

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McDaniel W3845

Elizabeth McDaniel

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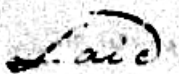
State of Virginia Rockingham County: SS

Be it known that on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1840 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Elizabeth McDaniel a resident of Rockingham County and State of Virginia aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows; ["] that she is the widow of John McDaniel whom she has often heard state that he enlisted in the Army of the United States and belonged to one of the Virginia regiments. That he enlisted early in the War, and that after having served the first period of his enlistment, he reenlisted and served to the end of the war in a company of Cavalry or Light horse; she does well recollect that her husband the aforesaid John McDaniel came to her Father's house very shortly after the war and he then had on a horseman's Cape covered with bearskin, and a blue Coat trimmed with red; and declarant has often heard him relate that whilst in the service he was part of the time under the command of Captain Laid [Laird? Said? Lard?]<sup>1</sup>. She believes he was under Captain Laid at the commencement of the services. She has no knowledge of any other officer under whom he served or the name of the Regiment in which he served; but must referred to the evidence accompanying her declaration and to the records in the War Department to prove the service of her husband as a soldier in the war of the revolution as aforesaid. She further declares that you was married to the said John McDaniel (to the best of her recollection and belief [D]) in the year of \_\_. She does know that she was married within two or three years after the ending of the Revolutionary War; she received a certificate from the Parson that married her but the certificate has been lost or destroyed, She has therefore to rely upon the accompanying testimony proving of her marriage. She states that her maiden name before marriage was Elizabeth Crawford; and that her husband the aforesaid John McDaniel has been dead 29 or 30 years, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Elizabeth McDaniel, X her mark

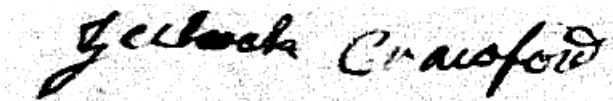
[p 8: On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1840 in Rockingham County Virginia, Zachariah Crawford, 65 or 66 years of age gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John McDaniel late husband of Elizabeth McDaniel; that they were married when he was quite a young boy of 6 or 7 years of age; that

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John McDaniel came to his father's house shortly after the revolutionary war ended wearing a horseman's Cape covered with bearskin and a soldiers clothing his coat was blue with trimming; "... Deponent has often heard the said John McDaniel relate that he entered early in the revolutionary war, and served to the in thereof, and that whilst in the service he was taken prisoner at Charlestown South Carolina [May 12, 1780], but was exchanged some short time after being made prisoner, deponent further states that he has often heard the said McDaniel relate that he belonged to the Cavalry or Light horse part of the time while in the service as aforesaid; and he has heard him state that he was commanded by a Captain \_\_ Laird [perhaps David Laird?] a part of the time whilst in the Army and deponent further states that he has a perfect and distinct recollection that the said John McDaniel and Elizabeth Crawford left his Father's house for the purpose of going to the Parsons to get married, he cannot tell the exact year but he does know it was in a few years after the revolutionary war; he well recollects that he went to school in the year 1791, he then being 15 or 16 years of age, took with him to school a paper for a phone paper his teacher took it from him and examined it and stated to him it was the Parsons certificate certifying to the marriage of John McDaniel and Elizabeth his wife, the said John McDaniel and Elizabeth had then been married several years, the said John McDaniel and Elizabeth his wife always lived together as man and wife and acknowledge each other as such to the day of his death. The said John McDaniel has been dead 29 years and that Elizabeth McDaniel has remained his widow ever since that period.

S/ Zecback Crawford



[p 10: copy of a marriage bond certified by the clerk of court of Rockingham County Virginia by which John McDonold [sic] and John Ewing of Rockingham County, were granted a bond in 1786 conditioned upon the marriage of John McDonold to Elizabeth Crawford, daughter of Martin Crawford of said County.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1784, in the name of John McDonald, as a Soldier of Infantry for £60.16.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Captain Sheppard and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1840.

S/ A. M. Morton, 1<sup>st</sup> Clk. AUDITOR absent

[p 17: On July 4, 1840 in Rockingham County Virginia, James Meadows, 78, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John McDaniel and that McDaniel enlisted in the Army of the United States early in the war under Captain David Laird for the period of 3 years in the County of Orange in Virginia and marched to South Carolina where he was taken prisoner; that the deponent had a brother, Francis Meadows,<sup>2</sup> who enlisted under Captain layered at the same time

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<sup>2</sup> Probably the same man as [Francis Meadows W5367](#)

with John McDaniel has often heard his brother speak of being taken prisoner at Charleston; he was also aware of the marriage of John McDaniel to Elizabeth Crawford. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 for service as a private in the Virginia service.]