

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McDonald S16951

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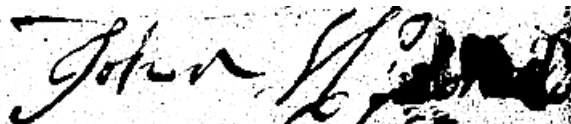
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State of Indiana Henry County: SS

On this 13th day of November A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court Before the Honorable Jesse H Haley Probate Judge of the County of Henry and State of Indiana now sitting, John McDonald of the County of Henry and State of Indiana aged seventy-nine years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States in Bedford County in the State of Virginia on the 17th day of January 1781 and lived in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia aforesaid when he entered. And that he was born in the County of King George said State aforesaid in the year 1753 and was principally raised in Caroline County and State of Virginia aforesaid, and served until the 23rd day of April 1781 aforesaid under Captain Joseph Poindexter and Colonel Manywathers [probably Thomas Meriwether] and the other Officers he does not recollect. And during which time he served as a volunteer and marched from Bedford County in the State of Virginia aforesaid to Petersburg in Amelia County in that state Aforesaid and from thence to Cabin Point on James River and from thence to Smithfield and there remained some six or eight days and from thence to Portsmouth on James River aforesaid during all which time we were in the State of Virginia aforesaid and there remained about five weeks and then received a discharge by Captain Poindexter aforesaid. And sometime in the summer of 1781 the precise time he does not recollect he entered the service of the United States at Bedford in the state of Virginia aforesaid and their guarded the magazine near New London in the County of Bedford aforesaid for the term of six months our officers were Hall Captain of the magazine and James Prichett [James Pritchett?] Sergeant of the magazine who at the expiration of the six months gave us a discharge and that he knows of no person who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John McDonald



Whereupon in compliance with the directions of the war Department the Court put the following interrogatories to the Applicant

= Question 1st Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in King George County Virginia in the year 1753.

= Question 2nd have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Ans. I have a record of my age on paper at home given by my father.

= Quest 3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live

Ans. I was living in Bedford County Virginia and lived there six or seven years after the Revolutionary war and moved from there to Washington County Virginia and there lived three years, And then moved from there to Campbell County and remained there two years then moved to Botatot [Botetourt] County Virginia and there lived about three years, and move from there to North Carolina in Iredell County sometime in the year 1796 and there remained until 1818 and from there moved to Warren County in the State of Ohio and remained there three years. And from thence moved to the State of Indiana in the County of Henry and have there remained ever since.

= Quest 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

answer. I was a volunteer as before stated in my declaration

= Quest 5th State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; Such Continental and Militia regiments as you recollect and the general Circumstances of your service

Ans. In my first tower [tour] there were Captain Poindexter & Colonel Manyweathers the other Officers he does not recollect and the last tower we served there were Holt who was Captain of the magazine which we guarded as before stated Sergeant James Prichett as before stated in my declaration.

= Quest 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans. I received a discharge from service each tower the first from Captain Poindexter and the 2nd from James Prichett Sergeant as before stated in my declaration though they are both lost.

Quest 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. I here are Joseph Hobson, Hugh Carrol and in fact the whole neighborhood [George H Hobson and Isahal Woodard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me the Undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Henry and State of Indiana John McDonald who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; for 3 months and 5 days I served as a volunteer in my first tower and for 6 months I served as a volunteer in my 2nd and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ John McDonald, X his mark

[p 9: On April 11, 1844 in Des Moines County Iowa, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit stating that he was originally enrolled in Indiana, subsequently transferred to the Territory of Wisconsin and now wishes to have his pension paid in Iowa stating as his reason for moving to our to live with his son with whom he has lived for a number of years. This document

was signed by the veteran's mark. The application was supported by an affidavit of Hugh McDonald (who also signed with his mark). His relationship to the veteran is not stated

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]