State of Georgia, Clarke County

On this 20th day of November, personally appeared in open court, before Charles Dougherty, presiding Judge of the Superior Court of said County, now sitting, William Hodge, a resident of the county of Madison and State aforesaid, aged 70 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 named officers, and served as herein stated:

He was born on the 1st April 1762 in York County, Pennsylvania. His father kept the record of his children's ages in a family Bible, which was so worn out that he had the ages copied upon a paper which deponent has & excepting which he has no other record. He was living in 96 district South Carolina & lived there till 1790, whence he removed to Georgia where he has lived ever since & where he now lives in Madison County of said State. He volunteered at 16 in & about the month of May 1778 & marched under the command of Capt. John Hayles [sic, John Hails?] in South Carolina Ninety six District to Packet [sic, Pacolet River] River before the surrender of Charleston from thence he marched down near Charleston to Bacon's bridge on Edisto [sic, Edisto River]. About the 6th or 7th of October 1780 he served another tour as a volunteer under Genl Brannon [sic, then Col. Thomas Brandon], Col. Farr [William Farr] & Capt. John Thompson. They ranged about through the district but was in no engagement. In the winter Genl Morgan [then Col. Daniel Morgan] arrived on the Pacolet river in Ninety six district. Having heard of about 300 Tories being at Hammond's store [Battle of Hammond's Store], Col. Washington [William Washington] & Lieut. Lusk with about 100 men & a few militia went & took part of the Tories prisoners & their baggage waggons & returned back to Genl Morgan at Grendol Shoals [sic, Grindal Shoals] & give up the prisoners. In January 1781 Morgan marched up to the Cowpens near the line of North Carolina & there prepared for battle, on the 16th of the same month & year above mentioned Capt. Thompson & his company joined Morgan & on the 17th we had an engagement where Col. Washington & a few us run the British to old Gaudilocks & then returned back to Morgan. During the engagement he was slightly wounded & left to take care of the wounded. He was sent to Morgan in North Carolina at the Island ford to know what to do from whence Morgan sent him back with a flag in the Spring & there he enlisted for ten months under Capt. Jacob Barnett & from thence marched down to the Congaree [River] to Friday's Ferry near to the place where Columbia now stands & their joined Genl Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & Col. Hampton & from thence they marched down & met the army under Brandon & Marion at Thompson fort on the Congaree, took the fort & from thence they went on & took Orangeburg, from thence they returned back towards North
Carolina where deponent was taken sick & left the army nor did not join it, till the battle of Eutaw Springs & from thence they marched to Orangeburg & from thence to the Four Holes bridge on Edisto & remained there till they were discharged to go home. In the Spring of 1782 deponent volunteered & went down towards Charleston with an officer whose name he does not recollect, from Camden district, & joined Genl Wm. Henderson [William Henderson]. From thence he was sent to Genl. Huger [Isaac Huger] to be his life guard & was there wounded by a musket ball in his shoulder & has got the ball there yet & was afterwards discharged by Genl Huger after having served in all upwards of two years & six months. He mentions the names of M. W. Dobbins & A. L. Clayton who can testify as to his veracity & their belief of his services as a Revolutionary soldier.

As additional proof of this deponents being a Revolutionary soldier, he begs leave to refer to a statement of facts, some of which he has stated above, which was made out by this deponent several years ago, & at that time, he never for one moment believed that he should ever have it in his power to obtain a pension from his country, & when he would have had no motive for deception.

He would mention that some of the minor facts related in his narrative hereunto attached did not come under his immediate observation but he was informed of them by the soldiers with whom he associated, with the exceptions of those, & some corrections, which this deponent has made upon the papers. The balance came immediately under his observation & which this deponent swears are true.

This deponent attaches the only documentary testimony he now has in his possession, which are writings from under the hands of Daniel Morgan, Brig' r. Gen'l. & G. Huger, Br. Gen'l. All which are most respectfully submitted to the war department.¹

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.

S/ William Hodge

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ C. Dougherty, JSCWC

[Moses W. Dobbins and A. J. Clayton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ These papers do not appear in this file. Doubtless they were removed and had been separately filed in the national archives.
Madison Montgomery Hodge was born July 24th 1809
Anna Hodge was born May 3rd 1815
William Hodge Senior was born April 1st 1762 the father of the above named children
John Hodge was married August 6th day year 1812
Mary Hodge was married October the 24th 1815
James Hodge was married August 21st A.D. 1817
Elizabeth Hodge was married December 2nd 1824
Richard Hodge was born October 18th 1827
Allen L Hodge was married September 8th 1829
Katharine Hodge was married December 29th 1836
Madison him Hodge married 10th 1840
Elizabeth E Sanders was married to James G Wooten May 22nd, 1839

[facts in file: the widow died May 25, 1840

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 1/2 years service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]