

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Hodges S31143

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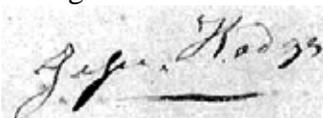
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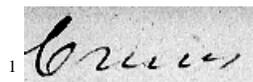
State of Kentucky Madison County & Circuit: Sct.

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally [appeared] in open Court before Richard French sole & presiding Judge of the Court for the Circuit of Madison aforesaid now [sitting], Jesse Hodges a resident of Madison County Kentucky aged 72 years in November next – 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 named officers & served as herein stated.

That he enlisted in July 1777 in Bedford County Virginia for Eighteen Months under Captain Charles G Watkins [Charles Gwatkin or Gwatkins] in the what he understands was the State Troops of Virginia. He enlisted to come to Kentucky to defend the Western Country. John Milam was Lieutenant & David Crews [?]¹ Ensign. We were immediately marched to Boonesborough in the now County of Madison – where he continued to do duty as a soldier guarding the Fort, spying for Indians & hunting for meat for the people in the Fort – he was there during the great Siege of 1778 of 11 days – by 300 or 400 Indians – That he continued at Boonesborough after his 18 months Service was out – did duty as a Soldier & a Spy till the end of the War – in May 1779 he went on a Campaign across the Ohio [River] against the Indians – John Holder Captain & Colonel Bowman Commanded – In 1780 he also served on a Campaign across the Ohio against the Indians – went to the Pickaway [Piqua] Towns – was in the Battle – burnt the corn fields – General George Rogers Clark commanded – He also served as volunteer on a Campaign in 1782 – under General Clark against the Indians across the Ohio – That in all his Services he was a volunteer – That from the time he enlisted in Virginia until 1783 he was actively engaged as a soldier or Indian Spy – That he was born in Goochland County Virginia – was residing in that County when he enlisted in Bedford County Virginia. That he has resided in the bounds of the now County of Madison sent 1777. He has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove his services – can prove them by Major Oswald Townsend & Joseph Jackson &c – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State

S/ Jesse Hodges



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I Joseph Jackson² a resident of Bourbon County Kentucky do hereby certify that I have been well acquainted with Jesse Hodges who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration since July 1777 – that at that time I enlisted with said Hodges in Bedford County Virginia for 18 months under Captain Charles Gwatkins in the Virginia State Troops – that we immediately marched to Boonesborough in the now County of Madison Kentucky, – In November or December 1777 I left Boonesborough under Captain Daniel boon for the lower Blue Licks – was taken prisoner by the British & Indians & remained a Prisoner several years – I have known said Hodges ever since & his character has always been that of a good soldier & an honest man – I believe him to be 72 years of age & that his declaration is strictly true.

S/ Joseph Jackson, X his mark

I certify that I was well acquainted with Jesse Hodges in Boonesborough in 1777 & have known him ever since. The facts stated in his declaration are most of them within my own knowledge – I knew said Hodges as a soldier & Indian Spy in the Revolution – I believe him to be 72 years of age – & that his declaration is true. Sworn & subscribed this 4th day of September 1832

S/ Bernard Townsend

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard Townsend". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Thomas S Branston, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

² [Joseph Jackson W7884](#)