

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald McDaniel R6676

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State of North Carolina Bladen County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

On this the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful William H. Beatty, John Owen and Robert Lyon Justices of the Peace for the County of Bladen holding the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting -- Archibald McDaniel, a resident of the County of Bladen, and State of North Carolina, aged Eighty Eight years, February 23, 1745 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.

1. He entered the service as a private in a company of Bladen Militia of which William Ellis was Capt., and James Johnston Lieut. (the Ensign not recollected) when General Caswell [Richard Caswell] was marching down Black River for the purpose of intercepting the Tories, under McDonald [Donald MacDonal] and McLeod [Donald MacLeod], who had left Cross-Creek (now Fayetteville) for the purpose [of] surprising Wilmington -- the Company joined General Caswell near the Junction of South and Black rivers, at a place called Corbet's ferry, and marched thence to the widow Moore's Creek where the Tories the next morning were defeated [February 27, 1776].<sup>1</sup> McCloud the second in command having been killed in bringing on the attack. After the battle was over Capt. Ellis' company was verbally discharged, having served, as well as now remembered six days. He has no recollection of any of the Officers or Regiments, other than Ellis' Company; but it was said his force amounted to about 1500 men. In March 1776, immediately after their return home, the Company was ordered into service to collect such persons as were supposed to be disaffected to the cause, carry them to Elizabeth town, in order to their taking the oath of Allegiance to the State, in this service they were employed four days, and received a verbal discharge.

2. Immediately after, in the same Company, and under the same officers, he was engaged five weeks, in an expedition to the upper part of Cumberland & Moore Counties -- together with two other Companies -- one from Cumberland -- the other from some adjoining County not recollected -- the Companies acted together but a short time, separated, and went in different directions -- Leggit was taken, and most of his men came in to Capt. Samuel Cain of Bladen at Little River, who were sent to muster them into service. After which the Company marched to Fayetteville, and were there verbally discharged.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

3. In the following April, was called out for a service of one month in the same Company, under the same Officers, to Jumping run below Wilmington, where the Company joined the Bladen Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Robeson, Lieut. Col. Thomas Brown and Major Thomas Owen, performed the service for which he was called out, and received a verbal discharge.

4. About four or five weeks after, a Capt. Hawthorn [John Hawthorne] came into his neighborhood South River and ordered him to accompany him in collecting cattle for the American Troops stationed at Wilmington, collected some, and drove them to the plantation of James Saltar, on Indian Creek, where he received permission to return home, having served eight days.

5. Early in the fall of the year 1780, he with one or two other privates of Capt. Ellis's Company was drafted into a Company commanded by Capt. Turpin McRee, and Lieut. James S. Purdie, and employed in collecting cattle for the American Army, they collected a large number and drove them to the plantation of Capt. Peter Robeson on the Cape Fear [River], where he was permitted to hire a man by the name of Larkin London to go in his stead to Charleston -- having previously served three months. He received a written discharge from Capt. McRee -- which is long since been lost.

6. Sometime after, the time not recollected, but he believes in the following year, in the month of August he was employed four months in an expedition against the Tories, in a Company commanded by Capt. William Dye -- the Company marched to the plantation of Thomas Ames in Bladen, now Columbus County, thence crossed Drowning Creek and Little Pedee and proceeded as far as the Warhees [?] on Big Pedee -- and thence a considerable distance up the River in pursuit of the Tories. There was a considerable body of Troops from Bladen, composed of horse and foot, and he recollects, that Capt. Peter Robeson commanded a body of horse -- There was a skirmish with the Tories at a place called Bear swamp in Robeson (now Bladen) County, where the Tories were defeated. After this the Whigs marched again into South Carolina -- came frequently upon the Tories, and took many of them prisoners -- among them Carraway Oates, a notorious Capt. of the Tories, who was forthwith hung, He having just before been burning and destroying everything belonging to the Whigs. The Tories having at length then dispersed, the troops were discharged -- having been in service four months.

7. In the following year, he was employed three months under Capt. William Daniel, in collecting cattle on Drowning Creek and Shoe-heal [Shoe Heel?] in the upper part of Bladen in Robeson and on Little Pedee in South Carolina, having collected a considerable number, they drove them to Fayetteville and delivered them to Peter Mallet Commissary in the Service of the United States. He received a verbal discharge. The cattle it was said were for the northern Army.

8. Near the close of the War, but the precise time not recollected, he volunteered as a Private in Capt. Ellis's Company, on an expedition against the Tories who had collected in lower end of Bladen -- the company rendezvoused at Briery ~~Creek~~ Branch, marched down on the Northeast side of the Cape Fear [River]-- took several of the Tories and dispersed the rest -- Lewis Avery was killed, & Thomas Avery was wounded, both of Ellis's Company, they were a fortnight in service, and verbally discharged, and immediately on their return home, were marched into the upper part of New Hanover County, again against the Tories -- crossed the South River at Stephen Andres' plantation but met with no Tories -- and after one fortnight's service -- they were verbally discharged.

9. He was six days on an expedition against the Tories, being also near the close of the

War the Tories made he had at a place called Great Creek, in Cumberland County, not far from South River -- an attack on them being determined on, it was necessary either to make a considerable circuit round, or cross a wide marsh, a portion of the Company was ordered to cross the swamp on a wide causeway, and in doing so, they received a severe fire from the Tories, who were in ambuscade, and were compelled to retire. He was severely wounded. The Company was then commanded by Capt. Johnston, Maj. Ellis was present.

He has no documentary evidence, and no living witnesses of his service whose testimony he can procure except James Cain<sup>2</sup> & William Smith, whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ P. Kelly

S/ Arch'd McDaniel, X his mark

Answers to the questions prescribed by the War Department as propounded to the applicant by the Court.

1. I was born February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1745 on Fishing Creek in Edgecombe County [North Carolina].

2. I have a record of my age on a slip of paper sent to me, many years since, by my Brother from Edgecombe County.

3. I resided in Edgecombe County, until I was about 20 years old when I moved to South River, Bladen County, & have resided here ever since.

4. He was a volunteer in every instance, except in the expedition to South Carolina for four months -- and in driving cattle to Fayetteville -- when he was drafted.

5. I have no recollection of any Continental Officers -- and full answer to the other part of the Question -- I beg leave to refer to my declaration.

6. I received no written discharge except in the one instance mentioned in my declaration, and that I have lost.

7. Robert Melvin, Musgrove Jones, James Cain Senior, Daniel Melvin Senior. [Robert Melvin & Musgrove Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Bladen County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1833. Personally appeared in open Court before William H Beatty, John Owen and Robert Lyon holding said Court, William Smith,<sup>3</sup> and after having been sworn according to Law -- depose and saith, that he served during the Revolutionary War, with the Declarant Archibald McDaniel, on an expedition to Jumping Run, below Wilmington -- the time that he served not recollected -- on another expedition to the upper part of Cumberland & Bladen -- against Leggat, who commanded a body of Tories -- and was engaged in service with him against the Tories to the lower part of Bladen & New Hanover, in two expeditions for the period of a month -- the said service having been performed in Captain Ellis's Company.

Sworn to and subscribed the \_\_\_ day of May 1833

Attest: S/ P. Nelly, Clk

S/ Wm Smith, X his mark

State of North Carolina Bladen County: In the Matter of the Declaration of Archibald McDaniel

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<sup>2</sup> [James Cain W5891](#) Thanks to Sheila Calloway for pointing out an error in a previous version of this citation.

<sup>3</sup> [William Smith S7534](#) Thanks to Sheila Calloway for identifying this veteran.

for a Pension, under the Act of Congress of June 7th, 1832.

On this the 28 day of August in the year 1833, James Cain Senior -- after having been duly sworn according to law, maketh oath before me Robert Melvin -- one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid. That he acted, for several years, during the war of the Revolution, as first Sgt. in Capt. William Ellis' Company of Bladen Militia, and that the applicant Archibald McDaniel, was a private in said company and that this affiant acted with him, on several expeditions against the common enemy -- but has no recollection of any particular services -- except the following -- He was on a tour of duty with said McDaniel to Jumping Run below Wilmington, on a tour of duty to the lower end of Bladen and the upper part of New Hanover Counties, when a man by the name of Avery was killed -- and on a tour of duty against the Tories, when McDaniel was wounded -- Owing to the decay of his memory this affiant cannot specify the time the said McDaniel served in those tours.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid

Attest S/ R. Melvin, JP

S/ James Cain, Sn<sup>r</sup>, X his mark