

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathias McDaniel S2796

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State of Tennessee Robertson County

On this day it being the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Robertson County now sitting Mathias McDaniel a resident of the County & State aged eighty-three years the first day of March last & that he was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia on the first day of March 1749 old style, who being first duly sworn agreeable to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

He states that he was drafted from Culpeper County in the State of Virginia sometime in the year 1780 and was placed under Captain Benjamin Lillard in a Regiment commanded by Colonels Glenn & Lucas & a Major Morris in a Brigade commanded by General Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] but after marching to Hillsboro in North Carolina was transferred from Captain Lillard's Company to Captain Richard Yancey's Company for what reason he does not know. He states that they were marched from Hillsboro to Saulsbury [Salisbury] in North Carolina from there to Charlotte from there to Charoy hills [Cheraw Hills] there encamped a while & then returned to the Yadkin River where we was attacked by Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] but not having force sufficient to stay and we crossed the River & sunk the boats & returned home & was dismissed after a service of about eight months. He states that he was again drafted from the same County & placed under Captain Jasper Haynes in the year 1781 sometime in the fall of that year & was marched on to the Siege of York but did not arrive in time to render any assistance & was then dispatched home with some sick Soldiers a distance of about 200 miles & being sick himself never returned to the service anymore that never being in a call for militia from that Quarter he thinks he was gone about two months this time he states that he does not know what Regiment or Brigade he was attached to while at York as he stayed so short a time. He states the trip he served under General Stevens he drew his pay from David Jinieson [David Jamieson?] paymaster for Culpeper County. He recollects some of the persons who served at the same time Edward Herrell commanded a company in the same Regiment Captain Webber, Captain Britt all in the same Regiment from Fairfax County Virginia. He states that there is no person living by whom he can prove his services nor has he any writings to prove the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not nor ever was on the pension roll of the agency of this or any State or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Mathias McDaniel



[John C. Straghan & John Shother gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

The Court is referred to the body of my Declaration for answer to this question

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I was 83 years last March the register of my age is in the possession of my eldest brother.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

The Court is referred again to the body of my declaration for an answer to this question

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

The Court is referred again to the body of the declaration

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect.

The court is again referred to the body of my declaration

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. The Court is referred to the certificates by John C. Stranghn & John Shrother – Justices of the peace for the County of Robertson in which they State their belief of my services in the revolutionary war, and also they are referred to the – for my character for honesty and integrity &c

State of Tennessee Robertson County: Personally appeared before me William C Conrad a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Mathias McDaniel who being first duly sworn saith that he served in the revolution of the United States in the first tower [tour] of duty mentioned in his original declaration (to which this is to be appended) not less than eight months in the second tower of service he served not less than two months and for the third tower<sup>1</sup> mentioned in his declaration he served not less than two months. This he states from the best of his recollection [one or more words written over and illegible] being able from the consequence of loss of memory & extreme old age to swear positively to the precise length of his service he also states that as a reason for not procuring the affidavit and certificate of a clergyman that he is not intimately acquainted with any clergyman except that of a Parson Covington with whom he is personally & intimately acquainted & resides in his neighborhood to whom he made application but living at the distance of about twenty miles & he having no beast to ride, & being in aged corpulent man unable to walk and this applicant not in a circumstance able to assist him. Sworn to & before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1833

S/ Wm C. Conrad

S/ Mathias McDaniel, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> What third tour? I re-read his declaration to make sure I had not missed a third tour. I found reference only to two tours, one of 8 months to NC/SC and the other of two months to the Siege of York.