

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hodges W3995¹ Sarah fn64NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 5/8/11

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 6th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court the Court aforesaid now sitting Joseph Hodges a resident of Bladen County State aforesaid aged about sixty-seven 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the County Light Horse under the command of Captain McGrainey in the County of Cumberland sometime in the month of October 1780 and continued to serve therein by tours of three months until the month of August following. This service under Captain McGrainey was as a volunteer. He again entered the service about the month of June 1782 in the County Light Horse then commanded by his brother Captain Philemon Hodges and served five successive tours of three months each until the month of September 1783. The County light horse was under the command of Colonel Thomas Armstrong of Cumberland County he was also a volunteer under Captain Hodges the light horse to which he was attached was raised for the purpose of preventing the depredations of the Tories & in guarding the stores & cattle for the use of the Army.

To the questions propounded by the direction of War Department & to 7 inclusive he returned the following Answers

1. I was born in the County of Cumberland 1 day of October 1765
2. I have not the original record of my age but have a transcript from it at my house in Bladen County which copy was taken by myself from the original in my father's possession but which is destroyed
3. I was living in Cumberland County when I entered the service. Since the Revolutionary war I have lived in Cumberland, Johnston & Bladen Counties, I now live in Bladen
4. I volunteered

¹ BLWt14989-160-55

5. I knew Captain James Emmett Captain Joshua Hadley Captain James Campbell Major Robert Raiford Captain James Pearls [?] I have already explained the nature of my service.

6. I received a discharge from Captain McGrainey but never received one from Captain Hodges. I have lost the discharge of Captain McGrainey.

7. I would refer [to] Colonel John Black Sheriff of this County & also to John McAlester Esquire one of the members of this court to prove my character & the reputation of my service in the Revolutionary War

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 any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ D. McDiamid, Clk

S/ Jo Hodges



[John Black and John McAlester gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 62]

State of North Carolina Cumberland County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Joseph Hodges who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than two years as a Private soldier and for such service I claim a Pension, and he further swears that he knows of no surviving comrade whose testimony he can procure as to his service.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4th of June 1833

S/ John Averett, JP

S/ Jo Hodges

[fn pp. 5-6; family record (of sorts);

John Hodges his Book he was born the 30th day of November 1755

William Dawson was born November 14, 1758 [last 2 digits unclear]

Philemon H Hodges son of Joseph Hodges & Sarrah his wife was born July the 9th day 1795

Esther Allen Hodges Daughter of Joseph Hodges & Sarrah his wife was born October 8th A.D. 1793

[fn p. 15: On April 16, 1845 in Bladen County North Carolina, Sarah Hodges, 70, filed for a Widow's pension; she states she is the widow of Joseph Hodges a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$100 for his service in the revolution; that his pension was cut off in 1835; that she married him April 24, 1791.]

[fn p. 41]

A return of men hired by the Militia of Beaufort County to serve in the Continental Army Agreeable to Act of assembly – viz.

No. 1. Joseph Hodges – during the war –

S/ Benj. Coleman Capt.
Camp Office
Raleigh, NC

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To Act of Assembly — (Vig)
Sol. Joseph Hodges — during The War —
Signed Benj. Coleman Capt
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Raleigh N.C.*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina cavalry and militia.]