

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Rudolph [Michael Rudolph]¹ BLWt945-300 f16MD

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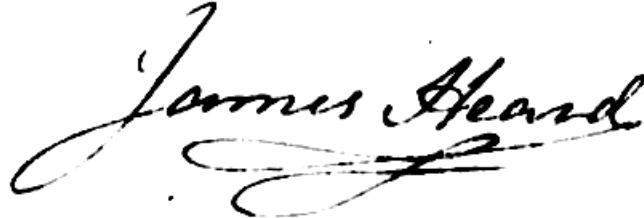
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State of New Jersey Middlesex County

On the Twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord 1819 before me Ichabod Potter one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Middlesex came James Heard of the County and State aforesaid – Known to me & being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that Micael Rudolph [Michael Rudolph] late of the County of Cecil in the State of Maryland entered the Service of the United States in the year of our Lord 1779 and was a Captain of Infantry in the Legion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee and served as such in said Legion until the conclusion of the revolutionary War.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me
S/Ichabod Potter, JP

S/ James Heard²



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The Certificate of John Bennett³ who was hisself a private of Dragoons in the Legion commanded by Lieutenant Henry Hampton Service of the United States.

Maryland Cecil County SS

Be it remembered that this 10th day of March 1819 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Notary Public in the State of Maryland for Cecil County John Bennett aged about 60 years who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he knew Major John Rudolph and Captain Michael Rudolph both of Cecil County in the State of Maryland and that he served with them in the said Legion during the Revolutionary War – that John Rudolph entered

¹ Though indexed in the federal bounty land records as "Michael Rudolph," it is clear the veteran spelled his name "Michael Rudolph." There is a remarkably thorough biographical sketch relating to this veteran posted at https://archive.org/stream/MichaelRudolphLionOfTheLegion/Michael-Rudolph_Lees-Legion_djvu.txt (viewed 10/6/16).

² [James Heard S540](#)

³ [John Bennett VAS579](#)

the service in the Spring of 1778 as a Captain of Dragoons and that he served as such until the year 1780 – when he was appointed Major of Dragoons and served as such until the time of his death, which this Deponent thinks was in September 1781 or 1782. This Deponent was at his funeral he was buried with the honors of war, near Charlestown [Charleston] South Carolina.

That Michael Rudulph entered the said service about the [year] 1779 – and served as Captain of Infantry in said Legion until the end of the war.

Subscribed & sworn to before me

S/ Adam Whann, NP

S/ John Bennett



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Certificate of William McDonald⁴ of the City of Baltimore & State of Maryland who was himself a private in the Dragoon Service in Lee's Corps of Virginia in the service of the United States

State of Maryland

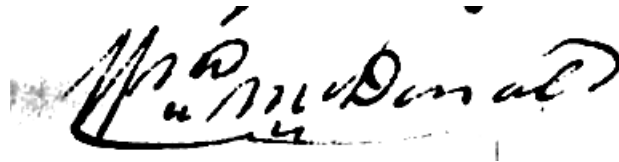
Baltimore County Sct.

Be it remembered that on this sixteenth day of March 1819 before me Edward Johnson Mayor of the City of Baltimore personally appeared William McDonald of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland of lawful age who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that Michael Rudulph late of Cecil County in the State of Maryland entered the service of the United States on the Continental establishment in the year of our Lord 1778 and was a Captain of Infantry in the Legion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee and served as such in said Legion until the conclusion of the revolutionary War.

S/ Wm McDonald

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 16th day of March 1819

S/ Edward Johnson, Mayor



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Elkton December 27th 1820

I do hereby authorize and empower the Honorable Stephenson Archer Member of Congress for me and in my name to receive and pass receipts for a military Land warrant for Bounty land to be issued by the United States to me as one of the Heirs at law of Captain Michael Rudulph formerly of the U.S. Army, deceased.

S/ Matilda Rudulph, X her mark

To the Honble. J. Calhoun

⁴ [William McDonald W6806](#)

Secty at War

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Maryland Cecil County Sct.

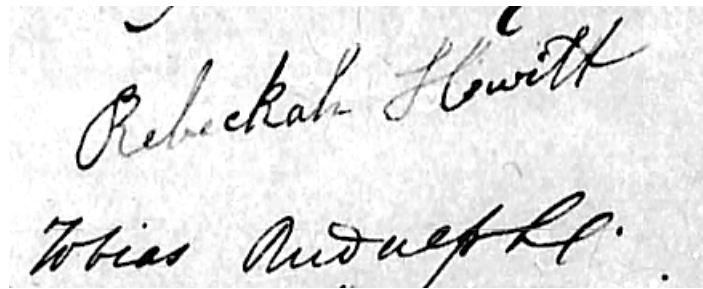
Be it remembered that on the 27th day of December A.D. 1820 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for Cecil County Matilda Rudolph who makes oath that she is one of the children of Captain Michael Rudolph formerly of the U.S. Army that the said Michael Rudolph left the above named Matilda Rudolph, Michael Rudolph, Amelia Rudolph, and Eliza of Rudolph his children and heirs at law.

S/ Matilda Rudolph, X her mark

Witness present

Tobias Rudolph

Rebeckah Hewitt

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink on a light-colored paper. The top signature is 'Rebeckah Hewitt' and the bottom signature is 'Tobias Rudolph'. Both signatures are written in a fluid, cursive style.

[relationship, if any, of Tobias Rudolph to the veteran or his family is not stated]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] the following appear in a 14-page file indexed under the name "John Rudolph" [sic, John Rudolph]

Charleston 22nd December 1782

My dear Colonel

On the 14th of this month General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] took possession of the Capital at the head of the Legion and Light Infantry of the Army, the rear of the British embarking at the Wharf as he marched in at the Gate. The greatest Order & Regularity was observed & no violence was committed by either Army on the person or property of a single Individual. Great manifestations of Joy are shown by the people, whilst the more contemplative are looking forward to the immense Advantages which this Event will produce to the Southern States.

Before this reaches you, you must have heard of poor Rudolph's Death [John Rudolph's]. After being sick most of the Summer & Fall & when every body supposed him getting well, he was seized with an Epileptic Fitt & after laying senseless three days expired much lamented on the 8th Instant. By this circumstance the Command has devolved on me, a Weight much too heavy for my Shoulders in the present State of American Politics. For Heaven's sake give your Attention to us if you cannot be with us personally. We are tolerably well cloathed & mounted. Our numbers something above 100 Cavalry & eighty Infantry. We fear Advantage will be taken of this Circumstance to incorporate us with Armand's [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] Legion & indeed it has been hinted that a Lt. Colo. Ternant [Jean Baptiste Ternant] will go with recommendations from General Greene to this Effect. Take every Means to prevent it, & as Major Edwards will stay no longer, I must subscribe myself

your sincere Friend

S/ Jos. Eggleston jr [?]⁵

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jos. Eggleston jr", written in black ink on a white background. The signature is positioned below a dashed line and above a solid black horizontal bar.

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th came to my hands last evening and I make haste to give you all the information in my power on the subjects of your inquiries.

Major John Rudulph died in South Carolina in the year 1782 after Lieutenant Colonel Lee had relinquished the command of the Legion. His death must have occurred towards the close of the year and while he was commanding officer of the corps. I cannot, however, with certainty state the precise period, although I recollect the event most fully, and the place where it happened. The impression made by the distortion of his features, which had been extremely convoluted by spasms in his last moments, has not yet been erased from my memory. It is unquestionable that he died in actual service, about the time above mentioned and that he entered the Army at a very early period of the war.

Captain Michael Rudulph married a Miss Baker in South Carolina, soon after the Major's death. This lady had relations at Dorchester, near Bacon's Bridge, where she lived with her uncle, a Mr. Cates [?], at the time of her marriage: but her father was of Georgia and resided in the lower country of that State perhaps in the neighborhood of Savannah. I have no doubt that the [indecipherable word] and most accurate intelligence with respect to him and his family might be obtained from Colonel Ferdinand O'Neal who lives upon the sea-coast, some distance to the southward of the city of Savannah. Some of the members of the House of Representatives from Georgia can put you in the way of discovering and corresponding with that gentleman.

I will with great pleasure communicate any other facts within my knowledge which you may deem important, in relation to the military services of the two Rudulphs both of whom were most gallant and meritorious officers. I am surprised to learn that the claims of their representatives for their military services in the war of the Revolution have not yet been adjusted, and am, most respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant

S/ Peter Johnston

Abingdon, February 27th, 1819

Certificate of Colonel William McDonald who was himself a private in the Dragoons in the line of Virginia in the service of the United States.

State of Maryland Baltimore City

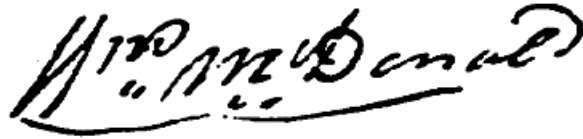
Be it remembered that on this sixteenth day of March 1819 [text illegibly faint] before me Edward Johnson Mayor of the City of Baltimore personally appeared William McDonald of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland on lawful age who being by me duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that John Rudulph late of Cecil County in the State of Maryland was a Captain of Dragoons in the Legion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment at the [word illegibly faint]. That he the said William McDonald was attached to Captain Joseph Eagleston's [Joseph Eggleston's] third

⁵ [Joseph Eggleston W8687](#)

Troop of said Corps which was in the Spring of the year 1778. That the said John Rudolph died in said service near Camden in South Carolina in or about the month of September in the year 1781, That he was buried with the honors of war and that this deponent was at his Funeral.

That the said John Rudolph was promoted to the Majors Command about one year before he died and commanded as Major at the time of his death.

S/ Wm McDonald



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Baltimore County SS

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S/ Wm McDonald

[Note: pp 12-13 is a copy of the last will and testament of Ann Irvine.]

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

Species thr. Nov.

Date Names and Rank of whom Received Articles Received Dollars 90 Dollars
1776

Dec. 9 Rudolph Capt. General Greene Billof Exchange 100 sent Cont. J. White
Ditto Capt. John Hamilton Clothing 100. 78 Do

1779

Oct 6 Ditto Capt. John Prince Cash 15.000

1781

Dec. Ditto Capt. Edwd. Carrington One Horse £13.0.0 Stg. 55 64

Ditto Capt. Lt. Col. Henry Lee Clothing 7.17.0

The foregoing entries are truly Copied from a Book
of payments &c &c kept by Andrew Dunscomb

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office

Richmond this 17th day of Sept. 1838

S/ Jas. E. Heath Aud.

Rec'd 20 Octr. 1838

This claim is rejected 1st because from the evidence filed in the first application for bounty land

it appears that this officer enlisted the service in Lee's Legion in 1779 – 2ndly because it does not appear that Virginia had credit for his services in her quota.

S/ D. Campbell [David Campbell, then Governor of
Virginia]

1838 Nov. 2 of Rejected