

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McDaniel (McDonald) R6681 Margaret McDaniel f42NC

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State of Tennessee Rhea County: SS

On this 3rd day of April 1835 personally appeared before me Robert Cooley one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Order Sessions for Rhea County, John McDaniel, a resident of the County of Rhea and State of Tennessee aged 95 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 that he on the 12th day of June 1776 in the State of North Carolina he volunteered in the Army of the US in the company commanded by Capt. Arthur Forbis in the Regiment commanded by Col. James Martin in the Brigade commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. Rendezvoused at Guilford Court House marched to Salisbury from thence to a place called pleasant garden at the head of the Catawba [River], marched from thence to the head of the Little Tennessee [River], from thence across the Country to the head of Hiwassee [River] thence to a place called the Valley River & burned 35 Indian towns and was in 2 or 3 Indian fights. Killed some & took a few prisoners, returned back to Guilford about the 22nd of October 1776 after serving 4 months 20 days when applicant was discharged he received a written discharge which is lost.¹ In the year 1780 in August he was again drafted under Capt. Forbis in the Regiment commanded by Col. John Pacely [sic, John Paisley] in the Regiment commanded by General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] marched from Guilford to Catawba thence to Salisbury from thence to Charlotte were driven back by the British almost back to Guilford from thence back to Salisbury, thence in South Carolina to the neighborhood of Camden remained there 2 or 3 weeks on a Creek called Stuter [?] Creek returned back to Charlotte thence to Salisbury, thence to Guilford. General Greene [Nathanael Greene] took the command at Charlotte. [A]bout 3 days before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] applicant was sent by Col. Martin on an express to Prince Edward [County] in Virginia came back to Guilford when the company affiant belonged to & 2 others were mustered out of service in March 1781 after serving a few days over 6 months. Affiant received no written discharge at the time. We were then retained in the neighborhood of Guilford & Randolph, until September '81 for the purpose of watching and keeping the Tories under subjection and prevent their doing mischief had one encounter killed 4 Tories wounded 2 others after serving 6 months. This last service was under Capt. Donald [John Donnell] (Capt. Fobes [Arthur Forbis] being killed in the Battle of Guilford) Lieut. Wiley [William Wiley] under the same Col. Martin received no written discharge he has no documentary evidence of his

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

service nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his service, he was born in Virginia in the year 1741 having a record of his age in his possession he lived in Guilford when called into service & as stated the manner in which he was called the service & he stated the name of the following officers with whom he was personally acquainted during [his service] General Gates [Horatio Gates], Smallwood [William Smallwood], DeKalb, Sumner (Regular) [Jethro Sumner] Guess [Greene?] & Colonels Locke [Francis Locke] & Martin and states the names of the following persons who have long known him and can certify as to his veracity (viz.) the Rev. Drewry D. Godfrey, Joseph McKorkle, (General John Brown, Major Thomas Brown, Thomas N. Clark of Roane) John Igo & William Blivens & Meredith Cox he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State & that owing to his old age and infirmity he is unable to attend the place of holding Court.
Sworn to & subscribed before made this day & year above written
S/ Robert Cooley JP

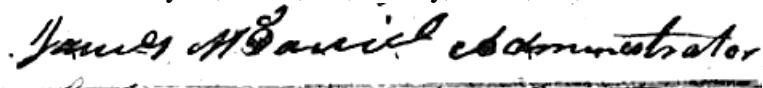
S/ John McDaniels [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John McDaniels". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Drewry L. Godfrey, a clergyman, Joseph McCorkle and John Igan gave the standard supporting affidavit.][Luke Lea also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[image 693 Ancestry.com file: a certified copy of a marriage bond dated December 20, 1788 issued to John McDonald [sic] and Alexander McClanahan of Botetourt County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of John McDonald to Margaret Watkins of Botetourt County Virginia.]

[Facts in file: John McDaniel (alias John McDonald) married Margaret Watkins in 1778 in Botetourt County, Virginia; in another document the date of their marriage is given as November 1, 1786; John McDaniel is said to have died April 27, 1833 [but that cannot be right if the date of his declaration is correct and it appears to be correct]; Margaret died August 7, 1849; in 1857, their children are said to be Mary Louderback, 70; John, dec'd, 68; Daniel, dec'd, 66; Avery, dec'd, 64; Thomas, dec'd, 62; Edward, dec'd, 60; Margaret Wolf, 58; Elizabeth Coffee, 56; Catharine Taylor, dec'd, 54; Nancy, dec'd, 52; and James McDaniel, 50.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James McDaniel administrator". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a horizontal line.