

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald McDonald S38190

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Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County the 7th day of August 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County aforesaid Archibald McDonald resident of said County aged sixty-nine years next Christmas who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820 – that he the said Archibald McDonald enlisted in Alexandria a private in the Voluntary Army under Captain John Fitzgerald afterwards Colonel Fitzgerald in the early part of the war, that he was marched from thence with a detachment under the command of a subaltern by the name of Brown to somewhere near Albemarle in the State of Virginia where they joined the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded at that time as well as he recollects by Colonel Neville [John Neville] that the said McDonald marched from thence to the North and was at the Valley Forge in the winter of 1777 and 1778, that he in the Spring after marched with the main Army commanded by General Washington and was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – that he was also in the Battles of Paoli [September 21, 1777] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], that his memory being much impaired he cannot recollect the various marches that the Army to which he belonged made during the time he served – he served 3 years and was discharged at Suffolk or somewhere thereabouts in the year 1779 as well as he can recollect. He lost his discharge while in the Western Army under General Wayne. And that he has no evidence now in his power of his said service but the affidavits of John Hefferlin and Thomas Crawford. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I 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 excepting necessary bedding and clothing viz.:

One small lot about sixty feet deep and nearly thirty in front with a small log house thereon adjacent to the Town of Winchester, one Cow, three shoats, three pots large and small, two little corner Cupboards, one table, two chairs and two benches, one Bucket, one Tea Cattle, a few Cups and saucers, knives, forks and plates. – I am a day laborer, but am able to do very little work owing to a rupture and the infirmities of age. I have a wife aged about 65 years who is

infirm and a grandchild an orphan living with me who is about twelve years old.
S/ Archibald McDonald, X his mark

Virginia, Frederick County to wit:

Thomas Crawford¹ this day appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he knew Archibald McDonald in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War for about two years; that they both served together in the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded as well as he recollects at that time by Colonel Edward Stephens, that they belong to Captain Crahorn, Croghan or Scraggin [William Croghan] he does not know exactly which being illiterate and not able to spell – that he found said McDonald in the said Regiment when he joined it, and left him in it when he left after serving two years. Deponent does not know when McDonald enlisted or when he was discharged. Given under my hand the 4th day of August 1821.

S/ John Bell

Virginia to wit
County of Frederick:

John Hefferlin² this day made oath before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid that he was a private in the 6th Virginia Regiment of the United States Army commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens in the War of the Revolution, that he was at the Valley Forge during the winter of 1777 and 1778, that while there he was acquainted with Archibald McDonald who was at that time a private in the 8th Regiment of the Virginia Line in the Army of the Revolution in Captain Cahorn's Company who also lay at that place the same winter, he does not know when he joined the Army or when he left it. Given under my hand the first day of August 1821

S/ B. Carson

[Facts in file: veteran died August 27, 1839, place not given.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 7, 1821, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [Thomas Crawford S42147](#)

² FPA S38012 [Interestingly, as of 4/20/13, HeritageQuest.com did not include this veteran among its collection.]