

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Clement (Clemant) McDaniel W7419 Elizabeth McDaniel f45VA
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Tennessee Shelby County SS

On this 13th day of August personally appeared before us sitting as a Called Court Colonel Clemant McDaniel a Resident of said County and State aforesaid who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Statement and declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Agreeable to my father's Register I was born in Halifax County Virginia on the 19th of December 1759 which makes me now upwards of seventy-two years of age. That in August 1776 I volunteered in what was then called the minute service under Fleming Bates of Halifax County Captain William McDonald Lieutenant and Stepen Bates [Stephen Bates] Ensign. That I lived in Virginia in the County of Halifax in Pittsylvania until the year 1806 then moved to [indecipherable word]¹ District Tennessee and lived there until the year 1820 when I moved to this County, where I have lived ever since.

That as soon as Captain Fleming Bates' Company was completed we had marching orders we rendezvoused at New London in Bedford County about the first of September when and where we were formed into a Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis of Albemarle County and State of Virginia – Harris Morgan Lieutenant Colonel and Nicholas Lewis of Albemarle Major, Early in the month of September we marched westwardly crossing New River at Englishes Ferry [probably Ingle's Ferry near present Radford Virginia] thence to Fort Chissell [Fort Chiswell], Thence to the Town House on the middle fork of Holston [River], thence to a long Island of Holston, where the frontier settlers were fortified in, having been much harassed by the Indians. Here we rendezvoused again and waited until we were joined by Colonel Christie's [William Christian] Regiment of Riflemen from West of the Blue Ridge, Colonel Joseph Williams Regiment from the Yadkin [River] in the State of North Carolina our force in all about two thousand men. As soon as practicable we took up the line of march through the Wilderness where our movements were duly watched by the Indians as by the reports of our spies. We were in daily and hourly expectation of an attack and were more than once formed into a line of Battle but after they learned our strength (as we supposed) they fled to their Towns, and carried off their wives and children down the River in Canoes. We marched on, crossed the River at great peril, Suffering at the same time from the coldness of the night, it being towards the last of November. We lay near the river for twenty hours. Our Troops were greatly afflicted with the Bowel

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complaint; I myself was very sick and I lost a brother in many of the troops died when we reached the Towns, we found them vacated, he remained there some days, during which time the Indians came in and made a Treaty of Peace, The sick were sent to the long Island of Holston and shortly after the main Army followed: Where we were discharged, three hundred miles from home, without provisions or money to buy with – In this situation we started homewards, most of us in bad health. The Country through which we passed was thinly settled by the Dutch, who were quite poor, and could but seldom give us anything better than sour Rey Bred [sic, rye bread?] and sour Buttermilk. The snow on the Mountains was then half leg deep. A merciful God protected us and we reached our homes after an absence of about four months, having experienced all the privatizations and hardships incident to an Indian Campaign: This service so affected my health that I was rendered unfit for any laborious business for eighteen months or more. On a partial restoration to health I was desirous to enter the Continental Service, but was restrained by the entreaties of my parents who thought that it would cost me my life. So eager was I to be doing something for my Country that I employed two wagons in hauling salt for the Army from the Sea Board. I hauled Baggage for the marching militia and sometimes furnished provisions. I was called on by the Quarter Master to take command of a Guard and conduct a Brigade of wagons toward with public stores from Richmond to Salisbury North Carolina which service I performed. The first public service after this was in the year 1781 in the character of first Lieutenant of a Company of Militia of the County of Pittsylvania Stephen Coleman Captain: My commission was signed as I now believe by Patrick Henry Governor of Virginia – we marched and joined with General Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Army near Guilford Courthouse some short time before the Battle was fought at that place [March 15, 1781]: and remained with his Army until Honorably discharged by John Wilson Colonel of the Regiment to which I belonged. In the succeeding fall I marched to Little York as first Lieutenant of a company and as adjutant to three companies, William Dicks Major of Pittsylvania my Captain – We reached little York a few days after the commencement of the Siege and were formed into a Regiment and placed under the command of Continental officers viz. Colonel Thomas Meriwether Colonel Hardeman and Nicholas Major. We continued there until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] acting in the double character as first Lieutenant of a Company and as adjutant to the Regiment after the surrender I guarded the prisoners on their route to Frederick Town in Maryland, But was taken sick at Bowling Green and being unable to proceed was there honorably discharged by Major Wood Jones of Virginia. All the commissions and discharges I ever had were viewed by me as of no consequence, and of coarse were not preserved – I have never been on the pension Roll have never received any pay for my services and hereby Relinquish all claim to a pension or annuity except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed before us

S/ Clement McDaniel



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District of Columbia Washington County to wit

Clement McDaniel as supplemental to his Declaration made before the Court of Shelby County in the State of Tennessee for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 States that during the Revolutionary War he served six months as first Lieutenant – three months in the year 1781 when he joined General Greene's

Army as he stated in his declaration at Guilford Court House – and three months during the same year at the Siege of York – from both of which services he was honorably discharged – he further states that from the positions he occupied during the Siege of York he was exposed to extreme peril & danger, he was seven times placed in the Trenches and remained in them twenty-four hours each time during which his life was in extreme and imminent danger – So much so that he has always considered his services on that trying occasion equal to [several indecipherable words]² Battles – for all which sufferings and peril he has received no remuneration save his Country's gratitude, and the satisfaction he has felt from the faithful discharge of his duty.

S/ Clement McDaniel

[Attested October 2, 1832]

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Pittsylvania County [Virginia], to wit,

This day Robert Ferguson³ a respectable Citizen of the said County personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law on his oath says that at the time he marched as a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the year 1781, Colonel Clement McDaniel now a citizen of Shelby County West Tennessee an applicant for a pension under the late law of Congress marched from Pittsylvania County Virginia & joined the Troops from said County in which said Ferguson was a Soldier – at a place called Wyle's own Dan River – from which place we marched through part of North Carolina – Colonel McDaniel then acting as first Lieutenant under Captain Coleman. We were together some time & a few days before the Memorable battle at Guilford Courthouse. Owing to the immense desertion of the Soldiers of the Companies getting too small Lieutenant McDaniel & other Officers were Ranked & sent home as supernumeraries.

Given under my hand this 8th October 1832

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 8th October 1832

S/ W. H. Shelton, JP

S/ Robert Ferguson, R his mark

[p 36: bottom: partial affidavit given by Avery Mustain⁴ a citizen of Pittsylvania County Virginia in which he states that Clement McDaniel was Lieutenant under William Dix Captain and marched to the siege of York in 1781.]

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Pittsylvania County to wit

This day Charles Colley⁵ a respectable citizen of said County personally appeared before me William H Shelton a Justice of the peace in said County and being duly sworn according to law and on his oath says that in the month of August 1776 he volunteered as a minute man in the Virginia Service and rendezvoused at New London in Bedford County Virginia. Shortly after getting their the company of Captain Bates joined hours in which company was limit McDaniel then of Halifax – and now a resident of Shelby County West Tennessee an applicant for a pension under a late act of Congress – a Regiment was formed under the command of Colonel Lewis said

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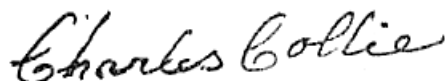
³ [Robert Ferguson W7262](#)

⁴ [Avery Mustain W7488](#)

⁵ [Charles Collie \(Colley\) S9233](#)

McDaniel & myself in the same Regiment – the said McDaniel was a faithful soldier and served during the Campaign for which we volunteered and was honorably discharged as I have good reason to believe. Given under my hand this 8 October 1832

S/ Charles Collie



Pittsylvania County to wit

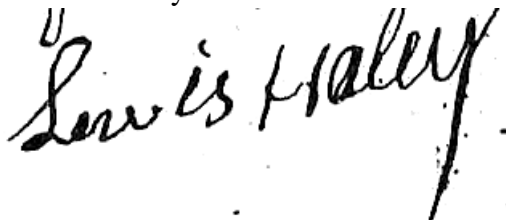
This day William Jeffries⁶ a respectable Citizen of said County personally appeared before me William H Shelton aged Justice of the peace for said County and being duly sworn according to law on his oath says that during the Revolutionary War he marched into the service of the United States from Pittsylvania County in company with Colonel Clement McDaniel now of Shelby County West Tennessee an applicant for a pension under the late act of Congress. Colonel McDaniel was at the time above mentioned a Lieutenant & acting in that capacity, he marched with me as far as Bowling Green Caroline County Virginia where he was taken sick & discharged from his tour of duty – the term I was with him I do not now recollect but believe we were together about three months he acting during the term as adjutant & as Lieutenant also. Given under my hand this 8th October 1832

S/ Wm Jeffries, X his mark

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I Lewis Haley⁷ of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby certify and Solemnly [words written over and illegible] that in the year 1781 I marched from the said County of Halifax and joined Captain William Dix's Company of militia from Pittsylvania County, in the County of Charlotte and marched with them to Little York and that Colonel Clement McDaniel now of Shelby County Tennessee held the rank of first Lieutenant and acted as such in the said company. I do believe that the said McDaniel further acted and performed the service of Adjutant while on the March, and at Little York during of the siege of that place, that after Lord Cornwallis surrendered, he the said McDaniel started with the Prisoners towards the North, and I came home. Given under my hand this 13th day of October 1832

S/ Lewis Haley



[p 11: On October 7, 1839 in Shelby County Tennessee, Elizabeth McDaniel, aged about 77 years, filed for her widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of claimant McDaniel, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 20, 1779 in Pittsylvania County Virginia; that they were married by Parson Gwillum; that she knows of no record of her marriage other than the family record; that her husband died September 25, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

⁶ [William Jeffreys \(Jeffries\) S18470](#)

⁷ [Lewis Haley S5487](#)

[Facts in file: The widow died September 23, 1840 leaving children not named. The file contains the following reference to children of the veteran and his wife

Sarah Watson McDaniel born August 15 1780

Anne Smith McDaniel born February 23, 1783, died November 12, 1834

Stephen Coleman McDaniel born June 23, 1785, died July 1834

Livingston McDaniel born May 24, 1804, died April 20, 1834

Emily Virginia McDaniel born July 31, 1807, died July 16 1834.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$93.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private and Lieutenant in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing September 25, 1836.]