

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Edward McDonald SC5421  
Audited Account No. 5009A

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S. C.

C. District [Chester District?; Camden District?; Colleton District?]

These are to certify that I have been personally acquainted with Edward McDonald the bearer hereof, for several years past, & know him to be an honest, industrious, & good citizen, who, without the utmost industry & frugality, never could, with the small pittance derived from a poor farm, have supported his numerous family in any degree of decency, but all his acquaintances are filled with respect & veneration for the man, more especially, when they know that with the blessing of Providence he has atchieved [achieved] the above, under the incumbrance of a useless arm, which has often been expensive to him, on account of its breaking out & running often since it received the wound.

Last spring he called on me for my advice & assistance having received a severe conclusion on said Shoulder, after a fall off his own feet, occasioned by one of his horses, while putting them into a stable – it inflamed to a considerable degree, but suppuration was prevented by much care & attention.

He informs me that since, he has been more unable to attend to the duties of his farm than formally, which renders him more especially the object of compassion, then at any former period – His shoulder was wounded at Rocky Mount,<sup>2</sup> in our late glorious struggle for independence, & being one of the yet surviving many, who lost their blood for their country & rights – those very rights & privileges which we, as a nation of freemen, at this time enjoy; he claims the most indubitable right to compassion & support from Americans now in helpless old age – And Should the representatives of S. Carolina see proper to make any addition to his former pension, they cannot bestow it on any person who merits it better than Edw'd McDonald.

Nov. 26, 1810

John Curry, M. D.



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<sup>2</sup> July 30, 1780 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

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The Committee to whom was referred the petition<sup>3</sup> of Edward McDonald Respectfully report

That they have considered the Same and have examined the Several Depositions and Certificates accompanying the Same and recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, and that the Sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars (which is the Least Actual Sum that he must have expended the Several different times that his wounds have broken out) be Allowed Him.

Your Committee further recommend one Hundred & fifty Dollars be Allowed the Petitioner for the Great Length of time which he Lost while unable to do anything for himself or family and that the same be provided for in the properation [appropriation] bill

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11 Dec. 1810

The Report of the Committee on Edward McDonald petition

In the House of representatives

Dec. 1718 10

Resolved that this Ho. do agree to the Report

Rod. [?] that the Same be Sent to Senate for their Concurrence – By order of the Ho.

R. Gantt, C. H. R.

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<sup>3</sup> Unfortunately, neither the petitioner's petition nor the supporting certificates other than that given by Doctor Curry are still in this file.