

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McDowell R6695

Mary Ann McDowell

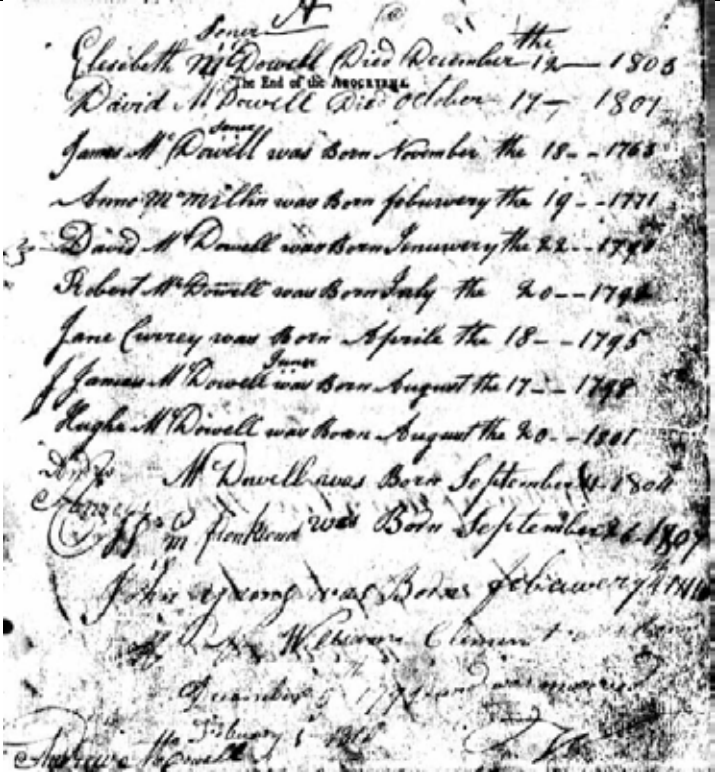
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Family record

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Elisabeth McDowell Died December 12 th 1805	
David McDowell Died October 11 1801 [could be 1861]	
James McDowell Senior was Born November the 18 1763	
Anne McMillin was Born feburuery the 19 1771	
David McDowell was Born Januuary the 22 1790	
Robert McDowell was Born July the 20 1892	
Jane Currey was Born Aprile the 18 1795	
James McDowell Junior was Born August the 17 1798	
Hughe McDowell was Born August the 20 1801	
Andrew McDowell was Born September 11 1804	
Wm [illegible, might be franklin] was Born September 6 1807	
John Young was Born February 4 th [?] 1816 [?]	
Raft Williams Clement was born December 5 th 1772[?] and was married February 1 st 1814	
Andrew McDowell	

Calvin McDowell was born Aprile 24 1816

Johny McDowell was Born february 4, 1811

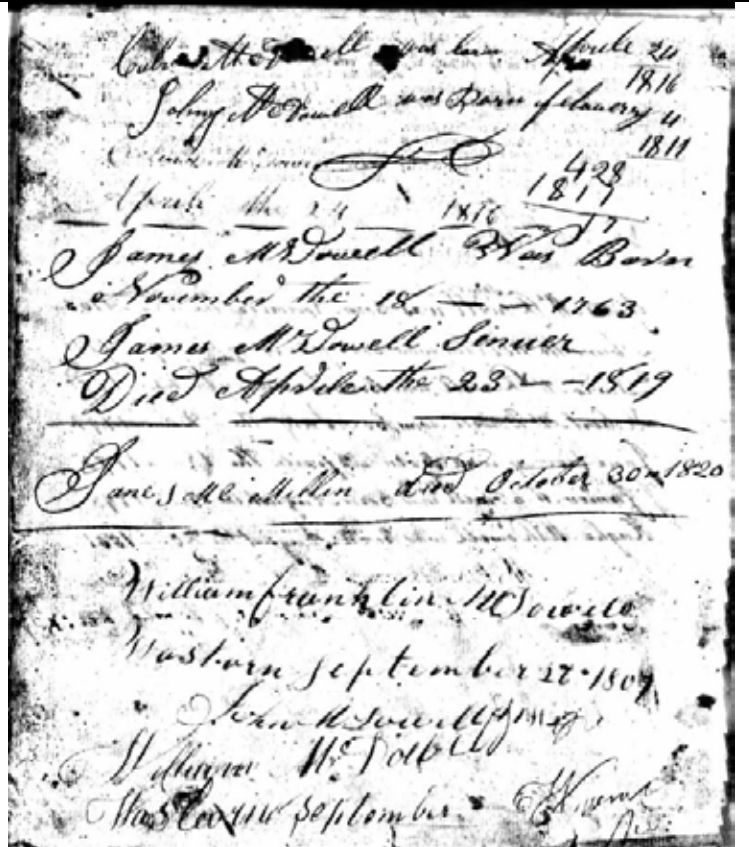
James McDowell Was Born November the 18 1763

James McDowell Senuer Died Aprile the 23 1819

Janes [sic] McMillin died October 30 1820

William franklin McDowell was born September 26 18[??]

William McDowell was born September [illegible]



South Carolina Spartanburg District:

On this third day of April 1857 personally appeared Hugh McDowell before me Robin Bowden Judge of the Court of ordinary for the District of Spartanburg & State of South Carolina aged fifty years past 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 July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows -- also the benefit of the Act of the 3rd March 1853, 17th of June 1854, 2nd July 1848, 29th of July 1848 --

That this deponent in behalf of himself & his brothers and sister surviving children of James & Mary Ann McDowell and issue of their marriage declares that the said James McDowell was an officer & private soldier in the Army of the Revolution as he has always understood & believes and as such he served the United States against the common enemy but to give the particulars of his service declarant cannot but always understood that he was generally in service from shortly after the commencement of hostilities until the close of the war. That he first entered the service of his Country as a volunteer against the Cherokee Indians Capt. John Gowin [John Gowen] and Col. ___ and served a tour of over six months and returned home to the upper part of Spartanburg District on Pacolet River where he was raised. His next tour of service was in 1778 or 1779 under Capt. Gowin, Capt. Parsons [Thomas Parsons] or Col. Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck] and marched to the State of Georgia and was in the Battle at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]¹ -- That after the surrender of Charleston South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] he was almost constantly in the service until the spring or summer of 1781 under the above named Capt. Parsons & Col. Roebuck he then enlisted

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

for 10 months in Sumter's Brigade of the State troops Col. Hill's [William Hill's] Regiment Capt. ___ with the rank of Lieut. but cannot say that he was Lieut. all of that period and was to get a Negro for his said service which Negro he never received. That after the expiration of said service of ten months as above stated he returned & was in service in the militia under Capt. McDowell & Parsons as a Lieut. until the close of the war and that the whole of his service was done as a horseman except a portion of the time when he was in McDowell's foot against the Cherokee Indians 1776 or 1777

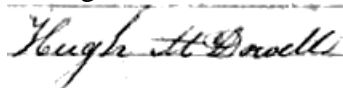
Declarant further states that his father James McDowell was married to his mother Mary Ann McMillin shortly after Christmas in the month of December 1778 in Spartanburg District South Carolina that he has no record evidence of the marriage but that he had a record of his said parents children issue of their marriage which is in the hand writing of his father James McDowell and he believes to be strictly correct and that it was taken out of the family Bible belonging to his father & has always been kept in the family until today and taken out by himself to sustain the marriage of his said father & mother Eldest child David McDowell born January 22nd 1790

Declarant further saith that he has no record evidence of the service of his said father James McDowell nor his commission as Lieut. nor does he know any person by whom the said service could be proved but that he served in connection with Capt. William Young Capt. Robert McDowell his brother -- Capt. Parsons and Capt. Gowin as above stated that his services were well known & duly appreciated by the community in which he lived and that his father the said James McDowell died in Spartanburg District South Carolina on the 23rd day of April 1819 and that his mother Mary Ann McDowell departed this life in Spartanburg District South Carolina about the 20th of June 1848 not having married after the death of her said husband James McDowell and never made application for a pension and that she died intestate and has no administration and this is his first and only application for a pension for his said mother.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint A. S. Wallace of York District South Carolina my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to pursue this my said claim with full power of substitution before any of the departments of the Interior war Courts of claims with all the power usually conferred and to all lawful acts & deeds that I myself could do were I present and that the family Register referred to is hereunto attached -- marked A

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open court
S/ Reuben Bowden, Judge of Ordinary

S/ Hugh McDowell



[Reuben Bowden then entered an order in which he found that the following were the surviving children of James and Mary Ann McDowell: David McDowell, Robert McDowell, Jane Curry, Hugh McDowell, Andrew McDowell, William McDowell John Y. McDowell, Calvin McDowell.]

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: Personally appeared Jane McMillin a highly credible citizen of said District aged 87 years, Before me Elias Walls, a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid duly authorized by law to administer oaths, and made oath in due form of law on oath says that she well recollects the service of her Brother James McDowel dec'd, whose heirs are now applicants for a pension in right of their mother Mariann McDowel dec'd wife and

widow of the said James McDowell with whom she was well and intimately acquainted until her death, in the summer of the 1848, in the neighborhood of Deponent.

Deponent well recollects that her Brother the said James was an officer and soldier in the Army of the revolution in the Militia Col. Robuck's [sic, Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment and also in the State Troops in which service the said James was a Lieutenant in Col. Hill's [William Hill's] Regiment but cannot say what Capt. her said brother served under in Col. Roebuck's Regiment but knows he served under Capt. Parsons, Gowen and McDowel and perhaps Capt. William Young as they commanded in Roebuck's Regiment and were all almost constantly in service after the fall of Charleston. Deponent has often heard her Brother Robert say that he was in service six years.

Deponent further says that she was present at the marriage of her brother the said James to Mariann McMillin she thinks in 1789, and that they lived together as husband and wife, until his death and were very respectable. Deponent's Father kept Publick House in time of the war, and that she often saw all the above named officers, as well as their companies in service, and often carried messages herself, and provisions to the Whigs, and has a Distinct recollection of many persons and occurrences, in time of the War, and that she has no interest in this claim. Deponent was married in 1790, and has a record of her marriage and also her age and the was born on the 21st of Nov. 1769.

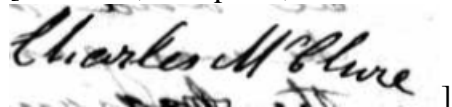
Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of April A.D. 1857
S/ Elias Wall, Magistrate

S/ Jane McMillen, X her mark [sic]

[On April 7, 1857, Jane McClure, daughter of John McClure,² a Revolutionary pensioner, also gave a supporting affidavit saying that she often heard her father talk about the service of him and her uncle James McDowell in the Revolution.



[Likewise, on April 7, 1857 Charles McClure, 60, husband of Jane, gave a supporting affidavit.



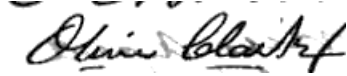
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Major Oliver Clark a highly credible citizen of said District aged 55 years who being first duly sworn according to law on oath says that he is the nephew of James McDowell above named and lived near the said James his uncle about 1 mile distant until the death of his widow Mary Ann McDowell and always understood and believes that the said James McDowell was a soldier in the Army of the revolution and that he was generally in service until the close of the war but cannot say what rank he held and always heard that Robert brother of said James was a Capt. and in the time of the war and never do you any other James McDowell who done service in the revolution and that the services were his own and never doubted of either of the above named McDowells and that he has no interest in this application.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of April A.D. 1857.

² [John McClure \(McCluer\) S18112](#)

S/ Oliver Clark



~~Robt~~ Solomon Abbott³ a Revolutionary pensioner of United States and a very credible citizen of said District aged 96 years who being first duly sworn according to law on oath says that he was well acquainted with James McDowel whose heirs are now applicants for a pension and saw him in service Colonel Roebuck's Regiment Captain Parsons Company but cannot say how long he served or what Rank he held but well recollects that he and his brother Robert were the best of soldiers and served with the Citizens of that vicinity almost constantly until the close of the war as he often saw them in service and that they as well as himself were horsemen, but that he did not serve in the State Troop but always understood that James McDowel was an officer in said service, and Commanded a Company after the close of the war and was a leading man in his neighborhood and that he has no interest in this application and that Captain William Young, Captain Parsons, the McDowells, McClures and many others, that were Pennsylvania Irish and as brave men as he ever knew.

Sworn to & subscribed this 9th day of April 1857

before me

Elias Wall, Magistrate

S/ Solomon Abbott, X his mark

[Indents payable to James McDowell as reflected in the SC Comptroller's office:

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³ [Solomon Abbott S17806](#)

No 163
Lib. M.

I paid the 1st October 1784 to Mr. James M^o =
Dowell late Lieutenant Hills Regiment,
Sumpter's Brigade for Ninety four pounds Sterling
being amount pay and bounty due him for ser-
vice in that Regiment, together with Interest
thereon from the first April 1782, to date hereof,
agreeable to resolution of General Assembly of
South Carolina March last.

Principal £94..00

Interest 6..11.7

£86..10.8

No 3615
Lib. X

Col. Hill's Regmt Reg Roll shows the duty above referred to, to have been for
9th June 1781 until 22nd Aug 86 to Capt. M^o Dowell £77.0.0.
Reg duty in Roebuck's Regt, pro a^o audited.
Interest £5..7..9

No 114
3615: X

No 114 22nd Aug 86

James M^o Dowell for Militia Duty,
since the fall of Charleston in Roebuck's Regiment
to Anderson's Return

Currency £539.. ..

Reg. £77.. ..

State of South Carolina
To James M^o Dowell
For Militia Duty in Roebuck's Regt since
the fall of Charleston to Anderson's Return
Amount to Currency ----- £539.. ..
Reg. £77.. ..

Gentlemen

Please to deliver to George Salmon an Indent for my account against the Public of South Carolina in order to enable him to pay the purchase money on the following tracts of Land, viz; my own 200 acres David M. Dowell 200 acres & 100 acres all below the Line, and you'll oblige your

Hble Servt

March the 5th 1787

James M. Dowell

To the Commrs of the Public Treasury.

Thos. Brandon Jr.

If any should be wanting of Robt. M. Dowell's Indent to pay for Mrs. Lewis' Land please to take it out of mine.

Recd full satisfaction for the within in an Indent N^o 5615 - E per Order
G. Salmon

Comptroller Genl's Office

Columbia April 29th 1837

I hereby certify the foregoing

to be a true Copy from the original Indents and Accounts on file in this office.

(No Seal of Office)

Given Under My hand
W. M. G. Hunt
Dep Comptroller