

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Macdill (McDill) S2753

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The State of Ohio Preble County Court of Common Pleas September Term 1832} SS

On this Eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Preble and State of Ohio David Macdill aged sixty nine years a resident of the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That about the first of February in the year 1781 he entered the service in Craven County (now Chester district) South Carolina in the militia of that state in Capt. Adams' [Samuel Adams'] Company of Col. Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment and General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade he was engaged against the Tories until the first of April when he joined the regular Army in Col. McGruff's [Lt. Col. Patrick McGruff's] Regiment on the Catawba River where Col. Henry Hampton had command of a body of State Troops from Catawba he was marched to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Camp under Ensign Johnson thence to General Sumter's camp on the Congaree thence to Fort Granby, he was at the taking of Fort Granby [May 15-16, 1781]¹ and fought under the immediate command of Col. Lacey. On the 16th of May he was discharged by Col. Lacey. On the first of July of the same year he was again called to serve in the militia under Capt. Adams and Col. Lacey he was marched to Congaree where he joined the forces under General Sumter, the Army then marched under Generals Greene and Sumter to Orangeburg, from Orangeburg General Sumter marched to Biggin's Church near Moncks Corner -- where the Americans had a warm skirmish with the British who were repulsed, the day after this skirmish the Americans commanded by Generals Sumter and Marion [Francis Marion] had an engagement with the British at a place called shoebrick's plantation [sic, Shubrick's plantation, July 17, 1781],² on this tour deponent was out five weeks. About the first of February deponent was called out and served a tour of two months; this was in the year 1782 - deponent served this tour in Capt. Turner's [probably John Turner's] company of Col. Winn's [Richard Winn's] Regiment and General Sumter's Brigade, he was chiefly employed against the Tories deponent served altogether more than six months during the war of the revolution as above stated. Deponent never received a written discharge -- he has procured the deposition of his brother Samuel Macdil [sic] of Indiana or by whom he can prove that he was in the service --

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

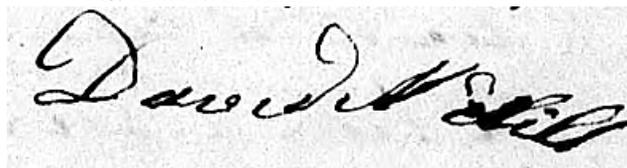
² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_shubricks_plantation.html

he can also prove by his brother James Macdill as he believes that he served as he has herein stated, deponent is well known to the Rev. Alexander Porter, and John Patterson and other residents of the County of Preble by whom he can prove his good character for truth and veracity and that he has been reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution -- he has no written record of his age -- but states that he was born in Ireland in March 1763. After the war deponent lived in South Carolina until the year 1806 when he came to Preble County Ohio where he has since resided and still resides. 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/ JC Hawkins, Clerk

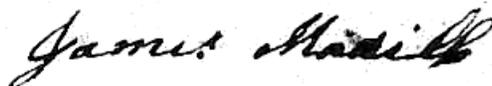
S/ David McDill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David McDill". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized.

I James Macdill resident of the County of Preble in the State of Ohio do hereby certify that I recollect that my brother David Macdill served three tours during the war of the revolution in the State of South Carolina, deponent cannot state the precise length of the tours served by the said David Macdill but believes that the tours are correctly stated in the declaration of the said David Macdill.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Madill [sic]

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[Alexander Porter, a clergyman, John Patterson and John Foster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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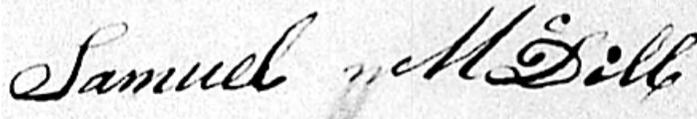
The State of Ohio Preble County: SS

Before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally came Samuel Macdill of Union County and State of Indiana, and being sworn according to law deposed and saith. That he remembers that his brother David Macdill, performed several tours of Military duty in defense of the country in South Carolina in the year 1781 & 82 and particularly he remembers he served a tour in the spring of 1781 under Capt. Adams And on the first of July the same year he remembers that he the said David commenced another tour under the aforesaid Capt. Adams, immediately after General Greene evacuated Ninety Six [June 19, 1791]. Also remembers another tour he served afterwards at Orangeburg, but how long he served in either of said Tours said deponent cannot remember and also remembers that previous to said tours, he was engaged frequently in what was called scouting parties. And further this deponent saith not

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 17th day of September 1832

S/ John Pinkerton, JP

S/ Samuel McDill



[p 34: On October 8, 1838 in Butler County Ohio, the veteran applied for a replacement pension certificate saying he had lost the original certificate.



[Veteran on October 8, 1838 applied in Butler County Ohio for a new pension certificate saying he has lost his old one.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 ½ months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to David McDill [sic]
Audited Account No. 5006A

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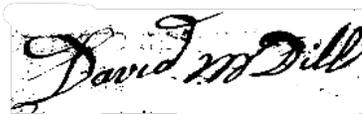
[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 88 Book P dated April 7th, 1785 “delivered to Mr. David McDill [sic] this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Nine Pounds, seventeen Shillings, and one Penny, Half Penny Sterling for 89 days Militia Duty in 1781 and 1782, per account Audited.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do endorse the within Indent to Mr. Thomas Williams for the use of the With In [undeciphered word]⁴ as witness my hand this 20 day of March 1790

Certified before me
20 day of March 1790
John Bell, JP

David McDill



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 “SC” file number, if any, shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. 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.

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