

### **Pension Application for James Hodges**

R.5084 (Widow: Abigail) James and Abigail married November 22, 1785. James died April 29, 1838. Abigail died January 28, 1839. The following children survived: John Hodges of Venango Crawford County Pa., Widow Sarah Hurlbut of Bullville Upper Canada, Rev. James Hodges a resident of Annsville Oneida Co., N. York, Samuel P. Hodges of Ionia County Michigan and Mary wife of Henry Mitchell a resident of Erie County Pa.

New York Sea Service.

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court in one Court of Common Pleas now sitting—James Hodges a resident of said County and State aged 75 years and upwards 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 fo9 Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832—

That he was born in Stamford Conn. In the year 1757—Has no other record of his age than what he received from his father—lived at Salem Westchester County, State of New York when he entered the service—after the close of the war has lived at Salem a short time—Then Hoosick in the now County of Rensselaer N.Y. Then to Ferrisburgh Vermont—Then to Vienna Oneida Co., N.Y. where he now resides.

That he entered the service of the United States and served hereinafter stated.

That in the year 1776 in December he was ordered by a Continental officer with his team to go and draw produce from towards New York up the North River and that he continued engaged in that service for one month and a few days over.

That in October 1777 he volunteered in Capt. Truesdell's company, Col. Thomas Regt of New York Militia of Westchester County and marched immediately to New Rochelle and was engaged then and about there in guarding [agt?] The British—

The expedition down to the lines was under the command of Capt. Fancher who belonged to Col. Thomas Regiment—That we continued in service then for the full term of two months and a few days over, and were then discharged. But no discharge in writing was given. There were no other troops there but the company with which this deponent was connected. He served as a Corporal at this time.

That in April 1779 this deponent volunteered to go on board of a boat called the Refugee commanded [by] Capt. Cornelius Conkling and served on board for a considerable time when four other boats joined us, and we went to Cow Harbor to take a British guard stationed there—but our boat grounded and then even to many of the men of the British & Tories there, that we were driven off—and again took the boats under the command of Capt. Ebenezer Conkling and continued in this service for the full term of six months—did not receive any written discharge.

That in December 1780 this deponent volunteered in Capt. Sackett's Company. Lt Mosher took charge of the company in Col. Cranes Regiment of Militia and marched to Morrisania under the command of Colonel Hull – The same who was governor of

Michigan in the last war and destroyed the huts erected by the enemy—and then we returned on to the lines, and there remained in service under Lt. Mosher for the full term of four months—when we were discharged.

Did not receive any discharge in writing. No Continental Troops with us—except occasionally Col. Sheldon's Dragoons. He served as a Sergeant this time.

This deponent also volunteered he believes in 1781, but he cannot be positive as to the year—in Capt. Steven's Company in Col. Cranes Regt—and marched down to the lines in Westchester Co., and were there engaged in guarding the lines and [moord?] to Throgs Neck and other places and served there for a full term of two months—and was there discharge but did not receive any written discharge, nor was there any regular or continental troops with us.

And this deponent further says that he served at different times in Capt. Delevan's Company of Dragoons which was attached to Col. Cranes Regiment and this deponent served in that company (which was raised on purpose to pursue the enemy when they made sudden incursions into the country) for the term of six months & more.

This deponent cannot particularize the different terms or times as they were very various—but this deponent is confident and therefore so states the fact to be there he served in this service the full period of six months & more. He served as a private in this service.

In November 1781 this deponent volunteered on board of the [???] sloop Shouldrums? Capt. Titus Conkling for the purpose of taking the privateer commanded by a Capt. to Hoyt and we cruised in the sound and had one engagement with Hoyt but he escaped. We continued in this service the full term of two months when we were discharged.

This deponent cannot state the names of any regular officers with whom he was acquainted in Service except Col. Sheldon of the Dragoons.

This deponent never received any discharged in writing.

He refers to the affidavits hereto annexed as all the proof he has of his services. He refers to the following persons residing in [Vienna?] Oneida Co. Lewis Jacobs, Job Haskins, Job Haskins Junior, Deacon Rufus Thayer, who can testify as to his character and reputation.

This deponent has no acquaintance with any clergyman who resides near him.

There is not settled minister over the church to which he belongs except Revd Thomas Martin whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed) James Hodges

Sworn to and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid. Geo Brown, Clerk