Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William McDowell SC469 AA19 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5027 6/13/18

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Petition of William McDowell praying to be placed on the pension. Levy Pension

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To the honorable the President & Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina. The humble Petition of William McDowell Sheweth

That he resides in this State at the Commencement of the revolutionary war that he was then about eighteen years of age that he Commenced his Career in the Cause of the revolution by Serving in the American army in the Campaign of the Snowy Camps.² That he was actively engaged in the Service of the Country in endeavoring to put down the Tories. That during this time he resided in Kershaw District and the Tories having got the upper hand in the neighborhood where he lived he was Compelled to take refuge in North Carolina. That when the troops from that State was about to move for the Succor of South Carolina he became a volunteer that he Served Seven months under Colonel Malmoody [sic, Marquis Francis de Malmedy] and under his command received a sever wound at the battle of Stono³ in this State. That afterwards whilst with a detachment sent out by General William R. Davie [William Richardson Davie] then an officer in service who served [sic, used?] your Petitioner as a guide he received a wound considered at the time very dangerous if not mortal, which Confined him ten months so that during that time he was unable to walk. That he has never applied to his Country for support whilst he was able to labour that he is now not Capable of gaining a livelihood in consequence of infirmity arising from old age and the wound he has received which has become painful and troublesome. Your Petition therefore pray your Honorable Body to take his case into consideration and place him upon the Pension list and grant much relief as his case may in your wisdom require and your Petition will ever pray. - William McDowell



[p 13] South Carolina Kershaw District Before me personally appeared William McDowell who being duly sworn saith the facts set forth in his Petition is true.

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http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution snow campaign.html

³ June 20, 1779 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution stono ferry.html

Sworn to before me this 21 Nov 1818 Francis S. Lee

William McDowell

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The Report of the Committee on the petition of Wm McDowell praying a pension. John N Davis Chairman In the Senate Dec. 11. 1818 Resolved that this Body do agree to the Report. Orders that the same be sent to the House of Representatives for their consensus. By order of the Senate. Wm. D. Martin

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of William McDowell praying for a pension reports that they have had his case under consideration and are of opinion that the prayers of his petition ought to be granted. They therefore recommend that the said William McDowell be placed on the Pension List and receive an annual pension allowed by law.

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[Pension Payment Receipts found: \$60 per annum.]
March 17, 1819
January 8, 1820
January 21, 1820
January 12, 1822
January 5, 1825
January 4, 1826
Illegible January 1828 - last one signed by him
6 June 1829 - signature not William. Note on receipt says he died 1829.
4 June 1830 - signature not William. Assume it was for his widow.
3 June 1831 - signature appears to be Samuel Rutledge. Probably for widow.
4 June 1832 - last payment. Signed by Samuel Rutledge.