

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of James McDade S38193

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Transcribed by Betty Renick

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Revolutionary War pension claim S 38193 No. 7181

James McDade

State of Virginia

Mason County

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818 in open Court before me this subscriber presiding Judge of the said Court of Mason County personally appears James McDade aged sixty nine years (to the best of his belief) resident in said county and state who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled and act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War that he the said James McDade in the spring following the battle of Trenton enlisted in Hampshire County State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain William Voss of the 12 Virginia Regt commanded by Col. Wood of Gen Scotts Brigade that he continued to serve in the said service the full term of three years following when he was discharged at Philadelphia in Pennsylvania after which he substituted in the place of Uriah Gandy for eighteen months which he served under Capt David Williams of said County of Hampshire --- a foresaid who served under Col Campbell to the southerd from which service he was discharged at Salsbury (Salisbury) North Carolina --- --- which discharges is lost that he was in the battles of Brandywine Germantown and Monmouth and some skirmishes in the first term of service and then second term of service he was in the battles of Eutaw Springs where he received a Bayonet wound threw (through) the body and a sword wound in the --- and at Camden battle he received a bullete (bullet) wound at the ankle which fractured the bone and stiffen'd his legg (leg) to this day and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he is unable to perform manual labour.

Signed with his Mark: James McDade

Sworn to and declared before me this day of year aforesaid – J. John Henderson

I John Henderson a Judge --- aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said James McDade did serve in the revolutionary War as stated in the proceeding declaration against the Common --- and thus he is in Indigent circumstances unable to perform manual labour for sustenance and absolutely stands in need of the support of his country. I now transmit the proceeding --- testimony taken and had before me to the secretary for the department of war pursuant to the Directions of the aforementioned act of Congress this 19<sup>th</sup> August in 1818 – signed John Henderson.

Also signed by William Sterrill, clerk of the court for Mason County.

Mason County (VA)

On this twenty seventh day of September in the year eighteen hundred and twenty personally appeared before the superior court of law for said county of Mason being a court of record proceeding according to the course of common law with the jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount James McDade aged seventy one years to the best of his belief, resident of said county of Mason, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; that in the spring following the battle of Trenton he enlisted in Hampshire County, state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captn William Voss of the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Wood of General Scott's brigade that this declarant continued in said service for the term of three years next following when he was discharged at Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania after which discharge he enlisted in place of Uriah Gandy for the eighteen months and served under Captain David Williams of the County of Hampshire and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Campbell. From this last service after performing the same he was discharged at Sallisbury in North Carolina – That to entitle himself to a pension under the acts of Congress in such cases made and \_\_\_ he made a declaration in pursuance of said acts on the nineteenth day of August in the year eighteen hundred & eighteen.

That under and by virtue of said acts & declaration he was placed in the list of revolutionary pensioners of the United States and his name inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Virginia agency as more fully appears by his certificate of pensions Number 7187 and dates the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1819.

And the said James McDade do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or on any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions 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 eighteenth 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 any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and which schedule contains one horse, three cows and one heifer, one feather bed and bedding, one light bed and covering, one oven, one pot, one kettle, six head of sheep and perhaps about twelve head of hogs.

The declarant also states that with the aid of his children he cultivates a small piece of ground but is unable to much of the manual part of said labour himself. That his family consists of himself, his wife and three children one of whom is nearly of age and a son who is infirm. The second is a boy aged about sixteen years and small of his age \_\_\_ there is a daughter aged fourteen in July last.

Schedule of the property herein before mentioned given in by said James McDade and \_\_\_ with the values thereof as nearly as could be ascertained by disinterested testimony.

Viz One horses of the value of \$30

Three cows of the value of \$30

One heifer of the value of \$7  
One feather bed and bedding of value of \$15  
One light bed and bedding of the value of \$5  
One pot of the value of \$1  
One oven of the value of \$2  
One Kettle of the value of \$2.50  
Six head of sheep of the value of \$10  
About twelve head of hogs of the value of \$12

                      
\$114.50

Signed James McDade (His Mark)

Sworn to and declared on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 in open court.

(William Sterritt certified as clerk of Mason County superior court of law on 13 Sept 1820. And also wrote a note requesting that the Secretary of the war department “will have the goodness to give to this declaration as early an attention as practicable”)

From: Dept of Interior, Bureau of Pensions Washington D C March 30 1916 in response to a request for the military history of James McDade

Spring 1777 three years, rank private, Captain William Vause, Colonel Wood 12 VA. Discharged at Philadelphia

Enlisted for 18 months Captain David Williams, Colonel Campbell – discharged at Salisbury, NC.

He sustained gunshot wound of ankle at Camden, and bayonet wound of body and sword wound of wrist at Eutaw Springs.

Battles engaged in: Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Camden and Eutaw Springs.

Residence of soldier at enlistment: Hampshire Co., VA

Date of application for pension: Aug 19, 1818. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application: Mason Co., VA

Age at date of application: sixty-nine years

Remarks: Sept 1820 he referred to his wife; a son nearly of age; son about 16 years old; and daughter 14 years last July, but did not state their names.

Signed G M Saltzgaber, Commissioner

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Note from the transcriber: The following is from the court records of Harrison County, Virginia when for some reason, it appears, the veteran was trying to prove his service:

*Harrison County March Court 1786*

*James McDade came into court and made oath that he served three years as a*

*soldier(?) in the continental service under the command of Captain (?) in the 12th (?) regiment and was discharged by Col. (?) and has lost his discharge and the same herby \_\_\_ to be certified.*

*Benj. Wilson, Clerk*

*I remember the \_\_\_ James McDade \_\_\_ he belong to Cap \_\_\_ Company and was enlisted the beginning of the year 1777 for three years and I am pretty certain he did not reinlist for the war to the best of my recollection he was left sick(?) in Jersey when the troops marched to Carolina. He was a good soldier and I am Person \_\_\_ never deserted as Col. \_\_\_ discharged a number of three years men. I think it probably that McDade was regularly discharged upon the expiration of his enlistment.*

*James Wood<sup>1</sup>, \_\_\_*

*Also from other records:*

*Enlisted from Hampshire County VA*

*Placed on pension roll \$96 per year 5 March 1819 Mason County, VA Received \$1435.09 and died 30 July 1833 at age 86.*

*C. Leon Harris points out that this veteran is listed in the Chesterfield County, VA, size roll with the following entry:*

*James McDade/ age 21/ height 5' 6"/ planter/ born and residing in Hampshire County / brown hair/ gray eyes/ ruddy complexion/ entered Continental service 7 Aug 1780 for 18 months.*

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<sup>1</sup> This is PROBABLY the same man whose family filed for their bounty land entitlement. FPA BLWt2419-500.

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Addendum to James McDade S38193

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 9 Sep 2020.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Harrison County April Court 1785.

James McDade Appeared in Court and proved to the satisfaction of the same that he entered into the Regular Service of this State in the year 1780 and continued twenty one months and was Discharged by Major Snead [Smith Snead BLWt2056-400] of the Light Infantry and has lost the said Discharge Ordered by Court to be Certified A Copy Teste Benj'e Wilson Clk  
Copy/ A. Dunscomb

Harrison County March Court 1786

James McDade came into Court and made Oath that he served three years as a Soldier in the continental Service under the command of Capt. Voss [sic: William Vause] in the 12 Virg'a Regiment and was discharged by Colo Fibaker [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675] and has lost his discharge and the same is hereby ordered to be certified

A Copy [undeciphered]

Benj'n Wilson Clk . Cy. Ct.

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James Wood [BLWt2419-500]

A Copy Reuben Burnley

November ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1787


plese to Isue to James Arnold[?] My Land Warrant for my Service three years

Test/ Ga Arnold

Settled from Jany 1777 to Jany 1780 &

from Aug't 1780 to Dec'r 31<sup>st</sup> 1781. M. Dunscomb

A. Dunscomb



It appears from the Size Rolls that the within Soldier was drafted Aug't 1<sup>st</sup> 1780 & did Serve to the last Dec'r 1781. Ab. Crump Com[mandan]t [Abner Crump R13459]

