

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel McDonald W7422 Elizabeth McDonald SC
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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Georgia }
Hall County } SS.

On this the Second day of March, in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and fifty two. Personally appeared before me, a justice of of the Inferior Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth McDonald a resident of the County of Jackson in the state aforesaid, aged ninety seven years who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by all the acts of Congress granting pensions to the widows of the soldiers of the Revolutionary war. That she is the widow of Daniel McDonald who was a private in the Militia of South Carolina, and in the Continental army when he served, in the Continental line. I have heard him say he either joined a company from North Carolina or Virginia, and I cannot now recollect which, and the time he served with the Militia he served in the state of South Carolina and in the adjoining states, and I have frequently heard him call the names of the officers he served under in the Militia and agreeable to the present impression of my mind they were Captains Maxwell and Anderson, and think I have heard him say Anderson was promoted to the office of a Colonel or a General [probably Col. Robert Anderson], and have heard him speake of serving under a Col. Hunter. The names of the officers of the regular Army familiar to my memory are Gen'ls. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], Lee [sic: Lt. Col. Henry Lee], [Daniel] Morgan, [Horatio] Gates and [Benjamin] Lincoln. I have heard my husband Daniel McDonald speake of being in the Battles of Camden [16 Aug 1780] and at the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and have heard him speake of being in many other engagements with the British and Tories, which I cannot now recollect. I heard him speake of being in the Battle [of Camden] where Baron De Kalb was killed, and it comes under my personal knowledge that he was at the siege of ninety six [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], for I could hear the report of the Guns and he frequently returned to his home on furlow while in the vicinity of ninety six, as he lived near that place. And from what comes under my own knowledge and what I have heard him and other Revolutionary Soldiers say, he was in the army trough the greater part of the Revolutionary war. That her maiden name was Elizabeth Tharpe, that she was married to the said Daniel McDonald in the month of February A.D. One thousand seven hundred and Eighty two in Abbeville District State of South Carolina by a man by the name of Thomas, a Baptist Minister of the Gospel, and who was authorized to Solemnize marriage contracts, that they was married by the publication of Banns, and there is no private Record of the same that I know of, nor do I know of any living witness that was present at the marriage. Celia Brynge[?], who then resided near, I have no doubt knew of the circumstance of our marriage, but I dont think she was personally present at the marriage. why I so distinctly recollect the time of our marriage is that I know it took place in February before the treaty of peace was entered into by the Commissioners on the part of the United States and those of Great Britain and in the same year [on 30 Nov 1782], but by reason of extreme old age and consequent loss of memory, I have no doubt forgotten most and probably mistated some important facts, tho my memory retains the facts, their details I cannot attempt to relate. That after the close of the war of the Revolution, said McDonald returned to his home in Abbeville District State of South Carolina, where we resided untill in the month of November A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and Eight (1808) when we removed to Clark County in the state of Georgia and lived there together untill in the month of November A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and sixteen (1816) when we removed to Jackson County in the State of Georgia, where we resided together with our children and family untill in the month of January A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and thirty five (1835) when the said McDonald and myself removed to Talbot County in the state of Georgia and remained there together, untill in the month of November of the same year (1835) when the said McDonald departed this life that I remained

in Talbot County at the same place where we resided previous to the death of my husband, Daniel McDonald, until in the month of January A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and thirty six (1836) when I removed back to Jackson County in the state of Georgia, where we formerly resided in the life time of my husband, and where I still reside. that I have not married since the death of my said husband Daniel McDonald and am still a widow and still reside in Jackson County in the state of Georgia. That the said Daniel McDonald in his life time, and shortly after the passage of the act of Congress of A.D. 1832. granting pensions to certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war, had made out and filed a Declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension for his Revolutionary services from the Government of the United States, and as she has been informed said claim was well authenticated by the testimony of persons of known respectability who was then living. and she does not know that there was anything done with said claim (by the officers of Government) previous to the death of her said husband, Daniel McDonald and that if said Declaration and testimony is still on file in the proper office of the Government of the United States, she claims the benefit of said Declaration and the testimony submitted therewith in the establishing this her claim for a pension, and if this declaration referred to is not on file in the proper office of the Government of the United States, it has not been withdrawn or removed therefrom by the knowledge or consent of this deponent.

Elizabeth herXmark McDonald

Comptroller Genl's Office/ Columbia So. Ca./ 31st March 1852
 No 491 } Issued 27th June 1785 to Mr. Daniel McDonald for Nine pounds 8/6³/₄ Sterl[in]g for
 Lob T } militia duty as private per account audited.
 Principal £9.8.6³/₄ Annual interest £0.13.2
 No. Co.

No 491 no 60

T June 27th 1785 Daniel McDonald his acco't. of Duty in the militia as private since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston SC, probably evacuation by British on 14 Dec 1783] amot'g. to Curr'y £66.-.-
 Ag [silver] £ 9.8.6³/₄

State So Carolina D'r. to Dan'l. McDonald for duty pr Col. Anderson's return £66.-.-
 Ag £ 9.8.6³/₄

July the 14th 1784 I have this rec'd. from Gen'l. Richard Winn the full value of my acct. against the Public now lying in the Auditor's Office fro Auditing and afterwards to get an Indent for the same, from the Treasury and I do request the Commissioners of the Treasury of the State of South Carolina to make out the Indent for the same with the interest pursuant to the resolve of the Legislative in that case to him, the said Richard And to accept this as a receipt full against the public for the said accompt (Signed) Tho Baker J.P. Daniel hisXmark McDonald

Rec'd. this 27 June 1785 full satisfaction for the within account Indent no. 491 Lib. T for £9.8.6³/₄ Sterling in virtue of an order.

[Other accounts are crossed through, including one for payment "To Daniel McDaniel [sic] 1781 To 10 days footman [infantryman] in the service of the State on an expedition to Orangeburgh" and "To 31 days as a footman in the Expedition to the four Holes."

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 [blank] County }

On this the first day of September A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and fifty three Personally appeared before me a Notary Public duly authorized by law to administer Oaths for general purposes within and for the County and state aforesaid, Margaret Cavender [pension application W6903] aged about 103 years a resident of Cherokee County in the state aforesaid who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath declare that she moved to South Carolina Edgefield District with her fathers

family in the time of the Revolutionary war, that she then became acquainted with Daniel McDonald and Elizabeth Tharpe. That she became acquainted with them in the fall of the year of 1780. she knows it was in the fall of the year after Charleston was taken by the British [on 12 May 1780]. That McDaniel lived in Abbeville District a few miles from where her fathers family resided. that the said Daniel McDaniel was in the Revolutionary war as a Militia man the most of his time while deponent was acquainted with him and attached to the South Carolina Militia. That the said Daniel McDonald was on an expedition to Orangeburgh and another to a place called the four holes with the South Carolina Militia. these expeditions was performed the next year after she became acquainted with the said Daniel McDonald. She saw him each time as he returned from these services and he told her himself where he had been and on what service. deponents father and intended husband was with the Militia from North Carolina. to wit: George Cox her father and William Cavender her intended husband and whom she afterwards married, and the Militia from South Carolina and those from North Carolina was frequently together and as her father George Cox and William Cavender was well acquainted with Daniel McDonald when ever the said McDonald would pass he would call and tell the family of the said George Cox all he knew of the said Cox and William Cavender. She knows that the said Daniel McDonald was in the Battle at Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], for she distinctly recollects that the said Daniel McDonald brought the painful intelligence of the death of the father of this deponent (George Cox) who was killed in the Battle of Eutaw Springs, and the said Daniel McDonald said he saw the Corpse of the deponents father (George Cox, a short time after he was killed in said Battle.

That some time in the winter or spring of 1782 the said Daniel McDonald and Elizabeth Tharpe was married in Abbeville District state of South Carolina. she was not present at the marriage, but saw several respectable credible persons who told her they was present and witnessed their marriage, that she shortly afterwards saw them together and they both told her they was married, deponent is confident it was in the winter or first of spring of 1782 they was married, because they had been married about Twelve months before her mother and family moved from South Carolina to Wilkes County in the state of Georgia, which was in the Early part of the year of 1783 That the said Daniel McDonald and Elizabeth his wife lived together as man and wife and was at all times reputed as such. that deponent lived but a few miles from the said McDonald and wife in South Carolina from the time they was married untill the Earley part of the year 1783 at which time she moved with her mother and family to Wilkes County Georgia and upto the time she left South Carolina they lived together and was looked upon known and called as man and wife but she believes their was no record kept of marriages in South Carolina, but married by the publication of banns. That the said Daniel McDonald was in some expeditions with the Militia of South Carolina after his marriage, but she does not recollect to what places, through extreme old age and consequent loss of memory there is many incidents which she cannot recollect well enough to give the details of and can only recollect such as some notable incident impresses upon her mind. That after she removed from South Carolina to Wilkes County state of Georgia That she did not see Daniel McDonald and his wife Elizabeth any more untill in the fall or winter of 1808 or 1809 when she saw them both still living together as man and wife. they then lived in Clark or Jackson County state of Georgia. she believes it was in Jackson County. She saw them both several time since, previous to death of the said Daniel McDonald which she was informed took place sometime in the fall of the year of 1835. that she has a few times since his death saw the said Elizabeth McDonald widow of the said Daniel McDonald, who resided in Jackson County state of Georgia and from my knowledge of her age she is between 95 & 100 years of age. deponent now resides in Cherokee County state of Georgia and draws a Pension in consequence of the Revolutionary services of her deceased husband William Cavender. that she has no Interest in the result of this claim. Margaret herXmark Cavender

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On the fourteenth day of February A.S. One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty four. Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace, duly authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, within and for

the County and state aforesaid, Elizabeth McDonald aged about 99 years a resident of Jackson County in the state aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to Law, Declares, that she is the Identical Elizabeth McDonald who is making application for a Pension for the Revolutionary services of her Deceased husband Daniel McDonald, that she was married to the said Daniel McDonald as before stated in the month of February A.D. 1782 and that on 25th day of January A.D. 1783 she became the mother of a Female child and called its name Sarah and that her daughter Sarah McDonald has since married one William Yarborough and her said Daughter was still living a few weeks since, in the state of Tennessee and County of McMinn. And that in the month of August and a bout the 12th day 1784 she again became the Mother of a Male child and celled him Absolem and that her said son Absolem McDonald died a bout Eighteen years since. That in the month of September and on or a bout the 6th day of that month A.D. 1786 she again became the mother of Another son and called his name Daniel and that her son Daniel McDonald in October A.D. 1849 and that on the 29th day of April A.D. 1789 she became the mother of another Female child and called its name Amy who married one J. Bridges and now is living in Murray County state of Georgia and that on or about 17th day of December AD 1791 she again became the Mother of another Male child and called his name Eli, and that her son Eli McDonald died in the third year of his age. and that on the last day of February A.D. 1794 she became the mother of another son and called his name John and that her said son John McDonald was living a short time since in Russel [sic: Russell] County state of Alabama. he has since had two other sons, Alexander and William who now reside in Jackson County Georgia and a Daughter named Basheba who now reside in [undeciphered] County state of Georgia all of said children was born of her marriage to her said Husband Daniel McDonald and that her and her said husband Daniel McDonald lived together as man and wife, (and was such) up to the time of the death of the said Daniel McDonald, which took place at the time and place as heretofore stated by her, in her Decleration, allready on file. Elizabeth herXmark McDonald

NOTES:

In an application for bounty land dated 14 Apr 1855 Elizabeth McDonald was said to be about 100.

On 1 July 1838 Basheba Roberts, 48, of Hall County GA stated that she was born to Daniel and Elizabeth McDonald in Abbeville District SC and married Hardin Roberts of Hall County. She stated that her father's surname was sometimes written "McDaniel."