

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hodges W7776<sup>1</sup>

Nancy Hodges

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Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Mississippi Pontotoc County } SS

On this the sixth day of April 1846 personally appeared before William Spencer Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Nancy Hodges of the same age about Seventy Eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, and the several acts in continuation thereof: That she is the widow of James Hodges, who was a Private (as she understood from him) in the war of the Revolution. That he enlisted in the regular service when about sixteen years of age if her memory serves, but her memory has become so treacherous that she is unable to state under whom he served or in what Battles he fought nor is it in her power to recollect the Country through which he marched. He was living on Mulberry Creek in Abbeville District South Carolina at the time and was when her father went from Virginia there at the cose [sic, close?] of the war (or shortly after). She does not know that he received a written discharge or if he did and her Son who now resides in Benton County Alabama who was Executor or Administrator of his father's estate has not them they have been long since lost. As he died previous to any provision was made for Pensions that she knew of, nor did she ever expect to be benefited by anything of the kind. Therefore she never charged her memory, [with] what she heard him relate of his services. And not [sic, now] that she has become so old frail and forgetful she cannot therefore tell but little that will avail her anything, but she thinks there are persons in Abbeville District South Carolina where she formerly lived if yet alive that can prove his services, she thinks Charles Hodges, Thomas Moore, Robert Moore, Mr. Maxwell also Mr. Goodman of Laurence District [sic, Laurens District] South Carolina if yet alive and she has heard him say he was his Comerade on some occasions.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Hodges by the Rev. Joseph Redding a Baptist Minister in Abbeville District in the month of January 1786 that they had no marriage license as it was not required. Col. William Ware yet of Abbeville District, Mrs. William Long, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Hodges' sisters were at the wedding (she thinks his sisters are now dead) the Country was thinly settled at that time and but few people at their marriage. They had no record of their marriage but distinctly recollects it was in January previous to the birth of our oldest child who now resides in Benton County Alabama who was born on the 10th day of November 1786 (Thompson Hodges) She thinks that they had a record of the births & of

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt36727-160-55

their children in a Psalm Book and was copied by one of her sons into their family Bible when it was purchased (she thinks about the year 1820) as the Bible seems to have been printed in 1818. (The Record is hereby annexed.) She does not know what has become of the Psalm Book. They resided in Abbeville District South Carolina until about two years after her husband James Hodges, who died on the 6th day of August 1828. She then moved to Pickens County Alabama and resided there about two years (or made two crops) then moved to this County and have resided here ever Since.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year herein 1st written, before the Court of Probate of the County and State within mentioned.

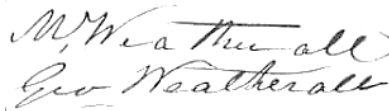
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
S/ Wm Spencer

S/ Nancy Hodges, X her mark

State of Mississippi Pontotoc County} On this the sixth day of April 1846 Personally appeared before William Spencer Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid who was first duly sworn Samuel L Watt also M Weatherall & George Weatherall and deposed. That they have been well acquainted with the Above named Nancy Hodges for many years in Abbeville District South Carolina as well as here. And that She is the Widow of James Hodges Deceased. And that said James Hodges of Abbeville District South Carolina was always regarded as a Revolutionary Soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed in  
Open Court the day & year above written  
S/ Wm Spencer, Judge of Probate

M. Weatherall  
Geo Weatherall



[p 15: On March 20, 1846 in Abbeville district South Carolina, Charles Hodges, about 75 or 76 years of age, gave testimony that he is the brother of James Hodges who was at least 15 years older than himself; that he, Charles, was too young to serve in the revolution but he distinctly recalls his brother having served stating as follows: "his brother James enlisted in the war in this district and was absent in the Regular service about two years that they never heard from him supposing he was dead, he does not know what officers he was under or where he marched to. After his return he volunteered under Captain Retchy<sup>2</sup> of Laurens and served some months he does not know how long, afterwards volunteered under Captain Walker and marched to Georgia after Indians and was then gone a good many months. It is impossible at this late date and at his advanced age to state the particulars he once knew them but he is certain that his said brother James was in service during nearly the whole war as he was very little at home." He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 16: On March 20, 1846 in Abbeville District, Thomas Moore,<sup>3</sup> a pensioner of the revolution, testimony that he did not serve with James Hodges during the war but was well aware of his reputation as a soldier of the revolution and after the revolution often discussed their services.

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<sup>2</sup> This is probably a reference to John Richey, Robert Richey or William Richey, each of whom served as captains in the Little River Regiment of SC militia. [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot\\_military\\_sc\\_captains.htm](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_captains.htm)

<sup>3</sup> [Thomas Moore S21387](#)

*Thomas Moore*

[p 31: Certificate dated May 11, 1846 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing payments made to a James Hodges for militia service during the revolution including payments for 57 days duty as a Sergeant and 60 days duty as a private per Captain Samuel Rosamond's pay Bill; payment for 34 days service in the militia in 1782; payment for 32 days service as a private in General Marion's Brigade under the command of Lieutenant John Pledger in 1782.

Transcriber's Note: I think the only service which related to this veteran is the service under Capt. Samuel Rosamond as that veteran signed his claim with his mark and the other services were claimed by men who could sign their names. Also Rosamond was in the Upper Ninety Six District Regiment which would have included Laurens County, SC, whereas men serving under Gen. Francis Marion were almost exclusively from the coastal areas of South Carolina. See below for transcript of the relevant South Carolina Audited Account.]

[pp. 4-5: family record]

Deaths	DEATHS.
<p>John Hodges &amp; Nathaniel Ward Hodges both died when quite young being not more than 18 months old &amp; gave evidence of uncommon capacity &amp; intelligence for their age.</p> <p>Mahala Hodges died March 1817 of a fever James Hodges died the 6th of August 1828 aged about 70</p>	<p><i>John Hodges &amp; Nathaniel Ward Hodges both died, when quite young being not more than 18 months old &amp; gave evidence of uncommon capacity &amp; intelligence for their age.</i></p> <p><i>Mahala Hodges died March 1817 of a fever James Hodges died the 6th of August 1828 aged about 70</i></p>

Births	
Thompson Hodges the first son of James & Nancy Hodges was born November 10th, 1786	<i>Thompson Hodges the first son of James &amp; Nancy Hodges. was born November 10<sup>th</sup> 1786</i>
Elizabeth Hodges the first daughter of James Hodges & Nancy his wife was born March 25th 1788	<i>Elizabeth Hodges the first daughter of James Hodges &amp; Nancy, his wife, was born March 25<sup>th</sup> 1788.</i>
Mary Hodges was born May 5th 1790	<i>Mary Hodges was born May 5<sup>th</sup> 1790</i>
John Hodges was born March 24th 1792	<i>John Hodges was born March 24<sup>th</sup> 1792</i>
James Hodges was born July 27th 1794	<i>James Hodges was born July 27<sup>th</sup> 1794</i>
Nicolas Hodges was born January 1st 1797	<i>Nicolas Hodges was born January 1<sup>st</sup> 1797</i>
Reuben Hodges was born July 23rd 1799	<i>Reuben Hodges was born July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1799</i>
Mahala Hodges was born April 28th 1801	<i>Mahala Hodges was born April 28<sup>th</sup> 1801</i>
Martha Hines is was born April 2nd 1803	<i>Martha Hodges was born April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1803</i>

[p 11: On May 21, 1855 in Pontotoc County Mississippi, the widow, about 87, filed for her bounty land entitlement in which she asked the statement that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Ware and that her husband died in Abbeville district South Carolina.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$23.48 commencing March 4th, 1848 for his service as a private & Sergeant in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to James Hodges  
Audited Account No. 3648  
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No. 28                      April 25<sup>th</sup> 1785

[Book] O

[No.] 504

Mr. James Hodges his Account of Militia Duty per Captain Samuel Rosamond's Pay Bill  
commencing in February 1779 & ending in May 1780 Amounting to Viz.

57 Days as Sergeant at 22/6 [22 Shillings 6 pence old SC currency per day]                      £64.2.6

60 Days as Private at 20/ 20 shillings old SC currency per day]    60.0.0

also Duty

beside per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]    10.0.0

Currency    £134.2.6

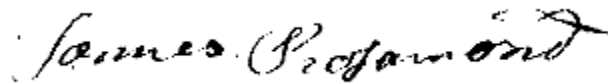
Stg. [Sterling]    £19.3.2 ½

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 25<sup>th</sup> April 1785 the full amount of the within Account in a Treasury Indent No. 504  
Book O for James Hodges by Virtue of an Order

S/ James Rosamond



[p 3: Restatement of the veteran's claim as set forth above except in a slightly different format]

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Abbeville County 25<sup>th</sup> [too faint to discern] 85

Gentlemen

Please to deliver my Indents to Mr. James Rosamond the bearer hereof and oblige

Gentlemen

Your very humble Servant

S/ James Hodges, X his mark

Edward Blake & Peter Bocquet Esquires

Commissioners of the Treasury

The above order was Signed in my presence the 25 July 1785

S/ John Buie, JP

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 504 Book O]

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by James Rosamond, [illegibly faint Christian name] Bowman, James Hodges [by his mark], Richard Hodges [signature appears below] and Joseph [undeciphered surname]:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Hodges". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background and is enclosed within a small rectangular box.