

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh McDonald S41837

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District of North Carolina SS.

On this 31st day of August 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Hugh McDonald, aged fifty-six years, resident in Richmond County in the said District, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That on or about the 10th of June 1776, in the town of Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) in the State of North Carolina, he the said Hugh McDonald enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Arthur Council, of the Sixth Regiment of the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment in the war of the revolution, during the war; that he continued to serve in the service of the United States, in said company & in others to which he was transferred, until the end of the said war, when, being a prisoner & sent in a cartel from Charleston to Philadelphia, was set at liberty at the latter place, (peace being then proclaimed) & was permitted to go home; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Stono [June 20, 1779] & Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], where he was taken prisoner & so continued till peace; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

North Carolina District

George Dudley<sup>1</sup> maketh oath that he is well acquainted with the aforesaid Hugh McDonald -- that he knew him well in the revolutionary war -- that he served with him in the American Army, in the Continental line, in said war, and knows that the said Hugh McDonald enlisted in May 1776 for during the war, & served out the time according to his enlistment, in the Sixth & first regiments of the North Carolina line against an common enemy.

Sworn to before me, at Raleigh, the 12th December 1818

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

[James L. Vaughn and Benjamin H. Covington testified as to the reduced circumstances of the applicant.]

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<sup>1</sup> [George Dudley S41514](#)

6th Regiment Gideon Lamb Col.

Hugh McDonald pt. [Name & Rank] Doherty's [Company] 1777 [dates of Commission and Enlistments] 2 ½ [Periods of Service] Omit'd Nov.'78 [Occurrences]

The above is a true abstract from the musterroll of the North Carolina line in the revolutionary War. Given under my hand at office in Raleigh 31st of August 1818

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

#### Original Claim

State of North Carolina Cumberland County

On the 4th day of June A.D. 1823 personally appeared in open Court for the County of Cumberland is the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions of said County, Hugh McDonald resident in said County aged Sixty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th march 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he, the said Hugh McDonald enlisted for the term of two years and six months, on the 10th day of June A.D. 1776 in the State of North Carolina, in the Company commanded by Capt. George Dourherty [George Doherty] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Gideon Lamb in the line of the State of North Carolina in the 6th Regiment of the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the Corps until he was discharged from the said service at King's ferry in the State of New York, in the year A.D. 1779, and that he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown & Monmouth, and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said service except his own oath. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 whatever nor any kind of property except my wearing apparel, having no trade, am a common laborer and very ill able to pursue that, from age and [indecipherable word or words], have no family that I have received a pension the certificate of which is lost and the Number to the best of my recollection is 6845. Sworn to, and declared, on the 4th day of June in the year of our Lord 1823 in open Court.

In testimony whereof I the Clerk of said County Court of Cumberland in the State of North Carolina do hereby certify, that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said Hugh McDonald did serve in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy. I also certify the foregoing oath is truly copied from the records of the said Court; and I do further certify that the opinion of the said Court, is, that the said McDowell does not on any property except his wearing apparel.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court on this the 10th day of June A.D. 1823

S/ Jno Armstrong, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1818 for service as a private for 2 ½ years in the North Carolina Continental line.]