

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Finlay [Findley] McDonald S41828

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10th Regiment Abraham Shepard [Abraham Sheppard] Col. Findley McDonald Sergt. [Name & Rank] Jones [Companies] 14th of June '82 [Dates of Commissions & Enlistments] 12mos [Periods of Service] Pt. April 82 [Occurances]

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 19th of October 1818

This certifies that the above is a true abstract from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary War

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

State of North Carolina Moore County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions August term 1818
Feaginsville, NC [different handwriting]

Finlay McDonald of the County & State aforesaid Resident and who is now of the age of Seventy Seven years appeared in open Court and being duly sworn deposed as follows, viz. –

That he entered as a private soldier in the Service of the United States in the revolutionary War, in the Continental Line in the Regiment of Col. John Armstrong in the company of Capt. Joshuah Hadley [Joshua Hadley], That he continued in the service in the southern department in said Regiment under General Nathanael Greene -- until regularly Discharge. That he entered the service about Christmas or the latter end of the year 1781 as well as Deponent recollects, and was discharged about the same time of the following year, after the British Evacuated Charleston, in South Carolina making the Term which this Deponent served one year without any recess or remission of time during the Period of one year as aforesaid. That he received his discharge from Major Griffith McRee [Griffith John McRee or McRea] who commanded said Regiment under Col. Armstrong already mentioned -- But that this Declarant lost said Discharge or so mislaid that he cannot now find it.

This Deponent further swears that from age infirmity & reduced Circumstances, he needs the support of his country.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 18th August 1818.

S/ Finlay McDonald, X his mark

State of North Carolina Moore County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions August Term 1818

Hector McNeill¹ personally appeared in open Court and being duly sworn deposed &

¹ [Hector McNeil \(McNeill\) W4285](#)

saith that he served under General Greene in the Revolutionary War in the Regiment of Col. John Armstrong in the year 1782 and that Finlay McDonald who deposed to the annexed certificate was a Private Soldier in said Regiment that from the time he entered the lines under General Greene until they regularly obtained a discharge the said McDonald continued in service. Sworn to & subscribed 18th August 1818 in open Court.

S/ Hector McNeill, X his mark

State of North Carolina Moore County

On the 21st day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record Expressly made a Court of Record by the laws of the State aforesaid which created it for the County of Moore Finlay McDonald aged Eighty years (or thereabouts) a resident of the aforesaid County of Moore and in the State aforesaid, Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as a Sergeant Soldier twelve months at one time under Capt. Hadley in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle] in the year 1774, 1775 or 1776 (as well as he now recollects) in the line of North Carolina in Continental Establishment. That he has been placed on the pension list of the United States and has received pay from the 15th day of August 1820 [sic, 1818?] up to the 4th day of March 1820 -- and that his pension Certificate Bears date the 2nd day of November 1818 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed as follows, to wit

Two hundred thirty & a half acres of Land

Two Cows and Calves

That my Occupation was farming, but I now am and have been for several years unable to follow it, that I have no family. That I reside with one of my sons who occupies the Land named in the preceding schedule.

S/ Finlay McDonald, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 18, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]