

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Donoho (Donohoe, Danaho, Donehu) ¹ S35900 f42DEL
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United States State of Pennsylvania County of Philadelphia – St.

On this 4th day of April A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber Thomas Armstrong Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Philadelphia, Personally appeared James Donoho of the County of Philadelphia who being duly sworn according to law deposes and declares that during the war of the revolution he served against the common enemy as a private and Sergeant in the Army of the United States on the Continental establishment – that on or about the month of March A.D. 1779 at Dover in County State of Delaware he enlisted as a private in Captain Allen McLean's [Allen McLane's]² Company belonging to the Corps or Regiment of Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] in the Virginia or Independent line, Commanded by Colonel Henry Lee aforesaid and served during the War and until he was regularly discharged which was on or about the 10th day of August A.D. 1783 at Charleston South Carolina by Captain Michael Rudolph of the aforesaid Regiment.

This deponent during the revolutionary War was engaged in the Battles of Guilford (North Carolina) [March 15, 1781], at Scotch Lake Fort South Carolina [Fort Watson, April 15-23, 1781], at the Siege of Ninety Six (South Carolina) [May 21-June 19, 1781] and at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, South Carolina [September 8, 1781]; where deponent was severely wounded and yet suffers from said wounds.

That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of Assistance from his Country for support that he never has received or been allowed any pension by the laws of the United States and that he hereby relinquishes and releases all claims thereunto – That he is a resident citizen of the United States and that his papers and discharges are hereto annexed.

S/ James Donoho, X his mark

State of Delaware SS

On the 17th day of October 1820 personally appeared in the Superior Court of the said State in and for Kent County (Being a Court of Record for the said County) in Open Court, James Donohoe aged Sixty-one years and upwards now resident in the said County of Kent who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in the State of Delaware in the year 1779 in the company commanded by Captain Allen McLane in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lee for the term of three years or during the war on the Continental establishment; that he continued

¹ BLWt183-100

² FPA BLWt1474-300

to serve in the said Corps until the close of the said War, when he was discharged from the said service at Charleston in South Carolina: that he was in the Battles of Powler's Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] in the State of New Jersey – that in the year 1780 he was marched to the southward, where he was in the Battles of Guilford, Ninety Six, Eutaw Springs and several others –: that at the Battle of Eutaw Springs above mentioned he received a wound in the left leg a little above the ankle: that the date of his original declaration is the 4th day of April 1818 And the number of his pension Certificate is 6564: that his occupation is that of a day laborer at the farming business but from his advanced age in life and the effects of the above mentioned wound and also from a witness which he has had for about ten years past in his right arm, he is unable to pursue his said occupation in that manner in which he should do to obtain a subsistence by it; that he has a wife who is upwards of Sixty-four years of age and very infirm. –

And I the said James Donohoe do further do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 17 day of October A.D. 1820 before me
S/ Presley Allee, Clk

S/ James Donohoe, X his mark

And Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of James Donohoe of Little Creek hundred in the County of Kent – is necessary clothing and Bedding excepted – –

One Bureau \$300 [sic \$3.00], one looking glass \$.75, one Table \$.25, 3 Chairs 37 ½ cents, ½ dozen knives and forks \$.25 and iron pot \$.50, a teakettle \$.50, 12 plates \$.50, one dish one dollar, 2 tea pots \$.50, 3 pitchers 37 ½ cents, 2 Bowls 12 ½ cents, 12 cups and saucers \$.50, 32 of's \$.75, 3 Barrels \$.25, one trunk \$.25, a pair of shovel and tongs \$.50, a water Bucket \$.25, a Basket 12 ½ cents, a Bread tray 12 ½ cents, one Rolled Carpet \$2; one decanter \$.25, 2 pepper boxes 6 ½ , earthen pots 12 ½ , and ask a hatchet \$.25, a salt \$.25, 2 hammers \$.25, one scrubbing brush 6 ¼ , a half Bushel Measure 12 ½ , 2 candlesticks 25, a rug 6 ¼ a pair of candle molds 12 ½ , to porter Bottles 6, a Grubbing Hoe 6, 6 teaspoons, \$.25, and ask \$.50, gridiron 12 ½ , pair andirons \$.50, 3 earthen pans 37 ½

S/ James Donohoe


Whole Amount Dollars 16:50

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Cumberland in the State of New Jersey, Robert Levick, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God saith that James Donaho served with him in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion of Horse, during the War with Great Britain and that sometime in the month of August in the year of our Lord 1783, obtained a Furlough from Captain Michael Rudolph who belonged to the same Legion, and the said James Danaho served faithfully as a private, and noncommissioned Officer to the end of the War.

Sworn to before me the 4th day of February 1803

S/ John Milford

S/ Robert Levick



January 31st, 1804

This is to Certify that James Danaho Enlisted Himself as a Soldier for During the war his Enlistment took place in the year of 1780 and Expired in the year of our Lord 1783 in August, he served his time out faithfully And then obtained of Captain Michael Rudolph One of the Captains of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee's Legion in which Corps the said Danaho enlisted and Served his time out a furlough or Discharge and it Specified in the said Discharge that the said Danaho was a Soldier in the war and that Discharge was Given in the State of Maryland by Captain Rudolph own hand which I was and Eyewitness. Given under my hand the day and year above written

S/ Robert Levick³

Personally appeared before me James Hunt one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey David Evins an Old Soldier of Lee's Corps of infantry or dismounted dragoons and after being duly sworn on the Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that James Donehue served during the war in Lee's Corps part of his time a common soldier and was appointed a Corporal some time before the close of the war and obtained a regular discharge of Captain Rudolph and further this deponent saith not.

S/ David Evins, X his mark

[attested February 3rd, 1804]

Princess Anne Somerset County Maryland April 28th 1818

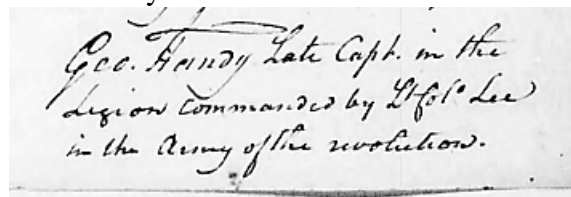
Sir,

I, a few days ago received a letter from James Donahue of your city requesting of me to give him such an account by a letter addressed to you respecting his services as a soldier in the Army of the revolution as is within my knowledge.

In September 1779 I was appointed an officer in the Legion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee, at which time James Donohue was a private soldier in a company of infantry at that time Incorporated with the said Legion, which company was then commanded by Captain Allen McLean, now Colonel McLean of Wilmington Delaware, I remained an officer in Lees Legion until the in the war and know that the said Donohue remained also to the end of the war.

As Colonel McLean & myself have on a former occasion had some communication respecting Donohue and as well as I recollect informed me that he recollects to have enlisted him at first, I would advise Donohue if he meets with any difficulty, to apply to Colonel McLean who no doubt will afford him any assistance in his power.

S/ Geo. Handy⁴ Late Captain in the [George Handy]
Legion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Lee
in the Army of the Revolution



*Geo. Handy Late Capt. in the
Legion commanded by Lt Col Lee
in the Army of the revolution.*

³ FPA W1299

⁴ FPA BLWt1061-300

This is to certify that on examination I find that James Donahue is not sound in his left ankle. He states that he received a wound by a ball in his ankle, at the Battle of Eutaw, and that he suffers considerable pain from hard labor, which he is under the necessity of doing for the maintenance of his family.

From the appearance of the part I believe what he says to be true.

S/ Henry Neill, M. D.

Philadelphia November 26, 1816

At the request of James Donahue a native of the state of Delaware, now residing in the City of Philadelphia, I state that the said James did on the 23rd day of March 1780 enlist as a private soldier in one of the Companies I then commanded annexed to Colonel H. Lee's light Horse, to serve during the War for the independence of the 13 United States; and it is my Opinion that said James Donahue served in the Carolinas to the end of the War. Given under my hand at Wilmington in the State of Delaware of this 9th day of April in the year of our Lord 1818.

S/ Wm McLane [William McLane]

At the request of James Donahue a native of the state of Delaware, now residing in the City of Philadelphia. I state that the said James did on the twenty third day of March One thousand seven hundred and eighty enlist as a private soldier in one of the Companies I then commanded annexed to Col. H. Lee's light Horse, to serve during the war for the independence of the thirteen United States; and it is my opinion that said James Donahue served in the Carolinas to the end of the War. Given under my hands at Wilmington in the state of Delaware this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Wm McLane

County of Philadelphia

Be it remembered that on this 10th day of September A.D. 1818 Before me the subscriber John Thompson one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia came Daniel Snelbeker [sic] that he is well acquainted with James Donahue & has known him for about thirty years, that the said James served in the revolutionary war in the company of Captain Allen McLean now of Delaware, under Colonel Henry Lee from Virginia of his Independent Corps – in

