

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Hodges W7775

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State of Tennessee Smith County: Sct. On the 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, having a clerk and County Seal, Willis Hodges a resident of said County, aged 85 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 service of the United States under the following officers, and served as herein after stated. To wit. In the year __ he volunteered against the Tories, and served three months, the name of the Captain not recollected – he went from Halifax County North Carolina. He again volunteered, and joined the Company of Captain Grisham Cofield, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogan [James Hogun], he marched from Halifax County North Carolina to Wilmington, where he remained during the time for which he was engaged which was three months, and was discharged by Colonel Hogan, but has lost his discharge. He again volunteered against the Indians and regulators for three months, and served about two months, but does not remember the name of the Captain he served under. He volunteered again against the Tories and was out about 15 days.

He was drafted in the year 1781 and was attached to the company commanded by Captain Madder [?] from North Hampton County North Carolina and marched from Halifax County to Guilford Ct. Hourse [Guilford Court House] and was in the battle at Guilford. The Regiment he was in was commanded by Colonel Linton from the battle at Guilford he returned home. After he went home, he was called upon by Colonel Linton to rejoined the service and done so, and was attached to Captain William Lytle's Company, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle, and was marched to various places in South Carolina, and had an engagement at Thomson's Fort in South Carolina with the British and Tories, and received a musket shot wound upon the left shoulder. From there he marched to Kingstown – & from there to Augusta in Georgia where the Army was commanded by General Greene he was at the attacks made upon to forts in the Town of Augusta called Brown's and Grayson's [Grierson's] forts – from there he was marched to Ninety Six and was there when the Fort was besieged. After the

siege at Ninety Six was over he was marched to Eutaw Springs, was in the engagement at the Eutaws, and wounded in the right arm from thence he was marched to various places in South Carolina and finally to Bacons Bridge where he was discharged by Colonel Lytle, having served twelve months during this tour. His discharges are all lost. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except the following

Question 1 Where, and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Norfolk County in the State of Virginia about the year 1747.

Quest. 2nd Have you any record of your age, if so, where is it

Ans. I have no record of my age, nor do I know where it is.

Quest. 3rd Where did you live when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live –

Ans. I lived in Halifax County North Carolina when called into service, I lived there 40 or 50 years then removed [to] South Carolina, and lived there 9 or 10 years, I then removed to Smith County Tennessee and have lived there ever since – The answers to the 4, 5 & 6 Questions will be found in the preceding part of this declaration – 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 Territory of the United States, or elsewhere.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court the 28th day of August 1832

S/ J. Bickett, Clk

S/ Willis Hodges, X his mark

State of Tennessee Smith County: This day Philip Pope¹ appeared in open Court and made oath that he was well acquainted with Willis Hodges the above named applicant for a pension during the Revolutionary War, he knows of his own knowledge that he was at the battle of Guilford, and believes he served in the War of the Revolution as stated in his declaration. Affiant and the said Willis Hodges were raised in the same neighborhood, are now neighbors, and have been acquaintances ever since affiant can recollect and he believes said Hodges to be a man of truth.

Sworn to in open Court the 28th day of August 1832

S/ J. Bickett, Clk

S/ Philip Pope, X his mark

[William Flowers and John Harper, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On February 26, 1842 in Smith County Tennessee, Lucy Hodges, 84, filed for a Widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Willis Hodges, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of 70 dollars per annum; that she married him on the 6th day of June 1776; that he died December 6, 1841; and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year and 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]

¹ [Philip Pope W55](#)