

WILLIS AARON HODGES FAMILY

By Jean Mizell

Willis Aaron Hodges was the ancestor and progenitor of most all of the Hodges families that settled in Moniac, Charlton County, Georgia, and the Northeast Florida area of Nassau and Duval County, Florida. Willis Aaron Hodges was born in Tattnall Co., Georgia, Aug. 1, 1812, son of William Henry Hodges and Ann Blitch. He and his brother William R. Hodges came to Camden County as young men and married there (in the portion made into Charlton County in 1858). Willis A. married Feb. 23, 1843, in Camden County, Georgia, to Mehalia Johns, born 1827, in Camden County, Georgia, daughter of George Johns and his wife Anna. They had fifteen children, and were off to a good start of populating the surrounding counties of south Georgia and northeast Florida.

Georgia Cherokee Land Lottery, 1832 about Brewton's

Name: Willis Hodges

Number: 193

District: 24th DISTRICT, THIRD SECTION, CHEROKEE

Residence: Brewton's

County: Tattnall

The history of Willis Aaron's life portrays him as a "rough and ready" frontier man. Mr. Hodges, an Indian fighter, served several enlistment's in the Indian Wars, as follows: Private in Capt. William Haddock's Company of Florida militia, June 19 to Dec.18, 1837; Private under 2nd Sgt. under Capt. Daniel N. Cone's Company of Georgia militia, July 5th to Sept. 14, 1838; 2nd Lieut. under Capt. H.E.W. Clark's Company, Camden County Militia, Sept. 24, 1840, to May 29, 1841. He served in the war under Capt. William C. Newbern's company of Georgia Militia, Nov. 1, 1837 to Jan. 25, 1838.

Mr. Hodges was cut out of Camden into Charlton County in its formation in 1854, and lived near the St. Marys River in the Moniac section, which is situated on the border of Nassau County, Florida. The 1860 census shows his lands were valued at \$600.00 and his personal property at \$3,875.00, which made him among the wealthier in his county in that day.

MUSTER ROLL OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM HADDOCK

Company of the First Regiment of Florida Volunteers Commanded by Col. John Warren received into services by Gen. Thomas S. Jessup, Commander of the Army of the South, from the 18th day to the 19th day of December 1837. All enrolled at Jacksonville and had, traveled a distance of 70 miles to enroll.

OFFICERS:

1. William Haddock Captain
Sampson (Negro)

1. Robert Williams
Tom (Negro)

1. DN Cone 2nd Lt.

1. William H. Williams 1st Sgt. *
2. Jonathon Turner 2nd Sgt.
3. James Thompson 3rd Sgt.
4. Archibald Hogan's 4th Sgt.

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1. Isaac Harvey 1st Corpl.
2. Nimrod Robinson, 2nd. Corpl.
3. Benj. Oglesby, 3rd. Corpl.
4. James Hogans, 4th Corpl.

1. Samuel Russel, Mus. *
2. Isaac T. Williams, Mus,-.*

PRIVATES:

1. John Beasley
2. Hiram Bennett
3. William Barber *
4. Moses Barber
5. Nathan Beasley *
6. Aldridge Braddock
7. Alexander Braddock *
8. Ephraim Conway
9. John Combs
10. George Combs
11. John Canaday
12. Thomas D. Colding
13. Samuel Davis
14. Josiah Dobson
15. Thomas Davis
16. John Ennis
17. Giles J. B. Ellis J
18. John C. Green
19. John T. Green
20. Willis A. Hoge**
21. Harry Harrison
22. Isaac Hines
23. George Hisler
24. Samuel Hoges
25. Erick Johnson
26. Isaac Jernigan
27. Aron Jernigan
28. Gideon Slade 29. Riley Johns
30. John M. Johnson
31. Willoughby Mincy
32. Alexander McDonald
33. William Murry
34. Richard Murry
35. John Russell
36. Samuel Russell
37. Abner Sweat
38. William Sterlen
39. John Sauls

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40. John Sikes
41. Samuel R. Sweat
42. Benj. Thomas
43. James Thomas
44. John Thompson ***
45. Charles Whitamore
46. Anderson Williams
47. Ruben Williams
48. William Williams * .
49. John D. Williams *
50. Garrett Vanzant

Signed by William Haddock, Capt. and Jno H. Winder, Inspector and Muster officer. These signatures are on file, at the Huxford Genealogical Library.

*-absent, sick

** Shown both as Willis A. Hoges and William Hoges. This is probably Willis A. Hodges.

*** Substitute in Green's Co. now in the field.

This same Co. also served an enlistment from June 19, 1837 to Sept. 18, 1837.