was by draft, the names of the officers have been mentioned in his declaration before stated.

I hereby certify that said Hodge was duly qualified to the above, and I further certify that John Hodge and William Witherspoon are credible persons and also that the Reverend Isaac Grier is a clergyman of right standing and respectability.

Given under my hand and seal this 26 day of October 1832.

S/ Wm Davidson, JP

[fn p. 11: the Reverend Isaac Grier gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: the veteran died September 24, 1836; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private and 4 2/3 months service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia.]