Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Randel McDaniel S32402 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Tennessee White County: May Term of the Circuit Court 1833

On this 25th day of May personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Charles L. Keith, Judge of the Circuit Court for said County and State of Tennessee, now sitting, Randle McDannal, a resident of White County and State aforesaid aged 78 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 --

That he Entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States as a Private that he then resided in South Carolina that he turned out as a Volunteer under Capt. Patten¹ in Col. Richersons [sic, Richard Richardson] Regiment and was marched from thence to Dunkins Creek [sic, Duncan's Creek] and took some Tories Prisoners old Col. Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] for one from thence to Raburn's Creek² near Saluda from thence to Reeday Creek [Reedy Creek] and there had an engagement [December 22, 1775]³ with the Tories and took fifteen prisoners from thence to a place near the tea table and bear he was dismissed from the Army and went home having completed a tour of three months the date of the year in which this service was rendered cannot be recollected.

His second tower [tour] of duty was performed from the same place in South Carolina. He was called in the Militia by his No. [number] which he does not now recollect, and was marched from thence to Charlestown and was there Stationed to guard the British out of the Town. He was then under Capt. Patten the name of the Col. was Richerson the name of the adjutant was Thomas Sumter. This applicant was relieved at Charlestown and sent home having served four months. He is no scholar and therefore cannot say what date he performed these services, he thinks it was but a little while before the British took Charlestown. He has no documentary Evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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/ Randle McDannel, X his mark

¹ Possibly a reference to Robert Patton who served as a captain early in the war on the western frontier.

² Spelled Rayborn, Rabun, Raborn, etc.

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_cane_brake.html

Answers to Interrogatories proposed by the department of war

Answer 1st I was born in Meriland [Maryland] Frederick County about the Middle of March 1755.

2nd I have no Record of my age --

3rd In South Carolina from thence to North Carolina Montgomery County alone Pede [Pedee River] from thence back to South Carolina in Lancaster County thence to North Carolina Rutherford County from thence to Tennessee Cook County thence to Smith County Tennessee thence to White County Tennessee where I now Reside

4th I turned out Volunteer the first Tour and the second was drafted.

5th Col. Sumter General Marion Col. Richerson [Richardson] Col. Neel and Col. Thompson [probably William Thomson] with whom I was acquainted and did serve. I cannot state any circumstances more fully than I have done in the body of my declaration.

6th I never received a written discharge from the service

7th Major Isaac Taylor, John Taylor, Jeremiah Denton & the Rev. Henry Burton Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 25th May 1833.

S/A. Dibrell, Clerk

S/ Randal McDaniel, X his mark

[Henry Burton, a clergyman, and Jeremiah Denton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: Applicant applied for a transfer of his pension on March 24, 1834 to Hamilton County Illinois: in this application he refers to his commanding officer as "Col. Richardson": he stated: "the following are his reasons for removing from Tennessee to Illinois, that he liked the Country better that his children were coming and he wished to live with them." He signed this document with his mark. The application was supported by an affidavit given by Daniel McDaniel, relationship, if any, to the veteran not stated.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the South Carolina militia.]