

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Hodge W4234¹

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[fn p. 10]

State of North Carolina, Burke County

On this ___ day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting George Hodge a resident of said County & State aged 72 years in April next 13th day he has no record of his age & only knows what his parents told him they stated he was born the 13th April 1761 who being 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 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated.

He first entered the service under Captain Thomas Hemphill, William Neal Lieutenant, Joseph Patton Ensign as a volunteer about the first of June 1780 & marched from where Morganton now stands in this (Burke County) (that was our place of rendezvous) and marched down to what is now Lincoln County & remained there till the battle of Ramsour's Mills which was on the 20th day of June 1780 where we whipped the Tories. He states he was wounded in the early part of the engagement by a ball (he believes a rifle ball) through his right arm which disabled him from firing his gun anymore. He was then ordered together with the other wounded to fall back to where we has a left our horses which were some distance off. This order was given by Major McDowell. He remained at the horses till the battle was over. I was then dismissed & permitted to come home. I remained at home till Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] came through the country and after our man returned from over the mountains. I joined them on Cane Creek near where the line now divides the counties of Burke & Rutherford. I was placed under Captain Sam Woods, Charles McDowell was our Colonel, but he was not at the battle of King's Mountain. We were put under Colonel to Campbell [William Campbell] & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland]. My wound which I received at Ramsour's had not got quite well & I was left with the horses & was not in the battle. This battle was on the 7th day of October 1780. Captain Woods company returned to what is now Rutherford County & he there dismissed us & told us to go home. In 1781 in the month of June he volunteered for 10 months under Captain Joshua Inman, Lieutenant Elias Alexander, William Snoddy Ensign. This was a volunteer Light horse Company that was raised to join General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] but instead of going to him, our Captain

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marched us down to the Siege of Ninety Six (96) where we were placed under Captain General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. The Siege only continued eight days after we got there. General Greene marched down lower into South Carolina and Captain Inman was ordered to go over into Georgia after the Tories. He followed a band of Tories under one McGirt or Magert [Daniel McGirt] from Augusta down to near Savannah we did not overtake him nor did we take any prisoners. We returned to Augusta & our Captain furloughed us for six weeks. We were about two months in Georgia after the Tories. I was not called on any more by Captain Inman, but I volunteered shortly after my return home to go with General Rutherford down to Wilmington. This was in September 1781. I was under Captain Joseph McDowell of the Pleasant Gardens (there was another Captain Joseph McDowell which was called John's River Joe afterwards General Joe & our former member to Congress), Charles McDowell was our Colonel. We marched to Wilmington within about 10 miles of that place there heard that Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] was taken & the British evacuated Wilmington. We were then marched back to Salisbury where I was discharged. I did not get a written discharge throughout my whole services. I got home from this expedition about Christmas 1781.

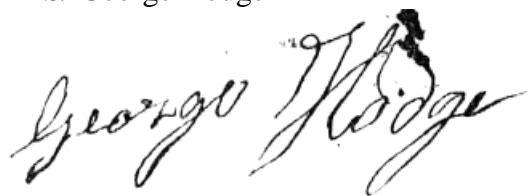
Sometime in the next spring there was a small expedition sent out against the Cherokee Indians. I was a volunteer under Captain Sam Woods, Joseph McDowell of John's River and Richard Singleton commanded they were then Majors. This expedition lasted but a few weeks. We killed some Indians & took 17 prisoners. This ended my service except some scouting parties & some little duty in forts which were built through the country to protect the country against the Indians.

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 or of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed day & year aforesaid in open court 22nd of October 1832.

Test: S/ J. Exum, Clk

S/ George Hodge



[fn p. 33 & 35: Joseph Dobson Esquire, Thomas Ballew and William Cuthbertson gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition: "Joseph Dobson² Esquire further states that said George Hodge was at the Battle at Ramsour's Mills & wounded as set forth in his declaration – that he knew him before the battle & saw him the day of the battle with his wound fresh bleeding – that he has known him ever since they both having resided in the same County ever since."]

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State of North Carolina Burke County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for said County George Hodge & after being duly sworn makes the following statement on oath as further proof & explanations as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

His first service was in June 1780 he was in actual service at the time one month & perhaps a few days over – he entered about the first of June was wounded at the Battle of Ramsour's Mills as set forth in his declaration on the 20th of said month & was discharged about the first of July.

His next service was against Ferguson at King's Mountain as stated in his Declaration. This term was only about 3 weeks or 21 days.

He next volunteered for 10 months but only served to. He entered this service about the first of June 1781 Served as stated in his Declaration & was furloughed by Captain Inman at Augusta Georgia in the first days of August. He was in actual service two months & a few days under Captain Inman say two months. Captain Inman never called on his men afterwards. In September 1781 he

² [Joseph Dobson W19187](#)

volunteered for three months under General Rutherford, Charles McDowell Colonel Joseph McDowell Captain was marched near Wilmington where the news of Corn Wallice surrender reached them he served out his three months & was discharged at Salisbury North Carolina about the 20th of December 1781. His next service was in the Spring of 1782 against the Indians commencing in March & ending in April was in actual service one month Samuel Woods Captain Joseph McDowell & Singleton were Majors & commanded the expedition – this ended my services making in all that I was out in actual service 7 months & 21 days as near as my memory serves me (viz.)

1 st Tour	one month at Ramsour's battle & wounded that trip
2 nd	3 weeks against Ferguson at King's Mountain
3 rd	2 months under Captain Inman
4 th	3 months under General Rutherford
5 th	one month against the Indians

making 7 months & 21 days – he served as a common soldier throughout.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ D. Glass, JP

S/ George Hodge

[fn p. 6: On May 24, 1853, in Burke County North Carolina, Elizabeth Hodge, 78 filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of George Hodge a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him October 17 1814; that he died may 5, 1845 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 15: On April 5, 1855 in Burke County North Carolina, the widow, then giving her age as 70, filed for her bounty land entitlement

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 21 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]