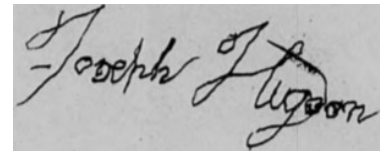


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Higdon W8935 Margaret Higdon MD
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky County of Barren

On this fifteenth day of October [1832] personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court now sitting for Barren County Kty Joseph Higdon a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 72 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 the 7th 1832 That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated I volunteered in the County of Montgomery State of Meriland under Capt William Madock [William Maddox or William Murdock?] the other Company officers not recollected Major Oxford [sic: Alexander Roxburgh] had the command untill we joined the army at little yourk [sic: Yorktown VA]. We marched by the way of Anopleus [sic: Annapolis] & thence to Georgetown and thence on to the seige at yourk and was there at the serrender of Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781]. the above term was for five months, previous to the experation of that time say one month & ten days, I inlisted on the 30th of October 1781 in the service of the United for the term of three years. In June 1782 I recd the Appointment of Corporal and in october following I was sent to Marriland for the purpose of Inlisting more men and returned back to Wincester [sic: Winchester VA] in November following Capt Lee Brown De Belea [sic: Jerome Le Brun de Bellecouer] Lt Dicketeer [Decatur?] Coronet Wm Madock, The company was horse men, Coln Armong [sic: Charles Armand] Major Shapner [sic: George Shaffner] had the command, We marched to little yourk in pensilvania [sic: York, Pennsylvania] and there discharged by Coln Armong being in the regular service 2 years and fifteen days. And believing that my discharge would be of no further service to me I gave it to one of my little sons to play with and what he done with it I do not know I hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and yeare aforesaid



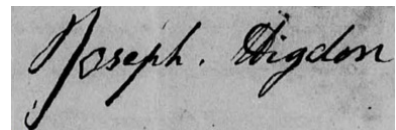
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On this 21st day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Barren County Court now sitting, Joseph Higdon a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832: That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He volunteered in the County of Montgomery and State of Maryland under Capt Wm. Modock about the tenth day of June 1781 for a tour of six months. The other Company officers not recollected. Major Oxford had the command until they joined the army at Little York – said Higdon does not recollect the name of the Colonel who had the command of the Regiment after his arrival at Little York – before his arrival at that place there was no higher officer than the Major aforesaid. The said Hidgen was marched with the troops by the way of Anapolis, thence to Georgetown and thence on to the Seige of York, where said Higdon remained in the service until the surrender of Cornwallis on the 19th October 1781. The said Higdon further saith, that previous to the expiration of the said term of six months, viz: on the 30th of October 1781 He enlisted in the regular service of the United States for the term of three years in a troop of Horse commanded by Capt Le Brown de Beles, the subaltern officers were Lieut. Dicketur & Cornet William Modock – the said company belonged to the

corps commanded by Col. Armand or Armong – said Higdon continued to serve as a private in said Company or troop until June 1782 when he was appointed Corporal, and served in that capacity until the time of his discharge as herein after mentioned. In October 1782 said Higdon was sent to Maryland for the purpose of enlisting more men, and he did accordingly enlist the following men viz: Bazil Low [Basil Lowe, pension application W9136], Robert Henwood [W934], Joseph Wharton, Benj'n. Gilpin [Benjamin Gilpin S13155], Benjamin Carlisle [S42115], George Tucker [S36357], Philip McDade & Barney Thompson [Bernard Thompson S46508] & Edward Jinkins [Edward Jenkins], and with these recruits he returned & joined the army at Winchester in Virginia. In December 1782 he said Higdon was marched with the Troops to Little York in Pennsylvania, where he remained in the service until 15th November 1783 when he was discharged by written discharge signed by Col. Armand of Armong. Having been in the regular service two years & fifteen days, the applicant being discharged before the expiration of the time for which he enlisted, because, as he presumes, peace had been made. He states that his said discharge has been lost or destroyed and cannot now be produced. The said Higdon in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department saith: That he was born in Charles County, Maryland in the year 1759 July 18th. He has no record of his age – that when he entered the service he lived in Montgomery County, Maryland; in the year 1784 he removed to North Carolina where he resided about thirteen years – he then emigrated to Tennessee where he resided until December 1801 or thereabouts, when he removed to Barren County Kentucky where he has resided ever since and now resides. In addition to the officers already named said Higdon recollects Major Shaffner, and Captain [John] Sharp who belonged to the same corps. The sixth question is already answered – the following are some of the persons in his neighbourhood to whom he is known: Joel Yancy, Andrew Nuckols, Samuel Marshall, Richard Baily, William Elliott &c.

The said Higdon 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Higdon". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Land Office; Annapolis Jan'y 28th 1833;

I hereby Certify, that it appears by an alphabetical list remaining in this office; endorsed "List of Discharged Soldiers of the two Battalions of Militia raised to serve nine months or until the 10th day of December 1781;" That the name of Joseph Higdon appears upon said list to have received £10.8.4

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. L'd. Off. W. S. Md.

Land Office; Annapolis, December 14th 1833;

Sir [J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions], Your's of the 11th Ins't. with the declaration of Joseph Higdon enclosed, was received; – In reply, I have to inform you, that it appear's by a paper on file in this office, headed as follow's, – "A Return of the men belonging to the State of Maryland, who served in the first Partizan Legion, Commanded by Brigadier General Armand; Marquis De la Rouerie, Discharged Nov'r. the 15th 1783;" – that the name of Joseph Higdon appears upon said return or roll, to have enlisted in 1781; and held the rank of Corporal; the day of the month he enlisted, or the time he was promoted, is not stated upon the roll; nor do I find his name upon any of the pay rolls, except a Militia pay roll, a certificate of which was furnished you some months ago; – The above mentioned returns were enclosed in a letter from Gen'l. Armand, Marquis De la Rouerie, dated the 15th of July 1784; to the Governor of Maryland, and which is also on file in this office; – in his letter he states, that the return was made in consequence of a resolve passed in Congress the 13th of February 1779, the non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Legion under his Command, were to be Counted in the quota of the State wherein they had been enlisted; the return therefore contain all those who enlisted in the State of Maryland, in the Legion under his Command, and were discharged on the 15th of November 1783; – as Joseph Higdon's

name, appear's upon the return there can be no doubt I presume of his having served; – the declaration is herewith returned; I am very respectfully Y'r. Ob't. S't./ G. G. Brewer

NOTES:

On 12 April 1839 Margaret Higdon, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Higdon on 5 April 1786, and he died on 6 Feb 1836.

The file contains a family record certified by Joseph Higdon, Jr. and transcribed below.

[On a page with largely undeciphered writing: Joseph Higdon his Book Bought in November [undeciphered] 1799 [last digit unclear]

the world is wide

Joseph Higdon was mared to margit Halbrook on the 5 day of april 1786

Margret Higdon Was Born fabruarey the 11th 1766 [last digit unclear]

Thomas Higdon was Born august 4th 1804

Enoch E Higdon was Born on Saterdag 3^d Day of May 1806

Sarah Higdon [Davis interlined] was brn 13th March 1810

William Halbrooks was Born the 11 Day of March in year of our Lord 1784

Gabriel Higdon was Born Febuary 5th 1787

John Higdon was Born august 8th 1788

Mary Higdon was Born Febuary 12th 1790

Susannah Higdon was Born October 11th 1791

Jane Higdon was Born August 30th 1793

Hays Higdon was Born June 22^d 1795

Rebecah Higdon was Born March 17th 1797

Ishmale Higdon was Born Disceember 14th 1798 [last digit unclear]

Joseph Higdon was Born October the 10th 180 [sic]

[Several indistinct lines possibly from a song.]

Marget higdon was born September the 23rd 1802