

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McDaniel R6680

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State of Ohio Jackson County SS }

On this third day of September A.D. 1845 personally appeared before me an acting justice of the peace James McDaniel a resident of Jackson County Ohio State of Ohio aged 90 years old on the 26th day of December next – who first being 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, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States being drafted to serve under the following named Officers and served as herein stated to wit about the first day of April 1778 he entered the service of the United States under Captain Thomas Arthur in Bedford County & Commonwealth of Virginia and Colonel James Calloway (the number of Regiment not recollected by the applicant) that he was in the engagement at the Battle of Gilford [Guilford] Court House [March 15, 1781] that being the only engagement of any importance in which he was actually engaged – that he was near the Battle ground, at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] – that he was in many skirmishes, that one night after much laborious duty in following the Tories (he acting as orderly Sergeant for five months) Gibson Sutherland one of his men fell from his horse & was so fast asleep that he did not awake, this circumstance took place near a place called "Goblin Town" in North Carolina – that he served five years and received a regular discharge at the end of the revolutionary war, that said discharge has long since been lost, that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services that his brother Henry McDaniel¹ a pensioner and on the __ day of A.D. 18__ at Galia [Gallia] County of Ohio That he was born on the 26 day of December 1756 in Halifax County Virginia. That he gave his Bible containing the record of his age to his daughter. That he was living in Bedford County Virginia when called into service; That he lived since the revolution war in Greenbrier & Monroe Counties Virginia, that he has for the last 27 years [lived] in Jackson County where he now resides, That he was drafted. That he received a discharge for his services – at the end of the war that it is lost – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory whatever.

S/ James McDaniel, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd day of September A.D. 1845

S/ John is Stephenson, JP

[Levi McDaniel, a clergyman, and Samuel Stephenson gave the standard supporting affidavit]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned justice of the peace in & for the County of

¹ probably the same man as [Henry McDaniel R6678](#)

Jackson & State of Ohio James McDaniel who being duly sworn deposeth & says that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the length precisely of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period above mentioned for four years & seven months as a private and five months as orderly Sergeant for which service I claim a pension, commencing April 1, 1778.

S/ James McDaniel, X his mark

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State of Ohio Jackson County SS }

On this 3rd day of September A.D. 1845 personally appeared before me John P Stephenson an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Jackson & State of Ohio James McDaniel who is disabled from old age & bodily infirmity from attending the Court of Jackson Common Pleas, a resident of Jackson County Ohio State of Ohio aged 90 years on the 26 day of December A.D. 1845, 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 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as an Indian Spy, under the following named Officers & served as herein stated. To wit Captain __ Hale & Colonel Hugh Caperton from about the first day of January 1790 to the first day of January 1792 making two years. That he was in an engagement with the Indians near the Ohio River on Guyandotte River [Guyandotte River], and assisted in retaking property that had been taken from the whites in Greenbrier County Virginia and in one engagement with the Indians on Calle River in retaking prisoners taken by the Indians in which engagement one Indian was killed & wounded another they likewise recovered [word written over and illegible] horses, they came near Indians at night on the Buffalo Trace & crossed Guyan River & station themselves on track & placed themselves being spies brush & no person was to shoot until the last Indian past applicant, but one of party disobeyed orders & shot too soon. William Wiley killed one Indian & took razor stoop out of his back = our provisions gave out & we were 100 miles from any whites to our knowledge. We lived on chestnuts – we were in constant skirmishes during times, other particulars not recollected at this time – one of our party had been raised in Mill he talked loud & we threatened to kill him if he did not whisper – That Robert Langford who now resides in Galia County was with me during the time above specified. That he was born in Halifax County Virginia on the 26 day of December 1756. That he gave his Bible containing the record of his age to his daughter who has moved from Ohio. That he was living in Greenbrier County Virginia, when he volunteered as above, That he lived in Greenbrier County & Monroe, until he came to Jackson County Ohio where he has lived for the last 27 years & where he now resides. That he volunteered & was regularly discharged but does not recollect by whom or whether or not he had a written discharge. That he hereby relinquishes all other claim as an Indian Spy except the present for a pension or annuity that his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State or territory whatever

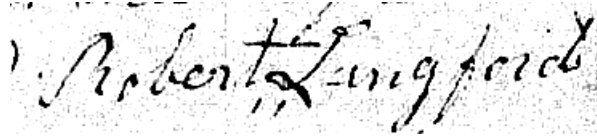
S/ James McDaniel, X his mark

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I Robert Langford of the County of Gallia and State of Ohio do hereby certify that I removed from East in Virginia to Greenbrier County West in Virginia and landed there on the 20 of March 1790 that James McDaniel was then engaged as an Indian Spy under the command of Captain Edward Hale and continued as a scout or spy during the year 1791 & part of the next

years and that I have examined the statement of said James McDaniel and know the statement to be true. I was well acquainted with him during the time above specified.

S/ Robert Langford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Langford". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent 'R' at the beginning and a 'd' at the end.