Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John McDonough (McDaniel) R6690 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

On this 17th day of March 1834 personally appeared Margaret State of Tennessee } McDonough resident of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee Hawkins County aged sixty seven years before me Lewis Mitchell an acting Justice for said County and after being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration of her deceased husbands service as a soldier of the revolution as related to her by him in his lifetime I was married to my husband John McDonough the spring after peace was made 1783 In fredrick [sic: Frederick] County In the State of Virginia in which County he was liveing when he first went into the service of the united states. I was then liveing within three miles of him and I think I was about two years old. I recollect of his joining the army of the United States at Winchester in fredrick County State of Virginia but I dont now recollect whether he Inlisted or not. I always understood from him in his life time he served during the war. I never knew him to return to the neighbourhood in Fredrick County but once during the war. My husband always was called McDaniel but I think his right name was McDonough I am unlearned and so was my husband that I cannot tell how his name was spelt. I have heard my husband in his lifetime relate a great many [illegible word] circumstances that took place in time of his service. I do not now recollect the names of any Officers he told me about except Morgan [probably Gen. Daniel Morgan] and Washington. I also heard him state a great many battles he was in but I do not now recollect any but Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and gates's defeat at Camden [Battle of Camden SC, where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], he was shot through the leg in time of his service but at what place I now do not know. I always understood from him he was a regular soldier during the war but if he did not Inlist at Winchester in Fredrick County State of Virginia he did Inlist somewhere in the state of Virginia. he returned home after the war was over in the same County and we were marred and mooved to the state of Tennessee Hawkins County where he died on the 14th April 1833. I also certify that owing to great bodily Infirmity I am unable to go before a court of record to make the following declaration I certify neither my name or husbands is on the roll of the agency of any state Margaret herXmark McDonough

NOTE: Lewis Mitchell deposed that John McDonough was often called McDonald and that it was the neighborhood opinion that McDonough "was a true patriot he also taught patriotism to his children - he had but two sons and lost one of them in the last war with Great Briton under the immortal Jacson. The old lady is now liveing with her youngest son."