

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Danal (McDaniel) R6674

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State of Alabama Jefferson County: Circuit Court March Term 1847

On this nineteenth day of March 1847 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of said County of Jefferson now sitting John McDanal a resident of the County of Jefferson in the State of Alabama aged Eighty-nine years four months and thirteen days 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States as a volunteer in the month of June or July 1776 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. John Bluford [John Buford] in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] in the Line of the State of South Carolina in the Continental Establishment; That not long after he entered the service Capt. Bluford was promoted to the rank of Col. and upon his promotion Samuel Butler became the Capt. of the company. He engaged for the term of two years and at the expiration thereof he again entered the service as a volunteer for two years in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Darling Glover and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Sumter. Capt. Glover was some twelve months afterwards killed while out with a party in search of cattle and provisions for the Army and upon his death John Lawrence became the Capt. of the Company. At the expiration of this term of service he again entered the service as a volunteer for the further term of two years in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. John Lawrence and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Bluford under the command of Sumter. The names of any of the other officers of the company he does not remember except that of Moses Ham who was Lieut. of the company at the time of his second enlistment, and of John Salley who was Lieut. of the company at the time of his third enlistment. He was discharged from the service in the month of October 1781. He resided at the time of his several enlistments in the Army in Orangeburg District in the State of South Carolina. He was engaged in the battle of Pacolet,<sup>1</sup> the battle of Musgrove Mills [August 19, 1780]<sup>2</sup> on the Enoree River and the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].<sup>3</sup> The field officers at the battle of Pacolet were as well as he recollects Col. McDowell and Col. Hampton, the Capt. was Capt. Samuel Butler. This battle was fought he thinks in the summer of 1777 and that of Musgrove's Mills about six months thereafter, of the time however he cannot speak certainly because of his old age and consequent loss of memory. When he first entered the service the company to which he was attached was at a place called Garner's Pond in

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<sup>1</sup> unable to suggest which engagement this might be

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_musgroves\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

Orangeburg District from thence it was marched to the four holes River or Creek; and from thence up to Pacolet some 80 or 90 miles distant. This battle being fought the company returned to Orangeburg, and were afterwards ordered up to join a portion of the forces on the Enoree River. Whilst here he was engaged in the Battle of Musgrove's Mills. The enemy led on the attack, but were repulsed with considerable loss. He was after this battle engaged in no other until the battle of Eutaw Springs, which as well as he recollects was fought in the month of September 1781. During the period which elapsed between the two last named battles he was engaged in scouring the country whenever occasion might require. He was attached to that portion of the Army subject to the command of General Sumter, who perhaps was at that time only of the rank of Col.

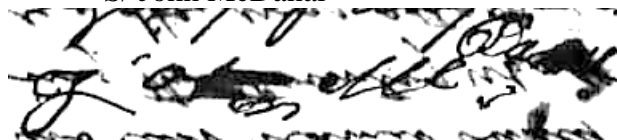
At the battle of the Eutaw Springs General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was the commanding general, Generals Marion [Francis Marion], Sumter and Pickens [Andrew Pickens] were likewise there. The Cavalry were commanded by Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Col. Washington [William Washington]. Col. Bluford commanded the Regiment to which he was attached, and Capt. Lawrence the company. John Salley was first Lieut. The company was ordered to reinforce General Greene who marched down to McCord's ferry on the Congaree River, where the British had taken a position -- the British retired to Eutaw Springs, General Greene pursued and a battle was fought. The enemy at first obtained some advantage, but they were finally beaten & driven from the field. They were pursued and they again made a stand at the brick house from which they could not be driven. The loss on the American side was reported at 800 in killed and wounded and missing, that on the part of the enemy was much greater. Col. Washington & Col. Lee commanded the Cavalry; the latter was wounded & made a prisoner General Greene retired to a place called Williams branch and encamped with his Army. The British retreated a night or two afterwards to Moncks Corner. General Greene being a little refreshed, marched down upon them in their position at Moncks Corner, when they abandoned the place and retired to Charleston. Hostilities then pretty much closed in the State. General Greene returned to the North and the volunteers were discharged.

He further states that he served during the whole time of his several periods of enlistment in the field as a private soldier and that for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove the facts stated above and as to his service in the Army, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. His discharge has been lost.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
S/ Jno D. Phelan, Presiding judge

S/ John McDanal

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John McDanal", written over a horizontal line.

[Andrew J. Waldrop, a clergyman, and Moses Kelly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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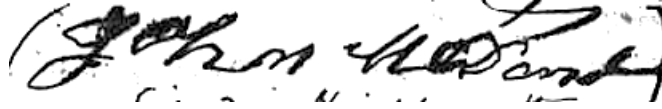
Personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting on the 19th day of March 1847 the above named John McDaniel who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length

of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: From the month of June or July 1776 to the month of October 1781 I served as a private soldier in the war of the revolution as a volunteer and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jno. D. Phelan, Presiding Judge

S/ John McDanal



The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court and the following answers thereto returned by the applicant.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the state of Virginia on the 6th [could be 4<sup>th</sup>] day of November 1758.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have -- and the book containing the record of his age was exhibited and it showed that he was born as above stated; the book was an old prayer book of the Church of England published in the year 1717.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In the State of South Carolina Orangeburg District and continued to live there until about 20 years ago when I removed to this State and have been living in the County of Jefferson where I still reside.

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> questions required by the War Department were propounded to the applicant and the answers thereto are fully set forth in the declaration of the applicant, and it is therefore deemed unnecessary here to repeat the same

I Jno D. Phelan Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of said County do certify that the said John McDanal was sworn by me and interrogated in open Court in the presence and hearing of many bystanders to whom he was well known touching his services as a revolutionary soldier. I put the questions presented by the War Department and many others and the man, his manner, his answers and everything connected with the inquiry added to the clear proof which was then made that he had always been reputed to be a soldier of the Revolution, which no one ever gainsaid, satisfied my mind clearly that he was one of the men who had served in the war of the Revolution for the maintenance of American Liberty.

I asked him why he had not applied sooner for a pension. He replied that he had never until lately felt the want of it and went into an explanation of the matter of a satisfactory character, showing how his property had been appropriated and through domestic difficulties no longer yielded him a support.

Mr. Kelly and Mr. Waldrop who certify are both personally known to me and they are man whose statements can be fully relied on.

Done in open Court at Elym [?] Jefferson County this 19th of March 1847.

S/ Jno D. Phelan, Presiding Judge

[Facts in file: William McDanal, Jeremiah McDanal, Nathan McDanal, Phebe McDanal, Lucrea Waldrop [Waldope], Nancy Stringfellow & Mary Pearson, claiming to be the children of John McDanal gave a power of attorney to Elisha King in Jefferson County, Alabama to pursue their

father's claim on their behalf as his heirs stating that he died November 16, 1850 in Jefferson County, Ala. The P/A is dated June 23, 1856.

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