

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCadden VAS551

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Excerpt taken from the 3rd Section of An Act to Authorize the Delegates of this State in Congress to convey to the United States in Congress Assembled, all the right of this Commonwealth to the Territory North westward of the River Ohio passed December 20th 1783.

That a quantity not exceeding 150,000 acres of Land promised by this State, shall be allowed & granted to the then Colonel, now General George Rogers Clarke [George Rogers Clark] and to the Officers and Soldiers of his Regiment, who marched with him when the Post of Kaskaskia and St. Vincent [Vincennes] were reduced, and to the Officers and Soldiers that have been since Incorporated into the said Regiment, to be laid off in one tract, the length of which not to exceed double the breadth in which place on Northwest side of Ohio as a Majority of the Officers shall choose, & to be afterward divided among the said Officers & Soldiers in due proportion according to the laws of Virginia.

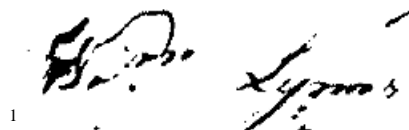
[pp 3-4: John McCadden of Brownsville, Pennsylvania wrote a petition dated July 29th 1818 addressed to the Clerk of the Supreme Executive Council at Richmond Virginia which appears to read as set forth below but the image posted online is so poor that great caution should be used in relying on it. If anyone has a better transcription, please let us post it in this database.]

Brownsville P. A. July 29th 1818

Attn. --- Clerk of the Supreme Executive Council at Richmond Virginia
Sir,

It was not till very lately that I learned through the medium of a newspaper that I was entitled to a bounty of land for service performed during the revolutionary War,

On [indcipherably faint word] a Gentlemen of [indcipherable word] County of your State who has been [several indcipherable words] a member of your Legislature he advised me to apply to you for some information on that subject, particularly whether my Name is [one or more indcipherably faint words] among the rolls deposited in the office of the Regiment in which the service was performed – the service alluded to was performed by a volunteer Corps assembled at different periods viz. in the year 1779 – 80 – and perhaps 81, by the then Colonel late General George Rogers Clark of Kentucky who [indcipherably faint words] themselves by the reduction of the posts of Kaskaskia & Vincennes, – My tour was performed in the year 80 in a company commanded by Captain Squire Boon [Squire Boone], Col. Wm Lyms [?]¹ Batalion [Battalion] & Generally by the said General



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Clark when we destroyed the Indian towns on the Miami, [the image of this document as posted online cuts off at this point at the bottom of the first page thereof]

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the lands provided for them by a Special law which I have not seen, but which I understand provides one hundred fifty thousand acres for them which was laid off for them opposite the falls of Ohio, and known by the name of the Illinois Grant,

Your attention to the above request and also any other information you [indecipherable words] to obtain my claim will be Greatfully [sic] acknowledged by your Obedient Sert.

S/ John McCadden

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John McCadden". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.