

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles McDonald<sup>1</sup> W7421 Hannah McDonald

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[Note: After looking at all 78 pages in this file, I could not find the widow's original application for a pension. The earliest document I found was the following.]

[p 6]

State of Ohio Montgomery County: Sct.

Be it known that before me Joseph Cline a Justice of the peace duly authorized by law to administer oaths in and for said County, personally appeared Hannah McDonald and made oath in due form of law, that she is the identical person named in an original certificate of pension in her possession of which (I certify) the following is a true copy: *War Department. Five years Pension. I certify that in conformity with the act of July 7 1838 Hannah McDonald of Ohio widow of Charles McDonald who was a private in the Revolution and died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1821, is entitled to draw a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum, commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1836; and in case of the marriage or death of said widow before the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1841, the pension shall cease on the day of such marriage or death. Given at the War Office of the United States this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1848. W. L. Marcy Secretary of War {Seal} Examined & countersigned J L Edwards Commissioner of pensions By G. W. Crumpl*

That she has not intermarried, but continues the widow of the above mentioned Charles McDonald; and that she now resides in the County of Montgomery State of Ohio and has resided there for the space of Ten years past; and that previous thereto she resided in Warren County in said State of the truth of which statements I am fully satisfied:

S/ Hannah McDonald, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1848 before me

S/ Joseph Cline, JP

[On the same date and at the same place, the widow executed a power of attorney appointing Charles C McDonald as her true and lawful attorney to collect the amounts due her from the United States.]

[p 9: Allen Campbell gave testimony in Jennings County Indiana that John McDonald, Jane Westlake wife of Thomas Westlake, Margaret Foster wife of William Foster, Francis McDonald and Charles C McDonald are all over the age of 21 years and all the only surviving heirs at law of Charles McDonald late a private in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Vance of the Virginia line. His affidavit is attested July 3, 1847.]

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[p 11: On April 16, 1850 in Tippecanoe County Indiana, Thomas Westlake, 41, and Jane Westlake his wife, 43, gave testimony that Jane Westlake is the daughter of Hannah McDonald, widow of Charles McDonald, a revolutionary war soldier who died in Fayette County Kentucky in April 1821; that the affiant resided in Montgomery County Ohio in 1846 where they had lived for many years previous; that Hannah McDonald made an amended declaration in Montgomery County Ohio on November 23, 1846 when she resided with the affiants; that Hannah McDonald came up with the affiants to Tippecanoe County Indiana in the fall of 1847 and continued to live with them at their residence until the time of her death which took place at their residence in Tippecanoe County Indiana January 8, 1848 and that she was buried the next day; that Hannah McDonald never returned to Montgomery County Ohio after moving to Tippecanoe County Indiana in the fall of 1847; that said Hannah McDonald at the time of her death left the following named children who are now living: John McDonald living in Warren County Ohio; Jane Westlake, living in Tippecanoe County Indiana; Margaret Foster living in Butler County Ohio; Francis B. McDonald of Carroll County Kentucky and Charles B McDonald whose residence is unknown to the affiants; that affiants are informed that Charles C McDonald has obtain the pension money due to Hannah McDonald upon vouchers or papers executed after January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1848.

*Thomas Westlake*  
*Jane Westlake*

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[pp 57-59: affidavit of Joseph Cline, the JP who attested the execution by the widow of her application dated March 6, 1848 in which he states the widow was not present but that her son Charles C. McDonald held her power of attorney and he, Cline, relied on it in attesting the application; Cline says he knew at the time that the widow had moved to Indiana to live with her daughter but he did not know she was dead at the time he attested the application.]

[Facts in file: The veteran died April 2, 1821;

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