

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McAdam BLWt1088-300

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War Department

Memorandum

Section Of Bounty Lands March 5th 1823

By the Inscription in Red Ink on the other side this Paper, which was the Envelope of a File of "unfinished Business" left in the War Office, dated 3rd June 1808"; which inscription is deemed to be in the Handwriting of the late Major Hezekiah Rogers, deceased, heretofore a Clerk in War Office, in charge of the Branch of "Military Bounty Lands" – it appears satisfactorily that the original Claim for Land in Right of J. McAdams [sic] a Captain of the Virginia Line at the close of the Revolutionary War, was then duly substantiated – and an application was made for the Land Warrant under the authority of and Administrator, – which was deemed admissible; and it does not appear that said Claim has ever yet been satisfied: the Subscriber hereto is, therefore, decidedly of the opinion that the expiration of the Law authorizing that Class of Claim, which took place on the 4th instant – does not Bar the reception of this 5th of March of the legitimate Evidence of Heirship in this Case, which was of Record at the Court of Northumberland County, State of Virginia on the 10th of February ultimo –: but no New Proof to substantiate the original Claim, or Right, if any such had been requisite, could have been admitted since the expiration of the Law in question.

S/ Nat. Cutting

State of Virginia Northumberland County Court, 10 February 1823

Be it known to all whom it may concern that it has been made to appear to the satisfaction of this court that Thomas Brown is one of the heirs of John McAdam who was a Captain in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, and that the said Thomas Brown is one of the heirs of Joseph McAdam who was a surgeon in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. All of which is ordered to be recorded and certified to the Secretary of war. –

I Fleming Bates clerk of the court of Northumberland County in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing is truly transcribed from the records of the said court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said County the 10th day of February 1823.

S/ F. Bates

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Taylor Administrator of John McAdam of the County of Lancaster and State of Virginia have this day bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell and assign over to Thomas D Harris of the City of Richmond, three hundred acres of land due in consideration of the services of John McAdam Captain – in the Army of the

United States to the end of the late war with Great Britain – under the command of Colonel Charles Scott – agreeable to an Act of Congress and I do moreover require and direct Henry Dearborn, Esquire, Secretary of War for the time being, or his successors, to issue to Thomas D Harris his heirs or assigns, in his or their own name as Assignees of me, the said Thomas Taylor a Warrant for the Land aforesaid, and on receipt of the same I do hereby ratify & confirm any receipt or other instrument in writing, that he the said Thomas D Harris may necessarily sign, or procure to be signed, in testimony the premises aforesaid, as fully as I could do, if I was personally present. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 14 day of December 1807

S/ Thos. Taylor

[p 9: copy of the last will and testament of John McAdam of Saint Stephen's parish County of Northumberland [Virginia] in which he asked to be buried near his father if his father has died before him; if his father survives him, he leaves his father such close as sued him; to his sister Janete Brown he leaves his diamond ring for her daughter Anny; to his brother George Thomas McAdam his silver mounted pistols and shotguns; he refers to Tommy and Charles McAdam without identifying their relationship to him; he refers to the plantation which is father barked and gave to him which is father purchased from Captain John Foushee; to his sister Charlotte McAdams [sic] he left the residue of his estate; and he appointed Colonel Edwin Conway and Colonel Thomas Gaskins as the executors of his estate.] [This will be was probated in Northumberland County Virginia December 13, 1784.]

[p 12: finding by a court dated March 15 it 1824 in Lancaster County Virginia that Martha C Taylor, wife of Thomas Taylor, is one of the heirs of John McAdam.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 1 page file

In the House of Delegates
May 26 1784

Resolved that the Petition of John McAdam praying to be allowed a Bounty in Lands is reasonable and that he be allowed the like Quantity as is by law given to a Lieutenant 1784 June 28th

Test;

S/ John Beckley, CHD

agreed to by the Senate

S/ Will [illegible]

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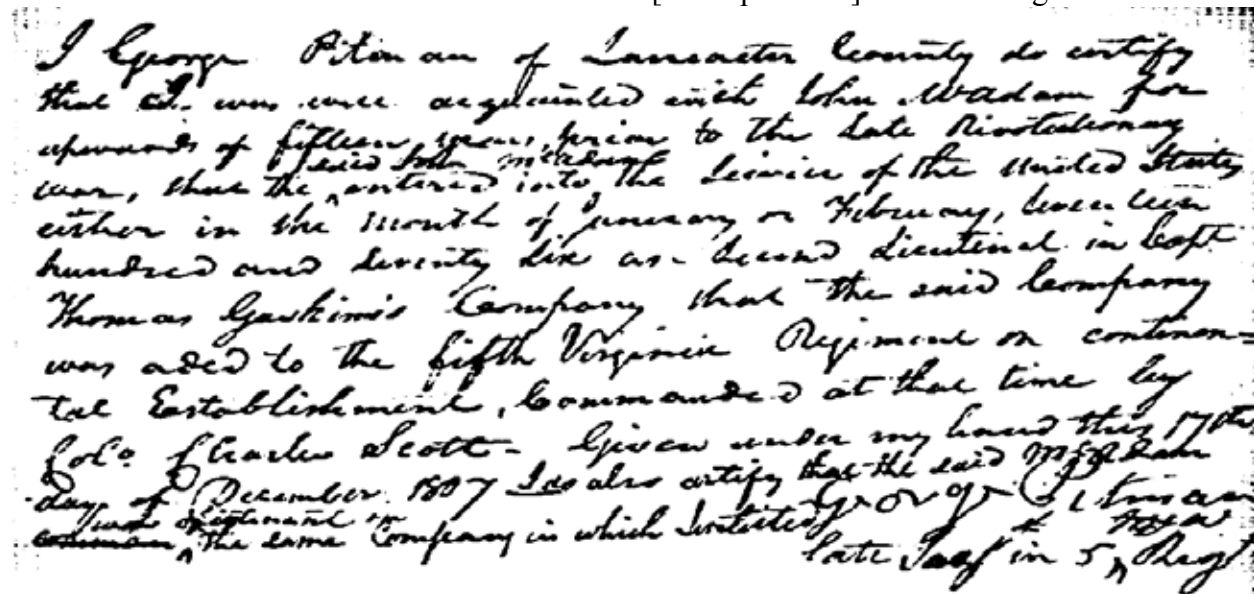
Del'd Colo. Gaskins

[another file, this one containing 3 pages in the Bounty Land files]

I George Pitman of Lancaster County do certify that I was well acquainted with John McAdam for upwards of fifteen years prior to the Late revolutionary War, that the said John McAdam entered into the Service of the United States either in the month of January or February 1776 as 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Gaskins' Company that said Company was added to the 5th

Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, commanded at that time by Colonel Charles Scott. Given under my hand this 17th day of December 1807. I do also certify that the said McAdam was Lieutenant in the same company in which I enlisted.

S/ George Pitman,
Late [indecipherable] in 5th Va. Regt.



I George Pitman of Lancaster County do certify that I was well acquainted with John McAdam for upwards of fifteen years, prior to the late Revolutionary war, that he entered into the Service of the United States either in the month of January or February, 1776, being then hundred and seventy six or second lieutenant in Capt. Thomas Gaskins' Company that the said Company was added to the fifth Virginia Regiment on continental Establishment, commanded at that time by Col^o. Charles Scott. Given under my hand this 17th day of December 1807 I do also certify that the said McAdam was Lieutenant in the same Company in which I enlisted. Late Capt in 5th Regt

I William Bentley¹ do hereby Certify that John McAdam entered the Service of the United States in the 5th Regiment on Continental Establishment in January 1776 and afterwards promoted to the Rank of Captain in which capacity he acted with credit a considerable time, but cannot state how long he continued in service, as the Regiment to which I was attached were ordered to the Southward in the year 1778 or 79 & the said McAdam continued in the northern Army. Given under my hand this 23 December 1806.

S/ W. Bentley late Capt. [William Bentley]
Virg. Con. Line



W Bentley late Capt
Virg Con Line

A Warrant for 2666 2/3 acres was issued to John McAdam for 3 years service as a Lieutenant of the Continental line.

S/ Wm Price, Regr.

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Northumberland County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the General Assembly the petition of John

¹ [William Bentley S37745](#)

McAdam humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner was appointed an Officer in the 6th of Virginia Regiment the first day of February in the year 1776; that he continued in actual service until an arrangement made in September 1778, he was declared a supernumerary Captain in consequence of his being a Junior Officer. That in 1781 being still anxious to serve his Country in the field, he accepted the command of a troop of horse raised in Northumberland County under an act passed for that purpose the 6th of October 1780: that in that capacity he exerted himself with the utmost activity in discharge of the duties attending his appointment & that he served one month at the siege of York. Your Petitioner humbly prays that the Honorable the General Assembly will take the premises into consideration & will allow him a military warrant for such quantity of land as in the opinion of the Honorable the General Assembly [decides] your petitioner shall have deserved. Annual Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

[Reverse]

Mr. Adams' petition

May 24, 1784

Referred to Propositions

May 25th 1786

Reasonable & allowed –

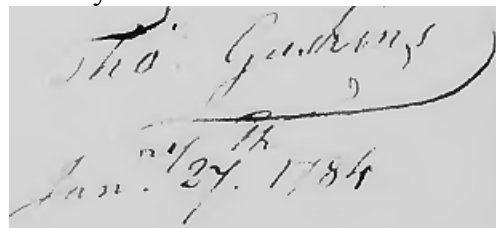
Captain's Bounty to be reported specially

I hereby Certify that Captain John McAdam was appointed to the Command of a Troop of Horse in Northumberland County agreeable to an act of Assembly passed the sixth of October 1780 and that he performed all the necessary duty of a Captain in suppressing of Riots, taking up Mutineers, delinquent Drafts, Deserters and Disaffected persons and carrying them from here to Richmond town, from the time he was appointed to that Command until the 30th of May 1782 while I acted as County Lieutenant and that he also served in Gloucester with his Troop upwards of a month during the Siege of York.

Given under my hand

S/ Thos. Gaskins [Thomas Gaskins]

January 27th 1784

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Gaskins" and a date below it that reads "Jan. 27th 1784". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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Addendum to John McAdam BLWt1088-300

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 4 Sep 2020.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as McAdams, John.]

Captain John McAdams of the 5th Virginia Continental Regiment in consequence of an arrangement made by a Committee of Congress in the month of September 1778 at White plains, in the State of New York [see <http://revwarapps.org/b183.pdf>]. He, with several others became a Supernumerary officer. He became intitled to a Captaincy (having rose to that grade by seniority from that of a subaltern) on 16th May 1778. Given under my hand in the City of Richmond. State of Virginia Janu'y 13th 1808

Ro Gamble [Robert Gamble BLWt869-300] late Capt.
8th Va Continental Regim't