

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McDowell S16471

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State of Georgia DeKalb County:

On this ninth Day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of the said County of DeKalb now sitting Robert McDowell a resident of said County and State aged Seventy-one 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 --

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. As well as he recollects in the year 1779 he was drafted to go to the siege of Savannah,¹ and after having marched two days with the company his horse got away & he was permitted to return home, his place of residence at that time was on South Pacolet [River] in the District of 96 [Ninety Six] -- and State of South Carolina -- sometime thereafter he entered the service as a volunteer in the Company of Capt. Parsons [Thomas Parsons] and was at a battle on North Pacolet[River] in what is now Spartanburg District South Carolina -- the Americans at that place was commanded by Col. Charles McDowell and the enemy who were mostly Tories was commanded by Col. Ambrose Mills. He further states that he was at the Battle at a place called Blackstocks [November 20, 1780]² on Tiger [Tyger] River in the Regiment of Col. Thomas General Sumter had the command, Col. Neal [Neel] was also in the engagement at this place. General Sumter was wounded -- The next engagement which he was in, was at the Siege of Augusta in the company of Capt. Samuel Moore who was a volunteer Capt. under the command of Colonels Elijah Clark [Clarke] & Shelby [Isaac Shelby]³ -- He was also in the battle at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781]⁴ in the company of Capt. John Collins when General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] had the command at this place he was wounded. He was afterwards at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]⁵ under the command of Col. McDowell, General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] had command of the Regulars & had the chief command at this place. This is the last battle which he was in except a skirmish at Bush River with the Tories. He further states he was generally in the service in scouting parties until the surrender of Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis, Yorktown, October 19, 1781] having served altogether

¹ Battle of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

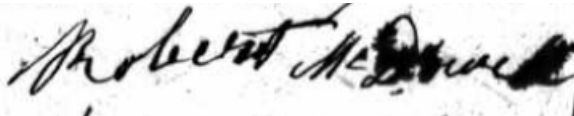
³ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

about three years. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service -- and knows of no person in this State with whom he was acquainted by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Robert McDowell



Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 9th Day of October 1832

S/ W. T. Colquitt, JIC

[Luke Burnett & Thomas J. Golightly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia DeKalb County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for said County Robert McDowell who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades. For two months in the year 1780 I served as a volunteer and private in the militia of South Carolina during which term of service he was in two engagements one on North Pacolet in Spartanburg district and the other at Blackstocks on Tiger River. In the same year he served another tour of two months as a volunteer private in the militia of South Carolina during which time he was at the Siege of Augusta, in the latter part of the same year to wit 1780 - he served a tour of three months as a volunteer & private in the South Carolina militia during this term of service he was at the Siege of Ninety Six at which place he was wounded. For one month in the year 1781 he served as a private & volunteer in the South Carolina militia during which term he was in the battle of the Cowpens in the same year. He served another tour of three months as a volunteer & private in the South Carolina militia -- during the whole of the above stated periods he was in actual service in the Army and belonged to volunteer companies called out by authority of the State of South Carolina and that he was not engaged in any civil pursuit during said term of service. He further deposed & saith that the reason why he did not produce the affidavit of a clergyman to his original declaration there was no clergyman residing in his neighborhood & therefore none acquainted with him, he could procure. He further states he has a record of his age and was born on the 6th of August 1761. He states he has never received but one written discharge that he believes was signed by Capt. Parsons -- which was destroyed by fire when his house was burnt. He further states that he is known to Luke Burnett, Reuben Dawson, Stephen Turner & Daniel R. Turner in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution & further for this service he claims a pension.

S/ Robert McDowell

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 4th day of November 1833

S/ John L. Evins, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the South Carolina militia.]

Addendum to Robert McDowell S16471

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Robert McDowell pp 7

Audited Account No. 5026B

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[No.] 3222

No. 111 [?]

[Book] X

5 July 86 [1786]

Robert McDowall [sic] For 360 days Duty as Horseman from the 7th June 1780 to the 1st July 1781 alternately in Captain Parsons Company and Col. Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's]

Regiment Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £360.0.0

Sterling £51.8.6 ³/₄

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Rec'd full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3222 X per Order

S/ G. Salmon



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Gentlemen

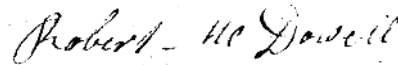
Please to Deliver to George Salmon An Indent for my account against the Public of South Carolina with the Interest thereon in order to pay the Purchase money for the following Tracts of Land my own 320 acres above the Line William Lewis 320 Acres above the Line and you'll

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March 5, 1787

Hbl Servt.

S/ Robert Mc Dowell



To The Commissioners of the

Public Treasury

Thomas Brandon, JP

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 3222 Book X]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent]

¹ 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 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.