

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Francis McDermot VAS586

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] two files, one under the name "Francis McDermot" and the other under the name "Francis McDermott."

I do Certify that Francis McDermot Served as a Soldier in the Illinois Regiment from the 28th day of April 1780 until the 31 day of October 1783 and has never received wages whatever.

Given under my hand at Fort Nelson 31st of October 1783

S/ R. Clark, Lt. [probably Richard Clark]
Illinois Regiment

A Copy

S/ W. Lynn, Clk

Petition for Bounty Land

The Heirs of Francis McDermott Soldier Illinois Regiment

This Soldier has been reported in the printed list of Illinois Soldiers etc. No. 4 entitled to land for the war. He enlisted before April first 1781 for the war, and was discharged October 31st 1783 – (see list No. 4: and Illinois pay rolls, in the first Volume Illinois papers) the heirs are entitled to 300 acres of land.

There is other evidence filed with the Petition

Respectfully submitted
S/ Jno R. Smith, Commissioner &c
June 9th 1834

To Governor Tazewell

[Note: This file contains an affidavit signed by George Shepherd,¹ 74, and dated May 15, 1834 in which it appears that he states that Francis McDermott served in the Illinois Regiment under General George Rogers Clark in a company commanded by Captain John Bailey in the years 1781 & 1782; that said McDermott remained in the service until the end of the Revolution; that Francis McDermott had a son named Orlester [?]². The quality of the image of this document is so poor that I did not attempt to transcribe it.

George Shepherd

¹ [George Shepherd \(Shepard\) W8723](#)

² *Orlester*

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