

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of James McFadon BLWt1079-200
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

MD [VA]

State of Maryland }
City of Baltimore }

I John McFadon brother and heir at Law of James McFadon deceas'd aged fifty five years a Citizen of the United States do upon oath testify and declare that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six James McFadon enlisted in the army of the Revolution against the common Enemy for the term of during the War and served in the Maryland Corps of Artillery until the close of the war in seventeen hundred and eighty three when the Corps was disbanded. I further declare that the paper writing herewith mark'd A [not found] is a notarial Copy of the Commission granted to the said James McFadon by Thomas Mifflin President of the Congress of the United States, the original of which was delivered to Nathaniel Sawyer for the purpose of recovering a Bounty from the state of Virginia.

I further declare that the said James McFadon has not nor hath any person for him to the best of my knowledge received a warrant for the Bounty land promised to him on the part of the united states, nor has he ever assigned or transferred his claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever... therefore know all men by these presents that I John McFadon aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint General Samuel Smith to be my true and lawful Attorney... [remaining boilerplate not transcribed]

[signed 20 Aug 1822] John McFadon

I Charles Robinson aged Sixty four years a Citizen of of the United States do upon oath declare that I was well acquainted with James McFaden, that he entered the Revolutionary Army in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six and continued in the service to the close of the close of the War. That he departed this life about the year seventeen hundred and ninety. That I have been long acquainted with John McFadon brother to the said James McFadon who has subscribed the foregoing declaration in my presence and well know that he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be.

[signed 30 Aug 1822] Chas. Robinson

United States of America

State of Maryland Ss:

Be it remembered, that on this Fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for the City of Baltimore, Robert Walsh Esquire, of lawful age, who after being by me duly sworn to declare the truth &c, deposeth and saith – That he was personally acquainted with Mr. John McFadon the elder, who resided in and died in the Town, (now City of Baltimore) during the American revolutionary War that said McFadon had three sons, to wit: James, John & William That James was an Officer of the Artillery in the army of the U. S., believes a Lieutenant, and after the close of the war ranked as Captain. And that John McFadon the younger, now a Citizen of Baltimore, and one of the Firm of “McFadon & Harris” is the identical John McFadon, son of John above named, and a brother of the full blood, as deponent verily believes, to the late Captain James McFadon above named – and further this deponent saith not.

[signed] Robert Walsh

On this said 15th day of December 1823 personally appeared before me the above named Justice of the peace in & for the City aforesaid Eddward Pannell Esq. who being also duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Mr. John McFadon during the revolutionary war & before that he has perfect recollection of his sons James, John & William, that James became an officer in the United States service, returned to Baltimore with the Costume and rank of Captain. That both he and William have since deceased and that John McFadon of the House of McFadon & Harris of the City of Baltimore is the

identical John McFadon the younger, and always passed & it is believed by deponent, is the brother of the full blood to said Captain James McFadon. [signed] Edw'd. Pannell

[The following are from [Bounty-Land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains a document that is not legible except for the date 11 Sep 1822 and the signature of E. Langham (Elias Langham, pension application S41747), former Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of Artillery.]

Richmond

I do certify that I was well acquainted with Captain James McFadon of the Maryland Line, who was in 1778 transferred to [Charles] Harrison's Regt Artillery and served to the end of the war. I remember him & Capt Finley [Ebenezer Finley BLWt2287-200] well – both fine officers

Witness my hand this 4 Sept 1822.

[John Pryor, pension application W12064]
formerly an officer of the Revol'y Army



I William B. Wallace [S42612] late a Lieutenant in the 1st United States Reg't of Artillery Commanded by Col Charles Harrison which was a Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment do Certify that I was acquainted with Captain J McFaddon of said Regiment while I served in the Northern department but being detached under Maj'r Gen'l Baron De Calb [sic: Baron De Kalb] to Carolina in April 1780 I never saw Cap McFaddon after I am confident he commenced his service with the first raising of the Regiment in the winter of 1776-77 I never knew of his having resigned his commission & have supposed he continued his services to the end of the war

Given under my hand at Lawrenceburg in the State of Kentucky this 24th day of September 1822
Test J T Daviess. John F Hudgin

Wm B Wallace Late Lieut in the US 1st Reg't Art'y on the
Virginia Continental Establishment



Burbon [sic: Bourbon] County Kentucky

I do sirtify that I was was well acquainted in the Revolut'y war with Capt. Lieut. James Mcfadon who belonged to harrisons Reg't of Artill'y. in the Va. Cont'l. line he joined the Reg't. at the Valley forge while it layed there & march'd to the South & was in Gates' defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] & according to my best Recollection Continued in servis to the Close of the war in 1783 Given under under my hand this 26th day of Sept'r. 1822.

Rob't. Wilmott [Robert Wilmott]

Test John F Wilmott

1st Lieut in Harrisons Reg't Art'y in Va. Con'l line

To the Governor of Va.

The Petition of John McFadon, heir of Capt. James McFadon respectfully states –

That the accompanying evidence will clearly show that James McFadon was a Lieut. of the Maryland Line in the Revolution who was transferred at Valley Forge in 1777-8 to Col. Harrisons Artillery Regt. in the Va. Continental line and continued therein unto the end of the war – a brave and gallant officer.

The claim was Rejected by the Executive of Va. in July 1824 – the facts were not doubted – The only question was whether McFadon could be considered a Virginia officer, for whose services the state had credit. The case was maturely considered and much doubt entertained on the point, as was manifested by the Executive allowing one day the claim of Capt C. Sherrell (depending on the same principal) and afterwards recalling the certificate which had issued. The authorities refered to in Littleberry Mosby's [BLWt64-300] case was refered to to show that where an officer was transferred from one Line to another,

he became a part of the latter's quota. The Executive however decided to rule against the claim. It would not have been brought up again but for a discovery in the Journals of Congress of a resolution which places the matter beyond doubt – see Journal, 3 Vol. page 533 where the very point seems expressly decided.

The evidence shows that Capt McFadon had been assigned previous to the passage of that Resolution to the Virginia Line.

A reconsideration is respectfully asked by John McFadon/ heir of Capt J's. McF.
[several undeciphered words]

That the regiments of Cavalry, Artillery, and of Artificers, as they now stand, be considered as belonging to the States respectively to which they are or may be assigned, which states shall complete them to the full complement, supply them with necessaries, and in every respect treat them as if originally raised therein, and that such other states as now have noncommissioned Officers or privates in any of the regiments aforesaid, be credited in their quotas for such men, according to their numbers, from time to time for which purpose the Commander in Chief is hereby directed to specify such noncommissioned Officers and privates and the states to which they formerly belonged in the returns which he shall make to the states, and in his annual returns to Congress.

Journals of Congress. Vol. 3 page 533. [Three undeciphered words] October 3rd 1780.

NOTE: According to Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution*, James McFadon on 1 Nov 1779 was made a Captain-Lieutenant: a Lieutenant with command of a company.

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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James McFadon formerly VAS596 Vsl 8VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 4/25/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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

Richmond

I do certify that I was well acquainted with Captain James McFadon of the Maryland Line, who in the year 1778 transferred to Harrison's Regiment Artillery and served to the end of the War. I remember him & Captain Finney [? very faint] – both fine officers –
Witness my hand this for September 1822

S/ J. Pryor [probably John Pryor¹]
formally an officer of the Revolutionary Army

Burbon County [Bourbon County], Kentucky

I do sirtify that I was well acquainted in the Revoluary war with Capt. Lieut. James Mcfadon who belonged to Harrisons Regt. of Artillery in the Va Contl line he joined the Regt at the Valley forge while it layed there & marched to the South & was in Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] & according to my best recollection continued in sirves to the Close of the war in 1783. Given under my hand this 26 day of September 1822 –

S/ Robert Wilmott,² 1st Lieut.

in Harrison's Regiment artillery in Virginia Continental line
Test

S/ John F. Wilmott

¹ [John Pryor W12064](#)

² Probably the same man as Robert Wilmott BLWt2415-200 Lieut. Issued Jan. 28, 1800 No papers indexed under the Maryland veterans.

Burbon County Kentucky

I do certify that Jones was well Regimented in the
Revolution was with Capt. Lieut. James M. Faddon
who belonged to Harrison's Regt. of Artillery in the
Vat. Cont. line he joined the Regt. at the Valley Forge
while it layed there I march'd to the south &
was in Gates's defeat & according to my best
Recollection continued in service to the close of
the war in 1783 Given under my hand this
26th day of Sept. 1822 - Robt. Wilmonatt 1st Lieut
in Harrison's Regt. Artillery in V. Cont. line
Test John F. Wilmonatt

I William B Wallace late a Lieutenant in the first United States Regiment of artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison which was a Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment - do Certify that I was acquainted with Captain Lieutenant J. McFaddon of said Regiment while I served in the northern department but being detached under Major General Baron De Kalb to Carolina in April 1780 I never saw Captain McFaddon after & and confident he continued his service with the first raising of the Regiment in the winter of 1776 - 77. I never knew of his having resigned his Commission & have supposed he continued his service to the end of the war. Given under my hand at Lawrenceburg in the State of Kentucky this 24th day of September 1822
S/ W. B. Wallace³ late Lieutenant
in the [indecipherable] 1st Regt. Artillery on the
Virginia Continental establishment

Test
J. T. Davies
John F. Headgin

³ [William B. Wallace S42612](#)

John William McWhorter late a Lieutenant in the
5th United States Regt of Artillery commanded by
Gen Charles Rescison which was a Virginia
Regiment on Continental Establishment —
Do hereby that I was acquainted with Capt
J. W. McWhorter of said Regiment which served in
the Northern Department but being detached under
Major General Brainerd to Carolina in April 1780
remained in camp with McWhorter after the evacuation
the command his services with the first coming
of the Regiment in the winter of 1781 however
because of his having resigned his Commission he
never supported the Revolution and his services to the
end of the war

Given under my hand at Lancaster in
the State of Kentucky this 26th day of September 1822

Test
J. W. Davis
John F. Higgins

John William McWhorter
in the 5th Regt of Artillery on the
Virginia Continental Establishment