

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hodge [Hodges] W10115

Nancy Hodge

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State of South Carolina Richland District

On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Josiah J Evans one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions, Benjamin Hodge a resident of the district and State aforesaid, aged about eighty, but does not know his age precisely, 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the State of South Carolina under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He entered the service by enlisting in the Company of Captain Goodwyn [Robert Goodwyn] in 1775, in Colonel Thompson's [sic, William Thomson's] Regiment, it being the 3rd Regiment of Rangers raised by the State of South Carolina; He enlisted first for six months & served his time out & after he had served out the six months he enlisted again under the same Captain & Colonel for fifteen months service; which time he also served out & obtained a discharge which has since been consumed by his house which was unfortunate[ly] burnt. During the six months service he was in the campaign called the Snow Camp¹ in the Western part of South Carolina which was in the winter '75 – '76. He was in no battle but assisted to take Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] the Tory. They were stationed for some time at a place called the big survey. Then they went to Ninety [sic, Ninety Six] & came on down with the prisoners, by Granby to Charleston & over to Sullivan's Island and they began to build the Fort and after it was finished they had the battle in it, called the battle of Sullivan's Island.² The Fort was attacked by the British Fleet, Colonel Moultrie at the time commanded the Fort. The applicant was not in the Fort, but on the Island under Colonel Thomson who commanded the troops outside the Fort on the Island. He can't remember the day the battle was fought. After that battle he was sent away towards Savannah, his company after being in Savannah some time they went up to Augusta. At Augusta he got a furlough to come home which was then in the district & State aforesaid, and after his furlough had expired he went down to head quarters at a place called Nelson's Camps, where Colonel Thomson's Regiment was resting, not far from Eutaw Springs, or Nelson's ferry, at a place called Williams Branch, where there was good water. Here he was discharged which discharge has been burned in his house as stated above. Cannot

¹ December 23-30, 1775: https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² June 28, 1776: sic, Battle of Fort Moultrie:

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm

remember the day of his discharge but he served the fifteen months out for which he had enlisted the second time. He was under the same Captain all the time. He was in a skirmish against a body of Negroes & white men, in Georgia beyond Savannah at a place called the Thunderbolt on an Island between Sunbury & Savannah. After this, but he can't remember the year, but he did not stay at home long, before he went out again in the militia under Captain Craig [James Craig], and under him (he marched he believed Colonel Wynn [Winn] commanded the troops) he marched round by Ninety Six, Augusta, Orangeburg & then round home again. He was a volunteer in the militia & made several other matter excursions than those he has listed. He was born in Richland district South Carolina. Has no record of his age. Never acted as a substitute.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except [the present], and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Sworn to in Open Court to October 1832

S/ James E. Guignard, Clerk

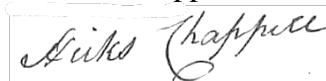
S/ Benj. Hodge, X his mark

[p 53: Benjamin Treadwell, a clergyman, and Doctor Samuel Green gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Richland District: Personally appeared before me Major Hicks Chappell³, that he is old & very feeble & cannot conveniently attend at the Court of Common Pleas to sit at Columbia, the first Monday in October next & that he knew Benjamin Hodge during the Revolutionary War, & that he enlisted in 1775, in Captain Goodwyn's Company in Colonel Thomson's Regiment; – viz.: 3rd Regiment of Rangers, he enlisted for six months & served his time out & to the best of deponent's memory he thinks Mr. Hodge enlisted again for the fifteen months service: about this however he is not positive. He went up & served in the Snow Camps. These three Regiments were regulars raised by South Carolina. After serving the first six months out, deponent saw him once or twice still in the service, which he thinks was the fifteen months service & thinks he was still in Captain Robert Goodwyn's Company under Colonel William Thomson.

S/ Hicks Chappell



Sworn to before me the 12th of September 1832

S/ James L. Clark, C. E. R. D. J. Q. U.

[p 4: On October 13, 1847 in Richland district South Carolina, Trinity Martin, 64, wife of Joseph Martin deceased, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Hodge, filed a claim for the pension due her mother under the 1836 act; she states that she files a claim on behalf of herself and her mother's other heirs, to wit, Sarah Grant, wife of Randall Grant deceased, Letty Lee, wife of Jordan Lee deceased, Lucy Sims, wife of John Sims, Rachel Martin, wife of Daniel Martin, Anna Cusad, wife of Reuben Cusad, Margaret Brown, wife of William Brown, and Zady Hodge; that her parents were married in 1778; that her father died in Richmond County on January 8, 1837 and her mother died October 10th 1845; that she has no record of either the marriage of her parents or the births of their children, but her oldest sister Sarah Grant, wife of Randall Grant, was born

³ [Hicks Chappell W22758](#)

during the war. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On September 29, 1847 in Richland District South Carolina, Anna Hodge, widow of Thomas Hodge, gave testimony that she is, she believes, 90 years of age; that she knew Benjamin Hodge and his wife Nancy, both now deceased; that they were married in 1778 and were recognized in society as husband and wife since that date. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 45: Certificate dated January 17, 1848, from the South Carolina Comptroller Generals Office listing payments made to a "Benjamin Hodge" for him service during the revolution including 46 days duty under General Marion in 1782. **Note from the transcriber: I have posted an image of this document below because the South Carolina Audited Account file No.3636 relating to his veteran is not legible as posted online. But see below for one record indexed under "Benjamin Hodges SC AA3645 which is legible:**

Comptroller General's Office
Columbia S.C. Jan 17 1848.

Book Y }
Indent 220 } Issued the 9th October 1785 to Benjamin
Hodge for three pounds five and eight
pence for 46 days duty under General
Marion in 1782 as per acct audited
on which no interest is allowed until one
year is in arrears due
Paid S 3: 5: 82
Acc. Int. 0: 4: 7

Book Y }
Account 220 } State of Carolina
To Benj. Hodge D^o
1782
March 31st To 46 days priv. Mil^o pay @ 10S day
Thos. Marion's R^t ----- S 23: -----

Comptroller District J^r
Benjamin Hodge personally appeared and swore the
above acct is just and true. Sworn before me the 10th
day of March 1784
(Signed) W^m. Martin J^r (Signed) Benj^l. Hodge
mark

I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy
from the Records in this office.

Dep. Clerk
for
Wm. C. Beach
Compt. Genl

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State of South Carolina Richmond District: Personally appeared before me Jasper Faust who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement, That he knew Benjamin Hodge deceased who was a pensioner of the United States and also his wife Nancy Hodge deceased both formally of Richland District State of South Carolina. That he knew them to be living together as husband and wife during the time of the Revolutionary War and that he knew them the aforesaid Benjamin & Nancy Hodge deceased to be living as husband and wife together before the aforesaid Benjamin Hodge left the service of the United States as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. This deponent further states that he himself is 87 years of age.

Sworn to before made this the 13th day of October A.D. 1847

S/ A. Fetch, Magistrate

S/ Jasper Faust⁴

Jasper Faust

[p 20: certificate of the South Carolina Comptroller General dated December 14, 1846 listing payments made to a Mr. Gasper Faust for military services during the revolution.]

Comptroller Genl's Office
Columbia S.C. December 14th 1846.

Book X, {
Account 441. } Issued 24th August 1785 to Mr. Gasper Faust
for seven pounds 17s 1/2 & 2/4 for mil
= itia Duty in 1781 & 1782 as per account paper
by the Commissioners
Princ 27: 17: 1/2 Annual interest £0. 10. 11 D

Book X, {
Account 441 } Gasper Faust Junr for 110 days in militia in
1781 & 1782 in Col. Thos Taylor's Regiment
Certified by Col. Thos Taylor amounting to
sterling £7: 17: 1/2

I Certify the Above to be a true copy from the Records
in this Office
For Comptroller Genl.
J. Black

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

⁴ [Jasper \(Gosper\) Faust R3468](#)

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Benjamin Hodges [sic]
Audited Account No. 3645
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[No.] 88 [Book] T

Mr. Benjamin Hodges [sic] his account of Militia duty as private since the reduction of Charlestown amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£3.0.0</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£0.8.6 ³ / ₄

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina

To Benjamin Hodges

Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency	
Stg.	

Dr. [Debtor]

<u>£3</u>
£.8/6 ³ / ₄

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.