

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward McDaniel W9189 Elizabeth McDaniel f58SC
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State of South Carolina Chester District: SS

On this 19th day of February 1847, personally appeared before me John Rosborough Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for said District, and at the office of said Court, James McDaniel, son of Edward McDaniel deceased and a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged 44 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, granting pensions to certain widows. That this deponent in the half of himself and the other heirs of the said Edward McDaniel, States that the said Edward McDaniel was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution as the heirs understand, and as such he served the United States against the Common Enemy. That during the War of the Revolution the said Edward McDaniel resided in what is now called Chester District, South Carolina, and served in the South Carolina militia in the regiments commanded by Cols. Lacey [Edward Lacey], Bratton [William Bratton] & others during which time he was in several Engagements, and in one of which he was badly wounded, for which wound he received from the State of South Carolina an Invalid Pension for many years prior to his death as will more fully appear by the accompanying papers in this Claim.

This deponent further makes oath that the said Edward McDaniel was married on the 13th February 1781 to Elizabeth McCaw, and as husband and wife they lived together till the death of the said Edward McDaniel which took place on the 12th March 1824, and that his widow the aforesaid Elizabeth departed this life on the 24th day of August 1845, not having intermarried after the death of her said husband, And that the following are the names of the six surviving children viz.: Abigail Mills, Ann McDaniel, Jane McDaniel, Mary Boyd, James McDaniel & Samuel McDaniel who are the only surviving Children of the said deceased, and all of lawful ages.

This deponent also states that he has now in his possession his parents' old Family Registry showing the date of their marriage, as well as the births of their children which Record has been for many years in the family and has always been considered correct and true and the same will accompany this declaration.

He also declared that his mother the aforesaid Elizabeth McDaniel received for many years prior to her death a pension from the State of South Carolina which was allowed to her as the wife and widow of this aforesaid Edward McDaniel who was and Invalid Pensioner, She being his wife in time of the War.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me
S/ J. Rosborough, Clerk

S/ James McDaniel

[Family record]

Edward & Elizabeth McDaniel married February 13th 1781

William McDaniel born December 13th 1781

John McDaniel was born August 12th 1783

Abigail McDaniel was born February 27th 1786

Anne McDaniel was born December 19th 1787

Elizabeth McDaniel born March 3rd 1790

Edward McDaniel born January 12th 1792

Jane McDaniel was born October 8th 1794

Mary McDaniel was born may 24th 179_ [last digit missing]

Martha McDaniel was born February 22nd 1801

James McDaniel December 14th 1802

Samuel McDaniel was born December 18th 1804

[p 6] (Copy)

"Sacred To the memory of William McDaniel who departed this life May 26 1830, aged 49 years. He was a kind Father and a loving husband Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

[p 6, certification by John Banks, a magistrate in Chester District South Carolina that the above referenced William McDaniel was "the reputed son of the late Edward and Elizabeth McDaniel"] [William is buried in Hopewell Burying Ground, Chester District, SC]

[p 8, John Rosborough, Clerk of Court of Chester County, SC, certifies that his office has records showing the marriage of Edward McDaniel to Elizabeth McCaw; Rosborough also states that he was well acquainted with William McDaniel, late a public surveyor in Chester County, and that William's 'obituary' copied above is undoubtedly true.]

[p 12—very faint in places and difficult to decipher]

"Died, at her residence, in Chester District SC on the 24th of August 1845, Mrs. Elizabeth McDaniel, in the 83rd year of her age. The deceased was the relic of a brave Revolutionary soldier, Edward McDaniel, who was dangerously wounded in the "War of Independence." She was born County Antrim, Ireland, but emigrated to this Country in the 7th year of her age. She was married in the heat of that fearful war which Great Britain waged against the "thirteen colonies." She became the Mother of her first child whilst the devouring [?] cannon was still roaring in the mortal [?] ships and had to struggle through a long life only partially assisted by her husband, whose wound in his country's cause rendered him unfit to pursue any severe manual employment; Yet God who feeds his children fed her abundantly, and enabled her to rear a large and respectable family. From early days she cast her lot in with God's people, and through life was enabled to walk in his stations with and intelligent precision above the grade of ordinary attainment. She was the subject of a most happy confidence in God's goodness and grace, hence her society was not rendered disagreeable by those repositings [?] at dark providences and fearful forebodings concerning future Evil, which are a reproach to too many

professions of religion. Her "End" was such as the Bible teaches us to expect concerning the righteous, it was "peace" And the crowd that composed her funeral train by their respectful attentions and sympathies, spoke the estimation in which she was held by her neighbors and fellow church members, never expressively than the most wordy obituary can possibly do, "The memory of the Just is blessed."

Dr McDill & the Preacher will please Copy

S/ W. F."

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Comptroller Generals Office Columbia SC 13 March 1847

I do certify that the Account of Edward McDaniel (Book L. No. 232) is as follows.

1779	54 days under Capt. Anderson at Briar Creek, a private horseman at 20s per day	£54
1780	60 days under Capt. Moffit at Rights [sic, Wrights] Bluff as Serjt. at 12 3/6 per day hundred and 9 days under Capt. Thompson, as a private Horseman at 20s per day	37.10 109
1781	21 days under Capt. Garrison, a private horseman at 20s per day	24
1780	14 days under Lieut. Henderson, a private horseman at 20s per day	14
1782	42 days under Capt. Henderson, a private footman, at 10 per day	21

(In all three hundred & three days)

total 259.10

sterling £37.1.5

This amount was paid by Indent issued 8th October 1784

S/ William C. Black

Comptroller General

by S/ Derrill A. Hart, Depty.

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State of South Carolina Chester District

Personally appeared before me J. Y. Mills and acting Magistrate in and for said District John McDill¹ a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States and made oath in due form of law that he has ever since the days of the Revolution well acquainted with Edward McDaniel deceased of Chester District whose heirs are now applying for a Pension due to Elizabeth McDaniel deceased widow of the aforesaid Edward McDaniel.

This deponent further makes oath that the said Edward McDaniel bore the reputation in his neighborhood of having been a soldier of the Army of the Revolution and that he has often conversed with the said McDaniel on the subject of the Revolution and of his having been wounded in the Battle of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]² and his being present in the engagement when Capt. Nixon was killed, and of his being at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779],³ and that together with many other instances of the Revolution not now recollected.

This deponent also makes oath that the said Edward McDaniel served as he has always understood and believes in Col. Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment of Militia and that for a number of years before his death he was pensioned as an Invalid soldier by the State of South Carolina in consequence of wounds and received in the Army of the Revolution.

¹ [John McDill S21879](#)

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

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of February 1847.

S/ John McDill



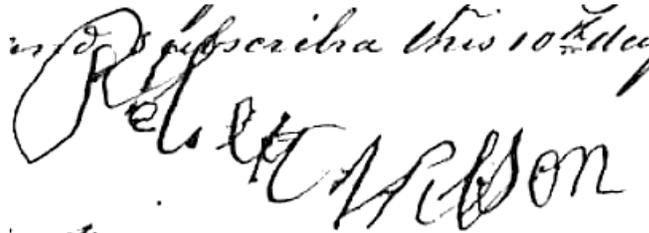
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South Carolina York District:

Personally appeared before me J. P. Hood one of the acting Magistrates in and for the said District, Robert Wilson,⁴ a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States and made oath in due form of law, to the following statements relative to the Revolutionary Services of the late Edward McDaniel deceased of Chester District. That he deponent served in the Army of the Revolution with the said Edward McDaniel in the summer of 1780, while under the command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], and that he well recollects that the said Edward McDaniel, who was a private under Capts. Thompson [John Thompson], or Garrison [Benjamin Garrison] Company, was badly wounded in the shoulder at the Battle of the Hanging Rock in August 1780,⁵ --

This deponent further makes oath that he cannot give the particulars of said McDaniel's service, as he did not live in the same Beat, but from the reputation he bore as a Soldier, and patriot during, as well as since the Revolution, he must have rendered a good deal of service during the Revolution -- Sworn to and subscribed this 10th day of March 1847 before me.

S/ Robert Wilson



S/ J. P. Hood, Magt.

[p 27: Judge Peter Wylie of Chester District gave an affidavit which included the following: "I do further certify that I have often heard my father, William Wylie, a Soldier of the Revolution, say that he stood near the said Edward McDaniel at the time he received his wound which was in an engagement with the Enemy at the Battle of Rocky Mount in the summer of 1780, not long after the fall of Charleston, and that on said Occasion the said Edward McDaniel screamed and hollered horribly."]

[p 30, Mary Johnston, 86, of Chester District, gave an affidavit in which she states that she lived a near neighbor to Elizabeth McCaw McDaniel and attended school with her while they both lived in Ireland; that she continued to be a close friend of Elizabeth McDaniel after they emigrated to America and settled in Chester District.]

[Veteran's widow's heirs were granted the pension due to her as the widow of a Revolutionary war soldier; the amount of the pension was \$42.04 per annum based upon the veteran's service as

⁴ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

⁵ August 6, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

a Dragoon in the South Carolina service for 10 months and 3 days. The amount of the pension was calculated from March 4th, 1831 until August 24, 1845 when the widow died.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Edward McDaniel pp28
Audited Account No. 5000B

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December 7th 1810

The petition of Edward McDaniel praying for a Compensation to be allowed him for time & expense lost & incurred by his Wound received in the Revolutionary War in defense of his Country, breaking out at several times since &c

December 7, 1810

Mr. McCreary

Mr. J Mitcher

Doctor Montgomery

Petition of Edward McDaniel

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To the Honorable the Senate and house of Representatives and General Assembly at Columbia met

The Petition of Edward McDaniel of Chester District humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner received a Wound in the Shoulder from the British at Rocky Mount in the summer of 1780 [July 30, 1780] when fighting in defense of the State under the Command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], by which Wound he was disabled from Supporting his Family or defending his Country to any great effect but with great difficulty and pain served many Tours of duty in Camp in defense of the Country until Peace was concluded in 1783 except whilst living under the care of Physicians for the cure of his Wound, that between four and five Years after receiving said Wound it broke out and discharged a great deal of Matter attended with the most excruciating pain imaginable so that you will Petitioner was for some time deprived of the exercise of Reason previous to its breaking out.

And as there was no Physician Convenient [he] was under the necessity of Employing a Man to assist him to go to Camden where he was several Weeks under the Care of Doctor Alexander and was obliged to borrow Money to defray the expenses as well as Boarding &c as also the Doctors Account, At that time there were Several pieces of bones extracted from under the Shoulder Blade as also from near the Elbow Joint –

Said Wound has Swelled, Inflamed, broken out and discharged offensive matter several times since that Period. Sometimes did not apply to any Physician as well for the Reason that there was not any convenient and Your Petitioner's Circumstances not admitting him to go from home as to pay the expenses Abroad. Your Petitioner's Wife being much confined with a Family of Small Children he was obliged to hire a person to attend him at home.

⁶ 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.

But Indigent as the Circumstances of Your Petitioner are in order to save life once applied to Doctor Marlin in North Carolina, take his Boarding &c at a Neighboring house and attend every Second day at the Doctor's to have the Wound dressed for a considerable time –

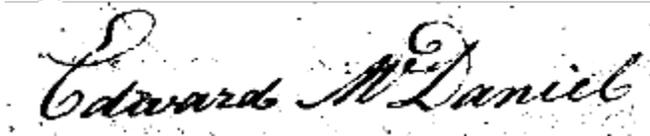
Was obliged once to apply to Doctor Knox once to Doctor Cooper and once to Doctor Harper on account of said Wound, when the parts Swelled and Inflamed and was likely to break out. –

That several times the Wound was probed to the depth of five Inches in one direction and four in another; There were several times after the parts were Swelled and Inflamed was put back by Care and the use of Medicine –

Your Petitioner further Sheweth that he cannot make any Account with accuracy of the expenses or losses of time occasioned to him by said Wound as his dwelling house was burned some Years ago, and with all his household furniture, Books and Papers of every kind whatsoever, and never having undertaken to make a Bill of Expenses occasioned by said Wound until it was too late to do it with any degree of Accuracy, (being Contented with the Pension or annuity allowed me on account of the Wound) until compelled by Necessity as the Shoulder (as old age is Creeping on) growing more troublesome and the Arm more enfeebled, especially since the last time the Wound broke out, that since sometime last Spring is obliged to have assistance to put on and all his Clothes And as for the pains he suffered, or the distresses of his Family by or reason of said Wound, no Calculation can be made, neither can be conceived except by the Sufferers or those who were Eye Witnesses to the same.

You will petitioner therefore Prays That your Honorable Body will take his Case into consideration and grant him such relief as to your honors may seem mete [meet]⁷ and Your Petitioner as in duty bound Shall pray

S/ Edward McDaniel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward McDaniel". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the paper.

[p 6: another copy of the petition transcribed above]

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The State of South Carolina Columbia}

Personally appeared Edward McDaniel of Chester District, & being duly sworn on oath Sayeth; That the contents of his Petition presented to the Legislature is Just and true; and that from the destruction of his papers by the burning of his dwelling House, as therein mentioned, & other circumstances, it is impossible for him to make out any accurate Statement of the Monies he expended But thinks he is certain that in the five several times he was obliged to apply to the different Doctors, viz., Alexander of Camden, McClain of North Carolina, Knox, Cooper & Harper of Chester, it did not cost him less, (but considerably more) than thirty dollars on an average each time (as he conceives sometimes more, & sometimes less) besides the great length of time he lost, to the great inconvenience of himself and poor family, & the most excruciating pain which he suffered.

⁷ In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

Sworn to this 8th day of December 1810

Before me

S/ Hezekiah Donald, J Q

S/ Edward McDaniel

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South Carolina Chester District} I do hereby certify that I have Been personally acquainted with Edward McDaniel Since Shortly after the Revolutionary War, And that is has been with extreme difficulty and in the exercise of the greatest Industry of which he was capable, with the help of his [undeciphered word], that he acquired a support for a small family, and the disasters of life, by reason of a wound he received in his Shoulder in the Service of our Country, to which he has ever been firmly attached, and that the wound by frequent Breaking and running for a length of time, has subjected him to considerable expense, to the injury of himself and family and now and the decline of life he experiences still more of the painful effects of the wound received in his country's cause, so as to claim the humane patronage of our State Legislature. Whilst we as Citizens enjoy the benefits flowing from the blood of our heroes, under a Benign Providence, an honorable Legislative Body could never be considered more generous than just were it to moderate his case by a handsome moiety.

S/ Alexander Rosborough M. D.

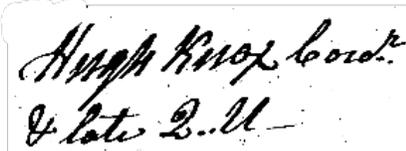
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex. Rosborough M.D." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

November 24th, - 1810

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South Carolina Chester District} I do hereby Certify that I was present at Rocky Mount when Edward McDaniel Received a Wound in the Shoulder from the Enemy when fighting in defense of the State under the Command of General Sumter, and have been well acquainted with the said Edward McDaniel ever since, and knows that Several Years after receiving said Wound he applied to Doctor Knox and also to Doctor Cooper on account of said Wound - It having broken out afresh, I also know that he lost much time, was at great expense, and Suffered great pain, and believes that the Arm is much debilitated at present occasioned by the Wound above mentioned. Certified this 4th December 1810

S/ Hugh Knox⁸ Cor^{or}.
& late Q.U.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh Knox Coror." followed by "& late Q.U." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 11: Alexander English, JP and James Strong, J. Q. gave testimony as to the character of Edward McDaniel and the fact that his dwelling house was burned.]

⁸ [Hugh Knox W10180](#)

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State of South Carolina District of Chester} Before Alexander English a Justice Appointed to keep the Peace in the District aforesaid personally appeared Mr. James McCane and Being duly Sworn saith that Edward McDaniel was Wounded in the Shoulder in the Revolutionary War Fighting for the Liberty of his Country and after it was Hole [whole] it broke out again and the Deponent sayeth also on oath that he Sent Money to the said Edward McDaniel to Bear his Expenses to Camden and went with him and saw His Wound opened and he's known It to break out Different times After.

This 5 day of December 1810

S/ Alexander English, JP

S/ James McCane



[p 13: Charles Boyd, D. M. Gave testimony as to the character of the veteran and the fact that the veteran's house burned down.]

[p 14: Receipt dated August 21, 1811 showing the disbursement of \$300 to Edward McDaniel]

[p 15: receipts reflecting the annual payment to Edward McDaniel of a pension of \$60 with the last one dated May 31, 1820]

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Elizabeth McDaniel praying to be placed on the Pension List

Eaves

Pensions

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To the Honorable Speaker & Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of Elizabeth McDaniel of Chester District Humbly Sheweth

That she is the widow of Edward McDaniel a wounded soldier of the Revolutionary War, who was upon the pension List of this State, & who has Lately deceased, that she is now aged and infirm being upwards of sixty-two years old & left in reduced Circumstances, & her Youngest son having married & left her she has no means of support, but the productions of a small plantation, & is without any person or horse to Cultivate it, (her only horse having Lately died) & has only two Daughters living with her; She therefore prays your Honorable body to take her Case into Consideration, and to Continue to her the pension formally Allowed her husband as has been granted to other poor widows in the same situation.

Annual petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ Elizabeth McDaniel



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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth McDaniel praying for a pension

Respectfully Report.

That they have had the same under consideration and Recommend to this house that she be allowed an annuity of thirty dollars.

December 1826

S/ John McComb, Chairman

[p 25: Someone named James McDaniel (relationship to the veteran and or his widow not disclosed) made application on April 17th, 1837 for an order directing the payment of her pension since she is too old and infirm to look after her own business.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James McDaniel". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. Below the signature, there is a small horizontal line and a closing bracket "]" to the right.

[p 27: Certificate dated February 7th, 1842 given in Chester District South Carolina that the widow was still alive]