

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John McDonald W6814      Isabella      fn36NC  
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Georgia Clarke County

On this 13th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Charles Dougherty presiding Judge of the Superior Court of said County John McDonald a resident of the County of Clarke & State aforesaid aged 69 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 & served as herein stated: He entered the service at Salisbury, North Carolina, on the 12th day of February 1780, under Capt. William Shields, as Capt. -- Joseph Muse as Lieut. & William Cox as Ensign which company was a volunteer company drawn from Col. Joseph Alston's Regiment of Militia. He volunteered for a 6 months tour and was marched immediately to the Monongahela River & stationed there near a Fort called Fort Johnson, though he never was at the Fort. He remained there until his first term of service expired & then volunteered again for a similar term & thus he kept renewing his service, in like manner until after Cornwallis was taken, upon receiving the news of which & hearing the Indians were likely to come in upon the settlements near Pittsburg then called Fort Pitt they were marched to that place & were there stationed to guard the frontiers & prevent depredations by the Indians until the middle of June 1783 at which time he left that place & returned home -- renewing as before stated in his service every 6 months from the said 12th of February 1780 to the 12th of February 1783 terminating his last enlistment the middle of June aforesaid. His whole length of service was 3 years & 4 months -- He was in no skirmishes, his principle duty was guarding & scouting on the frontiers. While at Monongahela, detachments of the troops stationed there were frequently engaged in skirmishes with the Indians, & on one occasion his Capt. (Shields) was severely wounded & his place was supplied by one Avery Dye under whom the Company marched to Fort Pitt.

He was born, as he has been told, in Scotland, & brought from that place a suckling child, on the 21st of June 1764. He has no record of his age anywhere that he knows of, but such as he was informed by his parents which he has retained in his memory, as the fact. He had a discharge but it is long since lost. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person who can prove his service. He lived with old General Pickens for years immediately succeeding his coming-out of the service, in South Carolina, after which he moved to Georgia where he has lived ever since with the exception of 2 years which time he resided in Tennessee. He now lives in Clarke County, Georgia.

To the questions propounded to him in pursuance of the instructions he answers to the 1st  
He was born in Scotland as he is informed

2nd he has no record of his age

3rd He was living near Salisbury, North Carolina & lived since the war in South Carolina a small time in Tennessee & the balance of the time in Georgia where he now resides

4. I was called into service as a volunteer.
5. I know of no regular Officers having been carried to frontier stations, where none acted that I know of. I have stated my services in the body of my declaration.
6. I received a discharge I think from my last Capt. but do not recollect, it is lost.
7. I state John Espey, A. J. Clayton, Capt. Espey.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[A. J. Clayton and John Espy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12, On May 28, 1853, in Clarke County Georgia, Isabella McDonnell, 63, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of John McDonald, a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum for his revolutionary services under the 1832 Act; that she married him in July 1811; that he died February 25 1848.]