

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh McDonald W8438 Rebecca McDonald f24SC

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State of Kentucky Pulaski County

On this 28th July 1841 Personally appeared before me Josiah W. Duck a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Pulaski and State aforesaid Rebecca McDonald a resident of the County of Russell and State of Kentucky aged Eighty 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 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Hugh McDonald who was a private soldier both in the regular Service and Militia during the Revolution. She declares that her Hugh McDonald enlisted as a private Soldier in Chester District in the State of South Carolina for the term of fifteen months and faithfully served out his fifteen months in a company commanded by Capt. Brown [William Brown] whose Company belonged to Col. Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Regiment. This enlistment must have taken place in 1775 or 6, it being previous to her marriage. The declarant was married to her husband the aforesaid Hugh McDonald on the 22nd day of September 1778 in Fairfield District in the State of South Carolina by a Magistrate by the name of Walker Little upwards of one year after their marriage her husband Hugh McDonald volunteered in the Service of his country and served as a Dragoon or light horseman in a company commanded by Capt. McClure [Hugh McClure] in Sumter's Regiment and the said Hugh McDonald marched with said company down towards Camden and had a skirmish and the company was on the retreat when the said Hugh McDonald and part of the Company was taken by the British and made prisoners of war and sent down to Camden and put in jail where they lay for a about 6 weeks with the smallpox and then the said Hugh McDonald with some other prisoners were taken by the British down to Charlestown and put on board the prison ships, the prisoners being attacked with the fever they were sent on shore to the barracks where the Declarant visited her husband and waited on him during his sickness and when he recovered which was in a few weeks the said Hugh was again sent back to the prison ships and the declarant accompanied him to the said ships and there continued with her husband until he was sent round to Old Jamestown in the State of Virginia where her and her husband was landed and there her husband was exchanged, the declarant & her husband was then 500 miles from home and her husband not yet entirely recovered from his ship fever nor did he recover for several months thereafter, the exchange took place in the month of August and the declarant and her husband did not get home until the 10th of May following. In the fall of the year 1778 and shortly after Declarant's marriage her husband the said Hugh McDonald went out as a volunteer on foot with Capt. Nixson [John Nixon] Company and was out for several weeks.

The said Hugh McDonald when taken prisoner lost his horse and all his equipage which

he never was paid for.

The declarant further saith that her husband the said Hugh McDonald died on the 24th day of September 1828 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. She further saith she knows of no record of her marriage nor of the ages of her children.

S/ Rebecca McDonald, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me Josiah W. Duck. And I certify that in consequence of old age and bodily infirmity the above named Rebecca McDonald is unable to attend Court.

S/ J. W. Duck, JP

The deposition of Rebecca Cain a resident of Russell County Kentucky taken to be read as evidence in favor of the application of Mrs. Rebecca McDonald for a pension under the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836

The Deponent being thirty-five years old Depoeth and Saith that she is the Daughter and youngest Child of Hugh McDonald deceased and Rebecca his widow. She knows her Father the aforesaid Hugh McDonald died on the 24th day of September 1828, And that her Mother the aforesaid Rebecca McDonald has remained a widow ever since to the present period. And further saith not

S/ Rebecca Cain, X her mark

This day came before me Alexander Lee an acting Justice of the Peace for the County of Bedford, and State of Tennessee, Samuel Knox¹ -- aged Eighty Eight years for the purpose of deposing in behalf of Rebecca McDonald, to be used as evidence in establishing her claim to a Pension from the United States, in right of her deceased husband, Hugh McDonald and the said Samuel Knox, being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in the premises, deposes & says

Question -- State if you were acquainted with Hugh McDonald during the war of the American Revolution.

Answer -- I was

Question 2. State if said Hugh McDonald served as a soldier in the American Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, and if so -- state how long.

Answer -- Hugh McDonald served as orderly Sgt. a fifteen months tour, as a listed soldier in the American Revolution, under the command of Capt. Brown and General Sumter; and was in the battle of Sullivan's Island;² and that he also marched from said Island over the mountains against the Indians and was in a battle with the Indians -- and from thence to Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina, and from thence to Camden; and acted all the time as a true patriot. I cannot recollect what became of him after the expiration of the 15 months tour with me; nor do I know anything of his marriage with Rebecca McDonald.

S/ Samuel Knox, X his mark

S/ William Eoff

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband Service as a private for one year in the cavalry and for one year in the infantry, both

¹ [Samuel Knox W302](#)

² June 28, 1776 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

in the South Carolina Continental line and in the militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Hugh McDonald pp 6
Audited Account No. 5011A
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[p 2]

State of So. Carolina to Hugh McDonald	Dr.
for Service done in Canal Wins [Col. Richard Winn's] Regiment	£ S d
for 40 days at £1 per day horse man's duty	40.0.0
to being in prison 332 days at £1 per day	<u>332.0.0</u>
Total	<u>372</u> [old SC currency]
	53.2.10 ¼ [Sterling]

I Do hereby Certify that Hugh McDonald performed forty Days Duty as a Horseman, & Continued as a prisoner for three hundred and thirty two days – & was Sent round to Virginia & Exchanged

Richard Winn



[p 3: another image of the documents transcribed above]

[p 4]

Received full Satisfaction for the within in an indent No. 104 Book Z per order
James [illegible surname]



[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 104 Book Z dated January 24, 1787]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by James Rainey who signature thereon appears as follows:



that appears to me to be the signature of the person who signed the receipt transcribed from page 4 above. The file does not contain the order by which the veteran assigned his interest in the Indent to James Rainey.]

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.