

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael McDowell S1690

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: This day personally appeared before Samuel Powell Judge of the Circuit Court of law and Equity in the State of Tennessee the same being a court of record Michael McDowell aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

States that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated that he resided in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia and some time in the year of 1777 or in the year of 1778 he was drafted to perform a three months Tower [Tour] of duty in the service of his country and that he belonged to Company commanded by Captain Arthur [perhaps Benjamin Arthur] which said Company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Colaway [perhaps Lieutenant Colonel James Calloway] we then marched to the lead mines in the Western part of Virginia and we then built a Fort and we were there stationed until my time of service had expired and then it was that Colonel Caloway called upon us to volunteer services in the cause of our Country for the term of three months which this applicant did do in good faith and he states most positively that he did serve his Country under the command of Captain William Leftridge [perhaps William Leftwich] at the same Fort and after his time of service had again expired this applicant returned home to his Residence in the State of Virginia in Bedford County and sometime after this applicant returned home he again volunteered himself under Captain Arthur and we then marched against the Indians who were committing many depredations upon the Virginia inhabitants and this applicant states that he served in that Campaign as long as his services was required by the Commanding officers but the precise time he served he does not recollect and then being discharged from service he returned to his Residence in the County of Bedford. And this applicant begs leave Further to represent to the Department that sometime after he had returned home from the last above mentioned campaign the [applicant] he united himself with some of his neighbors and friends to gather with the citizens of the County (Calling ourselves spies) with a view to protect the women & children from the scalping knife of the Savage and after performing a great deal of hard labor in the service of our Country and after the spring of the year had sitting in and the Indians had left the frontiers we again returned home the applicant states that he believes taking the whole of his services together that he served in the cause of his Country for the term of nine months although it may be more or it may be less. Said applicant also states that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove this his services he a few days ago went to see his Captain to wit Captain Arthur who now lives in the State of Kentucky but that he found that the tone of the said Arthur is paralyzed and so palsied so that he cannot speak so as to be understood which will more fully appear by reference to a document

here with presented and signed by one of the Justices of the peace in said state hereby  
relinquishes his every Claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his  
name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State whatsoever.

Sworn to in open Court

December 1832

[John Hunt gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: pages that appear to contain at least some of the seven standard questions and the answers  
thereto are so poorly reproduced that they are illegible. This is true of both the version as posted  
on Fold3.com. and the version posted on HeritageQuest.com.]

S/ Michael McDowel [sic], X his mark

[James Gilbert, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as  
a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]