

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McAdow S2760

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State of Tennessee, Wilson County

On the 28th day of September A. D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Justices of the peace holding the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilson and at their September Term A.D. 1832, and which is now sitting, James McAdow a resident of the County of Wilson and in the State of Tennessee aged Seventy-three years according to the family Register, who being first 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 the 7th A.D.1832.

I was born in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina where I lived until I moved to Tennessee 27 years ago, in the year A.D. 1776¹ I went with my wagon loaded with flour to Charleston, while there I was pressed with my wagon and team into service for three months to carry the Baggage of the American Army that were marched out from Charleston to Purysburg, I was then detained as long as the Army Remained and when they were marched back I returned to Charleston & carried the baggage, after I got to Charleston I was again pressed as a baggage wagoneer to carry the baggage of the Militia to Orangeburg and was detained for two months making in all five months of this kind of Service for which I have never received one cent, in the years of 1777 or 1778 I volunteered as a minute man in Cavalry under Captain Daniel Gillespie and John Gillespie Colonel against the Tories and British. I was often called out sometimes for the space of two months and sometimes for a less period. I was often in pursuit of Tories and routed Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] a noted Tory. I was out in all in this service six months. The next Service I was a volunteer in the Cavalry under Captain Gillespie in Guilford & rendezvoused at Charlotte in Mecklenburg North Carolina and placed under the Command of Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie], while at Charlotte we attacked the Tories in Wahub's [sic, Wahabs]² lane and killed a number and took a number of horses we marched from Charlotte and Salisbury then to Guilford [March 15, 1781]³ and Joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in that action I served out the whole six months I expect I can prove a part if not all of my services by Captain William Donnell⁴ was out in the service with him, his character for truth he expects he can prove by all his neighbors and acquaintances – he refers to Captain William

¹  The last digit is illegible, "6" is this transcriber's best guess based on facts stated by applicant.

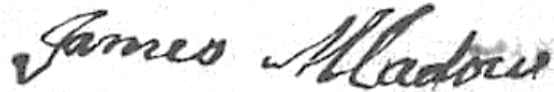
² September 21, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wahabs_plantation.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁴ [William Donnell S3293](#)

Donnell and the Reverend John Jones – he hereby relinquishes all rights whatever to a pension except the present his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Agency in the United States.
Sworn to in open Court 28th September 1832.

S/ James McAdow



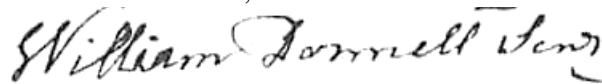
S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk

William Donnell hereby certifies that he has been acquainted with the applicant James McAdow for sixty years or upwards he served in different tours for six months with him in the revolutionary War and heard and always understood that he performed other services as stated in his Declaration witness and applicant were raised in the same County Guilford North Carolina – said McAdow has always sustained a high character for truth and honesty and witness has no doubt that he served as stated in his declaration. Witness is a citizen of Wilson County and is 72 years of age.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 28th day of September 1832.

Test: S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk

S/ William Donnell, Senr.



[John Jones, clergyman, also gave a supporting affidavit as to character and reputation.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]