

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew McDonough S2795

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State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: County Court

On this fifteenth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful justices of the County Court of the County of Bledsoe now sitting Andrew McDonough a resident of the County of Bledsoe aforesaid in the State of Tennessee aforesaid aged Seventy-two 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. He entered the service in the Militia of North Carolina in Beaufort County during the year 1779. He was a substitute for a certain John Barrow -- the draft by which Barrow was called into service took place in October of that year but the applicant did not enter until in the following November, when he was marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River where the soldiers were embodied and he was placed under the command of Ensign John McCullar, or McCullough [John McCullers], Lieut. William Boyd, Capt. Matthew McCullough [Matthew McCullers], Lt. Col. John Lowery, Col. Commandant (the commanding officer at the place) John Shepherd [John Sheppard] -- he remained at Kinston 3 or 4 weeks and marched from there to Wilmington in North Carolina where he, and the troops with him were placed under the command of General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] -- from there he marched under Lillington to Georgetown in South Carolina -- from Georgetown to Moncks Corner from there to Dorchester -- from there to Charleston where he remained until the expiration of his term which was something about five months; having served two months in North Carolina and three in South Carolina -- this term he served as a substitute for John Barrow -- and at its expiration received his discharge from Capt. Matthew McCullough. He returned home from the term in which he was Barrow's substitute in April 1780 -- Shortly afterwards, he thinks in June of that year he was drafted in Beaufort County and there entered the service under the command of Lieut. Henry Tripp & Capt. William White under whom he marched to Kinston, and from there he marched to join General Gates [Horatio Gates] passing by the place where Fayetteville now stands then called Cross Creek -- and between Cross Creek in Camden met some of Gates troops in a precipitant retreat, who gave the first news of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. He with those marching with them, was ordered to fall back and did so to Cross Creek where he met General Harrington [Henry William Harrington] going to join Gates Army -- there

his term of service expired, he was discharged & returned home, this having been a three months tour. In the summer of 1781, he thinks in June he was in Beaufort County drafted again for three months and there entered the service again under the command of Capt. Edmond McKeel [Edmund McKeel] under whom he marched through Kinston, Bladen County and to Rockfish Creek where he was stationed for a short time waiting for reinforcements -- this expedition was intended against the British soldiers who were at that time stationed at Wilmington. At Rockfish Creek he was under the command of Major Griffin and Col. Kinnon [sic, James Kenan], but before reinforcements arrived at Rockfish Creek the British came out from Wilmington and drove Griffin and Kenan with their forces, declarant being a soldier under them, back to Neuse River having crossed Goshen Bridge in the retreat. He then passed over to the Main road leading from Kinston to New Bern encamped at the same place where Cornwallis had camped shortly before in passing from the South to the North. Here declarant remained for a short time until his time of service (which was for three months) expired and he was then finally discharged having in all served Eleven months.

He was born in Beaufort County in the State of North Carolina on the 30th day of November 1759.

He has no record of his age -- his father had, which he has seen since he arrived at manhood and before -- and which may still be in Beaufort County.

When called into service he lived in Beaufort County State of North Carolina.

For four or five years after the revolutionary war he resided in Beaufort County North Carolina -- from there he moved to Plymouth in Tyrell County North Carolina on the side of world the River where he continued about three years -- from there he moved to Raleigh we continued fourteen years. And from there he moved to Bledsoe County Tennessee where he now resides and has resided for the last twenty-three years.

The first term he served was as a substitute for John Barrow -- the 2nd and 3rd he was drafted.

At the time he was stationed in Charleston General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and General Hogun [James Hogun] and Col. Washington were there with the regulars, General Scott was at Fort Moultrie in command.

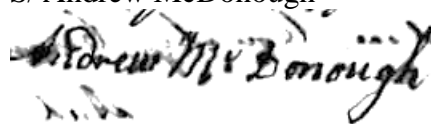
He received three discharges, one from Capt. Matthew McCullough, one from Capt. William White and the other from Capt. Edmund McKeel but from accident or inattention they were long since lost, this declarant not being careful of them not supposing they would ever be of any value to him.

He states that he is known in his present neighborhood to John Dalton a clergyman, James Standifer representative in Congress, Eli Thurman, Sheriff of Bledsoe County, James Roberson at present a representative in the Tennessee legislature, John Bridgman a merchant of Pikeville and others who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Andrew McDonough



[John Dalton a clergyman and James Roberson, Eli Thurman and James Standifer & John

Bridgman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: February the 1st 1833

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Bledsoe aforesaid Andrew McDonough the identical person who made the foregoing declaration who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And he further States that by reason of old age and 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 period mentioned below and in the following grade; for eleven months I served as a common soldier – & for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Andrew McDonough

[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 North Carolina militia.]