

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McDonald S18115

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South Carolina Sumter district

On this 5th day of November 1833, personally appeared in open Court before me Richard Gantt, one of the Associate Judges of said State, and a presiding judge in the court of Common Pleas & Sessions for said State, John McDonald, who makes oath to the following facts by way of amendment of his declaration already filed for a pension.

That he is now 75 years of age -- has no record of his age. From defect of memory from old age he cannot state the precise time when he entered the service -- that he was drafted as a private in 1779 in the company of Capt. Robert Carter near Augusta -- John Armstrong was the Lieut. -- as was also Roger Gordon Col. Singleton [Lt. Col. Matthew Singleton] commanded the Regiment to which the company was attached, and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was the Commander of the whole. The forces lay encamped there for 8 months the object being to keep the British forces from crossing the River and coming into the State. General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] then brought his regulars down to join General Williamson, and took command of the whole. They were then marched into Georgia the object being to watch the British, with the view of keeping them from getting the city of Charleston -- they were then marched to Bacon's Bridge South of Charleston where Capt. Carter's company was relieved. This tour lasted as this deponent to the best of his knowledge believes, eight months.

After 3 months stay at home, this deponent volunteered as a private trooper in General Sumter's bracket Thomas Sumter's] Brigade. He was in the company of Capt. McKinzie, Davis was the Lieut. -- the duty of said Company consisted in scouting the Tories; -- and he continued on said duty under the direction of Col. Richard Hampton -- this tour of his service was for eight months. He then got a permit from Col. Hampton to leave Sumter's brigade & joined Marion's [Francis Marion's] which he did. He was put in the company of Capt. Armstrong -- Gordon was the Lieut. The duty of the company consisted of traveling the country with Marion through the Pedee Country and through the Santee Ridge -- crossed Murray's Ferry on Santee & marched down to Santee -- he remained with Marion until the British left Charleston. He was discharged at Port's Ferry, he was on this tour with Marion for 2 years. He received no written discharge. The above Declaration sworn to before me on the day & year above written.

S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

S/ John McDonald

State of South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared in Open Court on the 1st day of November 1838 the Court of

Common Pleas for the District aforesaid now sitting John McDonald a resident of the District of Sumter aforesaid aged 78 years who being duly sworn in open Court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration that he entered the service of the United States in the state of South Carolina as a drafted militia man and 1779 at Augusta General Williamson then commander in Chief Col. Singleton field officer of the Regiment and Robert Carter his Capt. that after remaining there for some time they were ordered with General Lincoln who marched down through Georgia came into South Carolina again and was discharged at Bacons' Bridge South of Charleston for that time -- after that he volunteered afterwards in General Sumter's troops after remaining with him some months he the said applicant got a permit from Col. Richard Hampton to leave Sumter's Brigade or troop and join General Marion that he immediately joined Marion & remained under his command in service until the British left Charleston, that he was born in the northern states and was brought to South Carolina when quite young, that he has lived in Sumter District ever since where he now resides and this applicant does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State -- that he was more than four years in service.

S/ Jno McDonald, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the Day and year before written

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

Personally appeared in open Court at the Court now sitting William McElveen¹ who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with the within named John McDonald who has sworn to and subscribed to the within declaration during the revolutionary war and was with him as a soldier in the Augusta Camps under General Williamson that he also served with him for near 2 years in General Marion's Brigade.

S/ Wm McElveen, X his mark

Daniel Keels² and Samuel Chandler³ also appeared in open Court who being duly sworn maketh oath that they were both acquainted with the named Applicant John McDonald during the revolutionary war that they served with him most of the time and that he served in all more than 2 years --

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year within mentioned.

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ Samuel Chandler

S/ Daniel Keels

[Henry D. Green, a clergyman, and Thomas Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ [William McElveen S21880](#)

² [Daniel Keels S18071](#)

³ [Samuel Chandler W8599](#)