

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McDaniel (Daniel) S9432

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State of North Carolina Sampson County: SS

On this 27th day of August 1834 personally appeared before us John King & James Bennet two of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid James MacDaniel, who has no permanent residence, but always making his home with his friends & relatives in Wayne & Sampson Counties -- aged about Seventy-nine or Eighty 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 & served as herein Stated -- viz. -- that in the Spring of the year 1755 [sic] he volunteered for a term of three months in Dobbs County now called Wayne, under the command of Jos Sessoms [Joseph Sessions] Capt. Stephen Pipkin Lieut. they Rendezvoused at Kinston Lenoir County & placed under the command of Col. Axum [Benjamin Exum] from thence they were marched to the Town of Wilmington in said State, also about a mile below the Town to a place called the Cool Spring -- where there was a large number of Soldiers under the Command of General Caswell [Richard Caswell] -- that after a few days his Company was marched across the Cape Fear River, & marched down the South Side thereof to an old place called Brunswick, to guard a British vessel of War called the *Scorpion*, they stayed there two or three weeks, & then Returned to the Camps at the Cool Spring & Stayed there until his term of Service Expired, & was discharged -- he then Returned home to Dobbs County -- that in June of the same year aforesaid, under the said Officers he hired as a Substitute for Richard Williamson for the term of three months & was marched to the Cool Spring below the Town of Wilmington, Col. Benjamin Axum Commanding & there encamped until his term of service expired & was discharged, from thence he returned to his home in Dobbs County. That in July 1776 he hired as a Substitute for Benjamin Jernigan for the term of Five months under the Command of Capt. Frederick Herring - - George Holliman Lieut. they Rendezvoused at Kinston -- & placed under the Command of a Major \_\_ Bryan [perhaps Major Arthur Bryan], from thence they were marched to Smithfield in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] -- from thence to Pittsboro in Chatham County, from thence they were marched aid North West course towards the State of Virginia, near the head of the Uharie River [sic, Uwharrie River] from thence South to Haw River, from thence to Deep River -- thence South across Drowning Creek at Cole's bridge, from thence to the Pedee River at the Cheraw Hills -- thence up the Pedee River to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River] From thence to the Town of Salisbury in Rowan County -- where his Term of service expired & was discharged by Major \_\_ Bryan -- that he then returned to his home in Dobbs County. --

That in the year 1780 he volunteered for a term of three months in a company of Light Horse Commanded by Col. Molton -- Asher Pipkin [Asa Pipkin] Capt. -- they Embodied at Duplin Old Court House from thence were marched South to the Cape Fear River -- they crossed the River at a place called the Blue Banks -- they thence marched to the Waccamaw River to Lockhard's Folly,<sup>1</sup> from thence they returned towards the Town of Wilmington & crossed the Cape Fear River at Mt. Misery & stayed at Wilmington till his term of Service expired & was discharged by Col. Molton -- that he then Returned to his home in Dobbs County -- that in the year 1781 he believes he again volunteered for a term of twelve months under the Command of Capt. Thorogood [George Thoroughgood] Lieut. Belbery [perhaps Lt. Nathaniel Bilbry of the Edgecombe County militia] that they Rendezvoused at Kinston & placed under the command of Major Stafford, from Kinston they were marched South crossing the Cape Fear River at Waddle's ferry, from thence to Ashpole, from thence to Drowning Creek, from thence they were marched North to Deep River in Moore County, near Connor Dowd's Mills & camped a while, from thence South to Pedee River thence North to Haw River in Chatham County, at Cox's Mills & encamped some time, from thence they were marched to the Town of Hillsborough in Orange County North Carolina where his time of Service expired & was discharged by Major Stafford -- from thence he returned home to Dobbs County now called Wayne, in which neighborhood he has lived ever since in Wayne & Sampson Counties -- having served 2 years & 2 months as a volunteer & a Substitute (also that he served 3 years as a regular Soldier in the Army of the revolution in the States of North Carolina South Carolina & Georgia -- But principally in South Carolina & Georgia in the year 1777, 1778 & 1779 -- that he has no Documentary evidence of his Services having lost all his Discharges & that he knows of no person now living who can testify as to his Services as a regular Soldier -- that unless his name is on the Army Register at Raleigh North Carolina, he knows it would be vain for him to attempt to get any compensation for his 3 years service as a regular Soldier) he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jno King, JP

S/ James MacDaniel, X his mark

S/ Jas. Bennett, JP

Interrogatories propounded to the applicant by the Justices of the peace & justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Sampson

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

Answer I was born in Dobbs County, now called Wayne County on 19 April 1755 --

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

Answer. I had my age in a Bible which was sold 4 or 5 years ago --

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?

Answer. When called into Service I was living in Dobbs County, & ever since the revolutionary War I have lived in Wayne & Sampson Counties of late I lived in the most of my time in Sampson County

Question 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?

Answer. My first tour I was a volunteered -- my 2nd I was a Substitute for Richard Williamson -

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<sup>1</sup> Other applicants have referred to this as Lockhart's Folly, Lockwood's Folly or Lochand's Folly.

- my 3rd tour -- I was a Substitute for Benjamin Jernigan (and at the expiration of this tour I enlisted in the regular Service & served 3 years) my 4th tour I volunteered in the light Horse Company -- & my 5th & last tour I volunteered 12 months as stated in my Declaration Question 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have no recollection of any regular Officers that was with the Troops when I served in the Militia except Capt. William Caswell & his Company of regulars who marched with us on my first Tour from Kinston to Wilmington But in my Services in the regular Army I recollect a number, I enlisted under Col. Samuel Caswell [sic, probably Martin Caswell or William Caswell, both of the Dobbs militia] & placed under the command of Capt. John S. McIlvane, Thomas Shoot [possibly Thomas Shute?] Lieut. William Caswell Col. & \_\_ General the marched from Kinston to Elizabeth in Bladen County from thence to Moncks Corner in South Carolina & from thence to ten mile Branch near Charleston & joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army, and from thence both armies marched to the White House on Savannah River & from thence to Augusta -- there we parted with General Lincoln & marched down to Briar Creek where we had a Battle with Lord Cornwallis & Rawdon, the Americans had to retreat across the Savannah River to the two Sisters, from thence marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina, & joined General Lincoln, from thence above Camden at some mills we joined Generals Gates & Caswell about 3 days before the Battle of Camden, where Gates was defeated -- after that we Embodied again on Pedee River & I continued with Generals Gates & Caswell until discharged. Question 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?

Answer. I had 3 written discharges one by General Gates, one by Major Bryan & the 3rd by Major Stafford, the Balance of my Service was verbal discharges -- my father's house was Burnt with my discharges.

Question 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.

Answer -- there are many in this & Wayne Counties. I could name & call upon to prove my Character for veracity, I will State the names of Arthur Dobbs Young<sup>2</sup> & Bryant McCullen<sup>3</sup> who have known me from their childhood & who have served some part of the time with me. I have the deposition of David Edwards<sup>4</sup> of Wayne County who served 12 months with me.

Sworn to the day & year first above written.

S/ Jno King, JP

S/ James MacDaniel, X his mark

I Briant McCullen of the County of Sampson & State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I have known the applicant James MacDaniel from my Boyhood, that, I served with him 3 months in the revolutionary war the first described by him, I believe that he is about 79 years of age, I know that he was most always from home in the Army -- & I further believe that he served as by him Stated full I believe him to be a man of truth -- & veracity.  
Sworn to the day & year first above written.

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<sup>2</sup> [Arthur Dobbs Young S7994](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Bryan McCullen S9018](#)

<sup>4</sup> [David Edwards S6812](#)

S/ Bryant McCullen, X his mark

I Arthur Dobbs Young Residing in Sampson County & State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that I have been acquainted with the applicant James McDaniel, Since we were Boys in the same neighborhood in Dobbs County, & know that he Served the first 3 months Tour by him described & also believe that he served 3 months in the light horse Company, I believe him to be 79 or 80 years of age & believe him to be a man of truth & served as by him Stated. Sworn to the day & year first mentioned.

S/ Arthur D. Young, X his mark

State of North Carolina County of Wayne: Oldest 8 1834

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid David Edwards who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he was a fellow soldier in the Revolutionary War with James McDaniel -- in the following service -- and knows that such service was fully and faithfully performed.

Said McDaniel volunteered for a service of 12 months very soon after the capture of Lord Cornwallis in 1780 or 1781 under Col. \_\_ Major Stafford -- Capt. Thoroughgood, Lieut. Bilbary -- Ensign Dennis Glisson -- rendezvoused at Kinston N. C. -- marched to Drowning Creek NC crossing Cape Fear at Waddle's Ferry -- thence to Ashpole -- thence to Deep River -- near Connor Dowd's Mill -- thence to Pedee River -- thence back to Haw River at Cox's mill -- thence to Hillsboro -- where said McDaniel received his discharge and from whence he returned home -- in company with this affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written in the presence of us Justices as aforesaid.

S/ Gabl. Sherard, JP

S/ David Edwards, X his mark

S/ Arnold Borden, JP

[Facts in file: Veteran died May 15, 1836 in Wayne County, NC; no widow or children are known to have survived him.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Cavalry of the North Carolina militia for 2 years.]