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Pension application of William Hobdy [Hobday] : transcribed and annotated by John A. McGeachy from New Hanover County (N.C.) Pleas & Quarter Sessions Minutes, 16 May 1818, volume for August 1814 - February 1820, pages 299-301, C.R. 070.301.8, North Carolina Archives, Raleigh, N.C.

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William Hobdy [aged 63] appeared in Court and set forth his claim for a pension under an Act of Congress passed 18th March 1818, as follows

William Hobdy [Note 1] born in Gloster [Gloucester] County, Virginia, 12th April 1754 enlisted as a private Soldier in Capt. Henry Young's [Note 2] company of the 7th Regiment [Virginia] Continental Troops, commanded by Col. Alexr Morgan McLenaghan [Col. Alexander McClanachan], and assisted in attacking and driving Lord Dunmore [John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore, Virginia's last colonial Governor] from Groyns Island [Gwynn's Island, home of John Randolph Grymes], mouth of Little York River, Virginia [in July 1776]; was afterwards marched to the Northward and joined the main army at Morris Town, New Jersey, under Genl Washington; was present at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sept. 1777] in Capt [Henry] Young's Company of the 7th Regt Continental Troop as aforesaid, forming a part of the Brigade under Genl Woodford [Gen. William Woodford]; was in the action at Germantown [4 Oct. 1777] under the command above stated; and afterwards was discharged from the Infantry at Valley Forge, his term of service (two years) having then expired; came to the Southward & reenlisted as a private in Bland's Corps of Dragoons [Major Theodorick Bland, 1st Continental Light Dragoons] for three years, in the 5th Troop, commanded by Capt. Thomas Pembleton [Capt. Thomas Pemberton], and was present at the siege of Savannah [16 Sept. – 18 Oct. 1779], the said Regiment of Dragoons being then commanded by Col. White [Col. Anthony Walton White]; was afterwards at Monks Corner [Monck's Corner, 14 Apr. 1780], when Col. White was surprised by Tarlton [Col. Banastre Tarleton], and at Lenon's ferry [Lenud's Ferry, 6 May 1780] Santee [River] under the said Col. White; was made prisoner, and put on board a prison ship in Stono River, near Charleston, and continued a prisoner 15 months untill an exchange was effected; was then sent by sea to James Town, Virginia, and performed the duties of a soldier at the Siege of York Town [begun 28 Sept. 1781], untill the final capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct. 1781]; was discharged from the Cavalry by Col. White.

William Hobdy does not know that any Officer survives from whom he could at present procure evidence of his services, the present applicant is well known to be needy.

Signed

William Hobdy

The within statement of William Hobdy's services as a soldier during the revolutionary war, as far as my belief extends, is correct, from the circumstances of his bearing the character

of a man of veracity in my neighbourhood, which is still stronger, fortified from the said Hobdy's narrative of the outline already described with a minutia of detail unnecessary here to be recapitulated for some years previous to the late act of Congress in favor of the Veterans of the Revolution when he certainly could not have the most distant hope or expectation of reward from the Country.

Signed
A.F. McNiell

On reading the foregoing relation of the services of Mr. Hobdy, I have no doubt of his having rendered the services therein related, having served myself in the whole of the War from 1776 to the close of the War in the North Carolina line, as an Ensign, Lieutenant & Captain, and was made prisoner in Charleston, and went with the prisoners taken in Charleston to James Town in Virginia in the month of July 1781. I was not acquainted with the above Hobdy, but believe from his statement of particulars that he is correct.

Signed
Thos Callender

The foregoing statements made by Wm Hobdy, Archd F. McNiell and Thos Callender was sworn to in open Court, and it appearing to the Court that the said Hobdy is in necessitons and needy circumstances, the Court order the same to be transmitted to the Secretary of the War Department of the United States.

Note 1. William Hobday is listed as a member of the 7th Virginia Regiment. (NARA, Revolutionary War Rolls, VA, 7th Regiment, 1776-1778 (Roll 104, folder 193); Gwathmey, *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution*, 381.)

Note 2. Henry Young served as a captain in the 7th Virginia Regiment between 28 Dec. 1776 and 14 Sept. 1778; on the latter date he transferred to the 5th Virginia Regiment. (Gwathmey, 854.)

Added by Will Graves

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This may Certify that William Hobday [sic] Served three years in the first Regt of Light Dragoons from the 12th of August 1778 till 13th of August 1781 that he was a Citizen of Virginia when he enlisted. July the 30th 1783

S/ John Hughes
Capt. 1st Regt. L. D.

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S/ H. Randolph