

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel McDuff<sup>1</sup> S155

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### Revolutionary Claims.

Under the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved 15<sup>th</sup> May 2828 [sic, 1828]

Treasury Department

1 June 1830

Sir:

Your claim, under the above mentioned act, has been examined, you are found to be entitled to the pay of a Captain of Infantry in the Continental Line. The amount which may be due, accordingly, will be remitted to you by the Treasurer of the United States.

I am, sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant

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Daniel McDuff, Esquire

Given to him in person

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### An Act for the relief of Capt. Daniel McDuff

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the Act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th May 1828, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the said Daniel McDuff, as a Captain in the Continental line, in the same manner, and to the light effect, as if he had been placed on the pension list, as Captain, under said act.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That said Daniel McDuff shall be entitled to demand and receive any warrant for the like quantity of land, for which warrants have been issued to other Captains of the Continental line, in the War of the Revolution.

Approved April 2, 1830.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Roll deposited in this office

Department of State

June 1, 1830

S/ N. P Trist

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt1620-300

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District of Columbia County of Washington

I, Daniel McDuff aged about Seventy-three years, do upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year 1775 I entered the service and served in the Regiment No. 3 under the command of Colonels William Thompson [William Thomson] and William Henderson of the South Carolina line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war,

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I \_\_\_\_, aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint\_\_ to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

S/ Dan<sup>l</sup> McDuff, X his mark

[dated June 1, 1830]

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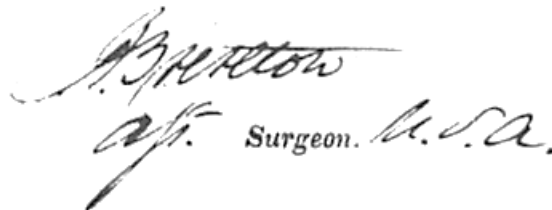
Surgeon's Affidavit

Washington 2nd June 1830

It is hereby certified, that Captain Danl. McDuff a Captain in the Continental Service of the United States is rendered him incapable of performing that duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid, and in the line of duty, viz.,

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears that on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year \_\_ at or near a place called \_\_ he received severe wounds & is now afflicted Hemiphlegia and he is thereby, not only incapacitated for military duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is totally disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor.

S/ J. Breslton, Ass. Surgeon. U.S.A.



*J. Breslton*  
Ass. Surgeon. U.S.A.

[Facts in file: McDuff was awarded a bounty land warrant for 300 acres and a pension of \$40/month, commencing March 3, 1826. McDuff died March 26, 1831, survived by his son William F. McDuff of Bellefonte, Alabama who served as the administrator of his father's estate; there is no other family data in this file.



*Wm F. McDuff*

[Note: Confusion reigns. This claimant and the veteran whose records I've put under Daniel McElduff S155X MAY be one and the same man.]

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Petition of Daniel McElduff

6<sup>th</sup> December 1797

Committee

Mr. Robinson

Major Threewits

Major Hampton

Captain Doser

Major Thornley

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To the Speaker & other members of the State of South Carolina  
The petition of Daniel McElduff [sic] Humbly Sheweth that he was a private & an officer for seven years in the Revolutionary War during which time he performed many arduous services for the benefit of this State in which he resided as a citizen for which he has remained unpaid except one thousand dollars which was paid under the authority of the Legislature last winter [?] your petitioner However submits that according to the terms of his contract with the government he was to have a bounty of land which he never received. Your petitioner further submits that the officers of the Revolutionary Army were after their discharge to have five years of full pay or half pay during life which he is entitled unto yet from the Government. Your petitioner further submits that he was placed on the pension list & has received the pension at first provided by law except the increased provision in favor of certain pensioners but the treasurer conceiving the now residence of your petitioner and objection has refused with the sanction of the legislature to pay him the increased pension which your petitioner Submits that the policy & liberal feelings which dictated this allowance to resident pensioners applies with equal force to non-residents. Your petitioner further prays that your Honorable body would inquire into the correctness of his claim & grant him such relief in the premises as injustice he may be entitled unto & your petitioner will ever pray.

S/ D. M. Duff



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<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of Daniel McDuff Sheweth

That early in the Revolutionary War he entered as a private in the Regiment of Rangers commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] that he was detached from said Regiment for the defense of Fort McIntosh on the Satilla [River] where he fell into the hands of the Enemy losing at the same time his horse and Military Equipments which he had furnished at his own private expense.

That from some informality in the Terms of the Capitulation or from a disregard to the terms of the Same by the Enemy it was decided proper for those captured in the Fort as soon they returned to take up arms again. He was soon after raised to the Rank of Lieutenant and shortly after he rose to the brevet rank of Captain.

That in 1779 on joining General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at Black Swamp on his Return from a recruiting Service he had two horses stolen from him, this happened when the two Armies were within so Short a distance that their Drums were within hearing of each other. That he was on detached Service when Charleston fell [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] by which means [he] escaped being there Captured. He joined Major John Hampton and was as active as the Circumstances of the Country would permit. In a charge made on Col. Philips he lost his horse and Equipments also another horse which was [undeciphered word or words] by the [undeciphered word or words] of Major Hampton. That the Tories under Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] about this time took his Negroe Man Slave his horse saddle [undeciphered word or words] entire cloths. That in his ardent Struggle for his Country he saw his nearest and dearest friend Edward Hampton fall by his side was twice a prisoner was transported across the Atlantic, lodged in Mile Prison in Great Britain tried for his life under a charge of Treason and Rebellion. That he was Cut down and many [text too faint to discern] the many Rencounters he had with the Enemy. But for all these losses and Sufferings the State of South Carolina has left him unrewarded and unpaid. That neither his Bounty in Land or his commutation or half pay has ever been received by him from the State or the United States. That the Desultory kind of Warfare and in fact his own eagerness to be useful so deranged the Returns of the Regiment that his name only appears in the early Records of the Regiment as a Lieutenant. That he never resigned nor was dismissed the Service but was (when not a prisoner) as actively employed as was in his power to the End of the war. And for a long time acting as a captain. Your Petitioner deems it unnecessary to swell his account for losses and services by valuations and statements. It would be only [text too faint to discern] for him to Exhibit himself worn Out with age, broken with Disease, Mutilated and bescarred with wounds and scars honorable because obtained in the Cause and in the defense of his Country to entitle him to Justice at the hands of the Legislature of the State.

He Therefore prays that your Honorable body will take his cause into Consideration, And grant that such relief as shall seem meet<sup>3</sup> and as in duty Bound will ever pray

S/ D. M. Duff

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<sup>3</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.



South Carolina } Personally came Daniel McDuff before me and made oath and says that the foregoing petition is just and true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819

S/ Thomas Wright, JQ

S/ D. M. Duff

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Treasury Office Columbia December 7, 1819

I find on the Books of this Office that Daniel McEllduff was paid to March 1808 as a pensioner of the Revolutionary War – He is entitled to \$21.42 per annum, for that time to March 1815; from which time the pension was raised to \$60 per annum by an Act of the Legislature passed in December 1816.

S/ B Elmore

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The Committee of Claims to whom was referred the petition of Daniel McElduff Report,

That they have had under their consideration the above petition and the evidence in support thereof and recommend the prayer of the petitioner be not granted. They have however found that the said petitioner was a pensioner of this State until March 1808 cents which time he has not drawn his pension. This committee therefore recommend the following resolution Resolved that the Comptroller General be authorized and required to pay over to said Daniel McElduff the arrearages of his pension and to continue him on the pension list.

S/ John M. Felder, Chairman

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[From South Carolina Audited Account 5028A indexed under the name Daniel McElduff-McIlduff being a 5-page file]

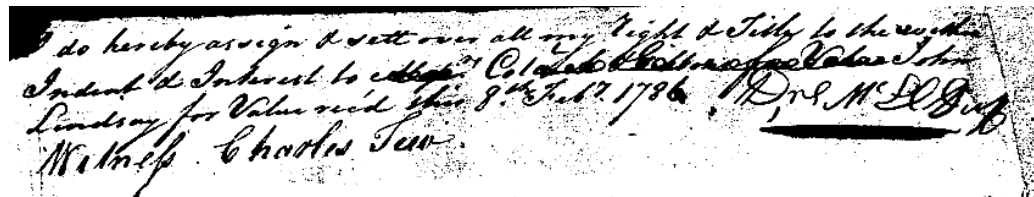
[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 135 Book E dated December 20<sup>th</sup> 1783 “delivered to Captain Daniel McEl-duff this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Three hundred & twelve pounds Seventeen Shillings and one penny three farthings Sterling for militia duty from the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1780 to the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1782 per account audited &c.”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do hereby assign & sett over all my Right & Title to the within Indent & Interest to Colecock & Gibbons for Value John Lindsey for value received this 8<sup>th</sup> February 1786

Witness S/ Charles Few

S/ Dnl. McElduf



*I do hereby assign & sett over all my Right & Title to the within Indent & Interest to Colecock & Gibbons for Value John Lindsey for value received this 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 17 1786. Dnl. McElduff  
Witness Charles Few.*