

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to David McDonald VAS590

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I certify that my brother David McDonald was drafted in the service, I think in the year 1779 and marched to the barrax [barracks] at Albemarle; he there enlisted in the regular Army, but for what term I do not know. I well remember he returned immediately after he enlisted on horseback, and remained at my father's a short time and said he was going into the Illinois country in Colonel Clark's [George Rogers Clark's] Regiment. After remaining a short time with us he joined the said Regiment and remained in service until the close of the Revolutionary War. Of the facts stated in this certificate I am certain and positive. Given under my hand this 16th June 1835

S/ Thos. McDonald [Thomas McDonald]

[Attested June 16 1835 in Culpeper County Virginia]

To L. W. Tazewell Governor of the State of Virginia

Your petitioner begs leave to represent to your Excellency that his Father David McDonald enlisted as a private Soldier at the Albemarle Barracks sometime in the year 1779 to go into the Illinois Service in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark; – Your petitioner has frequently heard his father speak of the remarkable and uncommon privations & hardships he suffered during his Service while in the Western Army aforesaid, and always understood from him, that he remained in said service until peace was made between Great Britain and this Country. Therefore your petitioner asked in his own name, and also, in the name of his brothers & sisters (by whom he is authorized by powers of attorney) of your Excellency to make an allowance of bounty land to was for the Revolutionary services of our said Father – David McDonald deceased and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

S/ John S McDonald

[attested in Culpeper County Virginia June 7, 1835]

Virginia Culpeper County: to wit

This day Susan McDonald aged 88 years personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid and made oath that her son David McDonald enlisted and served in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark and served in said Regiment until the close of the Revolutionary War and that the said David McDonald afterwards intermarried with a Miss Sherrill [?] and remained in this County until he had 3 children to wit Elizabeth, Jane and Benjamin he then removed to the State of Kentucky. Given under my hand and seal this 17th March 1834

S/ Fred Fishback, JP