

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McDaniel R6684

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United States of America Williamson County State of Tennessee May 19, 1854

This day personally appeared before me Thomas James Reed an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Colin McDaniel, Esquire after claiming the right of a credible witness, having entered his 86 year since the 31st of October last,

Who deposeth and saith – That to the best of his recollection That sometime in the year 1779 or '80 My elder Brother, William McDaniel, of Halifax County Virginia, went a tour in the Army, to Gwinns Island [Gwynn Island], Where it was said a Battle was fought, at which place, his command was that of a Lieutenant, I was at home when he started to Gwinns Island, and also when he returned. I well recollect the circumstance, as I was confined at home during the time (and for two years with a white swelling on my ankle[]), though I was very young at the time, I can now better recollect circumstances that happened then, then I can things that have taken place long since, or of later years, and about that time, every person, Young and old, in the Country was under great excitement, about the War of the Colonies against England and the scenes and passing events of War, Battles &c made and left a lasting impression on all, and everyone.

Early in the spring of 1780 – my Brother William marched on with his company to North Carolina commanded his company as a Captain. They marched to Guilford Court House Where a severe battle was fought [March 15, 1781], General Green [Nathanael Greene] being then ordered there the Commander in Chief of the Army; Who after the heavy cannonading had ceased the Commander in Chief ordered the Virginia line of troops to advance in front of the enemy, – At which time my Brother said that the small arms commenced fire, and in a few moments, or a short time, it appeared to him, like the very heavens and earth, was coming together. My Brother William, frequently spoke after his return of the fatigues of Battle, and want of water in the time of the Battle of Guilford, He said, he at length found some water, and dipped up some with his two hands and drank he said the British fired several balls at him while drinking and some one or two balls cut through his wearing apparel. At that great Battle of Guilford, My Brother William McDaniels [sic] conduct gave him great applause among his company, the soldiers on the Whig side and also through the Country, greatly, for his Bravery, as they said. This said Battle of Guilford to the best [of] my recollection was fought in the spring of 1780 [sic March 15, 1781]. The wind set fair, and I heard the Cannon.

After that my Brother William marched on to Charleston, South Carolina. After his arrival in South Carolina the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] was fought, at which place his Lieutenant Doctor Irby was killed, I also saw a part of the fractured thighbone of Doctor Irby. My Brothers Lieutenant brought back to Virginia, that his family and friends might see it. After my Brother William's return from South Carolina, I heard him express sensations of Melancholy

regret for the loss of his Lieutenant, Doctor Irby, who he said was a brave and gallant officer, Said (he) himself was very sick at the time of the Battle of Stono, not able to walk.

I was at home when my Brother William returned from the war, in South Carolina; &c Saw his Military clothing, sword &c.

After his return I saw him pick up a letter and read it, it was a letter that he had written home to our Mother and family, while he was in the service of his Country stating the situation of the Army after the Battle at Guilford, he said I wrote this letter in a great hurry sitting on a log.

After the wars was over I got the silver from my Brother William, that was on his sword; as he said the sword was useless to him after the war was over, it was a fine sword. He came home from the wars dressed in Military clothing (true Whig), I had three Brothers fought in the Revolutionary War against the British. My Brother Clement McDaniel¹ has been dead some twenty years, I understand he received a pension for Military services during General Jackson's Administration before his death, he died in Shelby County Tennessee about the year 1834. Brother William married Miss Martha Winston of North Carolina, daughter of Colonel Joseph Winston that fall in several Battles in the Revolutionary War (King Mountain [King's Mountain, October 7, 1780] &c)

My Brother William McDaniel died 34 years since, at the age of 62, his widow died in the Western district in the year 1834 or about 20 years since age 66 years, They left the following children, Joseph, Alfred W, Winston, Samuel, Fountain J, and a daughter married a Mr. Pugh of Virginia. To the best of my knowledge and recollection, My Brother William must have served two Campaigns or tours, the first according to my recollection in the year 1779 or early in 1780, as a Lieutenant. The time he went a tour to Gwins Island and the following tour to the Battle of Guilford and Stono in South Carolina &cccc

I very well remembers that he was a greateal [sic, great deal] from home in the Army, I was confined with a white swelling two years, which confinement served to assist my memory. I cannot well recollect whether my Brother belonged to the Continental line, State troops or Militia, my strong impression is, that him and his company went volunteers as he was a Military man, and appeared anxious to go – and be in the Army. He was a goodeal [good deal] from home, engaged in the service of his Country and stayed more than 6 months, altogether this I am certain of.

Brother William married Miss Winston about the year 1784, I live with them in the year 1785, during the time I was there (one year) her father, Brothers and Sister, Elizabeth Winston, afterwards the wife of Governor Robert Williams of Mississippi Territory, visited her and remained some time. My Brother and his wife Martha, son Alfred W McDaniel lives in their Natchez Mississippi, Samuel lives in Obion County Te [Tennessee], Joseph (dead) his heirs live in I believe Obion County Te, Winston (dead) his widow Lydia, Winchester McDaniel and daughter Mrs. Hall, lives in Sumner County Tennessee, and Fountain J lives in Turner County Tennessee, and there (my Brother's daughter) Mrs. Ann Pugh lives in Halifax County Virginia.

Brother William McDaniel acted as a Magistrate in Fairfax County Virginia many years which term of service as a Magistrate eventually gave him ^{one term} the Sheriff's place according to the existing laws of Virginia, at that time, he was also a Colonel in the Militia, after the Revolutionary War & moved to Tennessee about the year 1813, with his wife and family, where he died 34 years since in Sumner County Tennessee. His widow then or sometime after moved with one of her sons to the Western district, where she died in the year 1834 aged 66 years.

And this witness further states that what he knows about his Brother's military services in

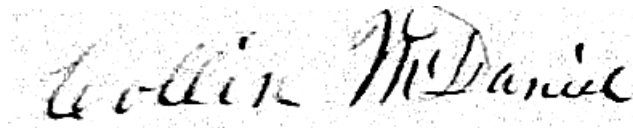
¹ [Clement \(Clemant\) McDaniel W7419](#)

the Revolutionary War is true to the best of his knowledge and belief, and what he heard from the best information he believes to be true – I was not at my Brother's wedding in 1784 but I well recollect being at Brother William's own house when he first brought his wife Martha Winston home from North Carolina. They had a small infair [sic, affair] and Bob Martin and Robert Williams went home with them from North Carolina Robert Williams was quite a youth at that time, he will was a cousin to my Brother's wife and was and elder Brother of Colonel John Williams of East Tennessee now (dead). I recollect a part of a song that Bob Martin saying at my Brothers infair. I am as certain they were married as if I seen them, or heard the ceremony. They lived together faithfully as man and wife for a number of years and raised a respectable family.

And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Collin McDaniel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Collin McDaniel". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.