

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McDowell W8430      Mary McDowell      f32VA  
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State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court, in the County Court for Fayette County, now sitting, being a Court of Record James McDowell a resident of the County of Fayette in the State of Kentucky, aged about seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered service under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1777 he was stationed at Donley's Fort [sic: Fort Donnally at present Frankford] in Greenbrier County Virginia, and served three months in guarding the frontiers against the Indians, under the command of Captain Andrew Moore. In the year 1781 he served four months as an Ensign, the tour was to have been three months, from the time they arrived at headquarters until discharged; but he was in service four months, Captain Andrew Moore commanded the Company, John McClung was Lieutenant, and this affiant in some; the Company was raised in Rockbridge County Virginia, was attached to Colonel George Bowyers Regiment, from said County; and marched to Fredericksburg from thence to Petersburg, and then to Smithfield, where they joined the troops under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg]. In the fall of the scene year 1781 this affiant served as a Volunteer under the command of Colonel John Bowyer, a tour of about 15 days when Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] drove the Legislature of Virginia from Charlottesville.

During the Siege of York, information was received in Rockbridge County, that the American troops were likely to suffer for want of Beef; this affiant and seven others, Volunteered and collected upwards of one hundred beeves, and drove them to York, they arrived there the very day the British forces surrendered [October 19, 1781] as Prisoners of War to General Washington, this affiant was then at least one month in Service.

Shortly after the siege of York, about the month of December 1781, as well as this affiant now recollects, he went to Kentucky and remained there until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1782, principal part of the time at the Fort war Station at Lexington Kentucky which was then enclosed by Cabins & stock aiding as a Fort or station for defense against the Indians including which period he was in service in all, about twelve months. He then returned to Virginia, and remained there until the fall of the year 1783 when he removed to Kentucky, where he resided ever since, most of the time in Fayette County near Lexington. During the Indian Wars he crossed the Ohio River 8 different times on Campaigns in pursuit of Indians.

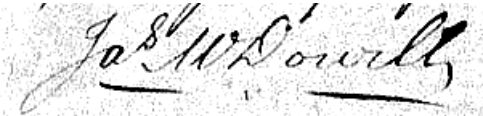
This affiant was born in Rockbridge County Virginia the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1760 as appears from the record of births of his Father's family, which he believes is now in possession of

one of his brothers. He resided in Rockbridge County at the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, until he removed to Kentucky & has since resided in Kentucky as before stated. He was called into service by draft the first tour, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> he was drafted, but was appointed an Ensign by Colonel John Bowyer, who commanded the Regiment, he never received a Commission as Ensign but performed his duty in that capacity that tour. He was during the last mentioned tour part of the time with troops commanded by Colonel Richard Parker of the Virginia line; Colonel Nall and Major Hamilton were Militia officers in service at the same time. He has no discharge or other proof of his service now within his control. He refers to John Parker, Edward Payne, John Towler, John McDowell, Thomas Bodley and Daniel Bradford, all of whom have been acquainted with him for many years and can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jas McDowell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jas McDowell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Nathan H Hall, a clergyman, and Thomas Bodley gave the standard supporting affidavit in support of the affidavit of "Colonel James McDowell".]

[p 6: On June 28, 1844 in Mason County Kentucky, Mary McDowell, aged 80 years, filed for her widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of James McDowell a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$61.66 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Rockbridge County Virginia September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1780 for proof of which she refers to the affidavits of her brother John Lyle and her brother in law, Jo. McDowell and the family register attached to her application; that her husband died December 31, 1843 in the house of her son James E McDowell.

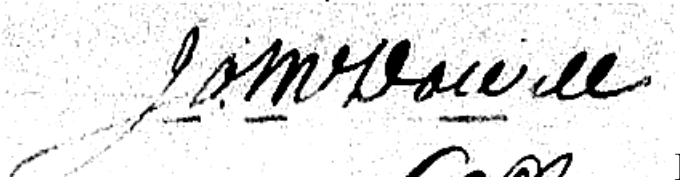
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[p 7: James E McDowell gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application affirming the facts stated therein.

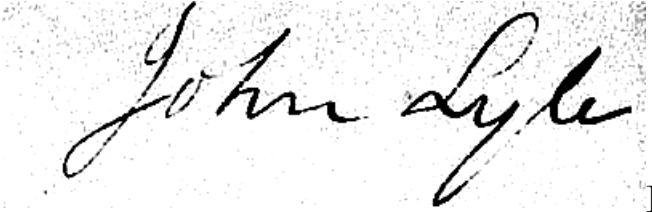
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. E. McDowell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[p 10: copy of a marriage bond dated September 21, 1780 issued in Rockbridge County Virginia to James McDowell and John Lyle conditioned upon the marriage of James McDowell to Mary Lyle, both of Rockbridge County.]

[p. 29: Supporting affidavit of Jo. McDowell, 75, dated March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1844

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James McDowell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "James" is written in a large, flowing script, and "McDowell" follows in a similar style. There is a small mark below the signature, possibly a date or a reference number, which is partially obscured and difficult to read. The signature is enclosed in a bracket on the right side.

[p 30: Supporting affidavit of John Lyle dated April 20, 1844.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Lyle". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "John" is written in a large, flowing script, and "Lyle" follows in a similar style. The signature is enclosed in a bracket on the right side.

[p 4: family register:

Marriages

James McDowell son of Samuel McDowell was married to Mary Lyle Daughter of John Lyle and Issabella Paxton his wife on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1780 and James McDowell was born April 29<sup>th</sup> 1760 and Mary McDowell his wife was born November 18<sup>th</sup> 1763

Births

Issabella McDowell was born August 11, 1781  
Salley McDowell was born April 24<sup>th</sup> 1783  
Samuel McDowell was born July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1785  
Jubeth McDowell was born October 9<sup>th</sup> 1787  
Polley McDowell was born February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1790  
Magdalene McDowell was born April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1792  
John L McDowell was born August 24<sup>th</sup> 1794  
James E McDowell was born January 31<sup>st</sup> 1797  
Hester McDowell was born April 27<sup>th</sup> 1799]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, or service as a private & Ensign in the Virginia service for a total of 10 in a half months from 1777. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$211.65 per annum commencing December 31, 1843.]