

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel McClelland S31246

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Shelby County Court now sitting Daniel McClelland Senior of the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky aged 80 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the Spring 1776 in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina he the said Daniel McClelland Senior volunteered in a company of horse commanded by Capt. Maban [sic, Robert Mebane?] attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Montgomery and that the company acted principally against the Tories and was engaged at the battle of Blackwater bridge<sup>1</sup> with the Tories and Scotch were routed and many of them taken prisoners which prisoners were sent under guard of Capt. Maban's company to Hillsboro where we were discharged. In the fall 1776 he the said McClelland removed from Guilford County North Carolina to Mifflin County in the State of Pennsylvania. About the first of August 1777 there was a company drafted in Mifflin County of which company he the said McClelland had the command as Capt., and was ordered under Col. Irwin he believes and General Potter to join the Main Army near the head of Elk [River]. He was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777]. When winter came on Washington's Army encamped at the Valley Forge, and he the said McClelland was discharged and went home. In the spring 1778 there was another company drafted in Mifflin County, the command of which was given to him the said McClelland as Capt., which joined the Main Army under Col. Watt and General Lacy and was discharged in the June following. He the said McClelland then raised a company of Rangers in the fall 1778 under the direction of the Col. of the County. He received his Commission as Capt. of said company, as he believes from Gov. Mifflin he served as Capt. of the Rangers from the fall 1778 until the year 1781 he believes nearly 3 years, but a small part of which time he was not in active duty. The whole frontier of Pennsylvania was at that time subject to the incursions of the Indians. The officers who commanded were various some of were Colonels Purdy and Turbott, and Major Elliott. He was in the battle of the Crooked billet<sup>2</sup>

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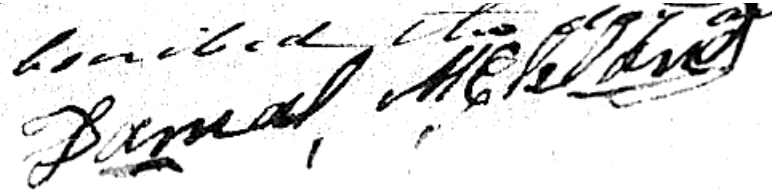
<sup>1</sup> This engagement is not listed, at least not by that name. Given the time the declarant says the engagement occurred, it is possible that he was referring to the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge which occurred on February 27, 1776. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

<sup>2</sup> May 1, 1778 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/780501.htm>

and many other skirmishes and was actually engaged during the revolutionary struggle upwards of four years. In the fall of the year 1781 he was discharged and in the year 1786 he removed to Kentucky, and now lives in Shelby County. In the year 1793 or 1794 he had his house burned in the County of Shelby in which all his papers together with his Commissions and discharges were consumed, which fact could be proved by many witnesses, some of whose certificates are here with enclosed. The said Daniel McClelland Senior 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 or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

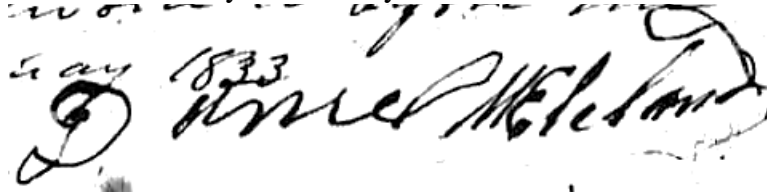
S/ Daniel McClelland

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel McClelland".

[John Tevis, a clergyman, and Benoni S. Newland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

An amendment to the declaration of Captain Daniel McClelland relative to his three year service as a Captain of Rangers in the County of Mifflin and State of Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War. The said Captain Daniel McClelland being duly sworn according to law by me George Pettily [?] a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky saith that he was absolutely in the service of the United States during the three years mentioned which he served as Captain of Rangers in the County of Mifflin and State of Pennsylvania and that what he meant in his declaration when he says "a small part of which time he was not in active service," was he was at home four months during the winter of 1778 and spring 1779 but subject at a minute's warning to be called into service that he has no documentary evidence by which to prove his claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Pettily".

[p 6: On February 9, 1833 in Jefferson County Indiana, John McClelland gave testimony that in the year 1793 or 4 while living with his father Daniel McClelland Senior in Shelby County Kentucky, a fire destroyed their home and all that was saved was what the Affiant, then a 10-year-old boy, was able to throw out the window.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John McClelland".

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a captain in the Pennsylvania militia for 2 years.]