

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

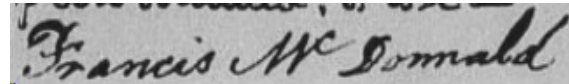
Pension Application of Francis McDonnald S40988
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss.

On this tenth day of April A.D. 1818, before me, Richard Peters, Judge of the District Court of the United States, in and for the Pennsylvania District, personally appeared Francis McDonald of the state of Pennsylvania who being duly sworn deposes and declares, that during the War of the Revolution he served against the common enemy as a private in the army on the Continental Establishment—that on the [blank] day of A.D. 1778 at Somerset in the state of New Jersey he enlisted – that he was one of the forlorn hope under Gen. [Anthony] Wayne, Capt. Gibbon’s [James Gibbon, pension application S13138] Light Infantry company, at the taking of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] – that he was at the battles of James Town, Green Springs [Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island, 6 Jul 1781], and on other engagement, and at last at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] – that he was discharged by General William Irvine on the 3d day of November in the year 1783–

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—that he is a resident citizen of the United States, and that his discharge, if ever obtained, is lost.



Philadelphia June 22^d 1793

Gentlemen

The bearer Francis McDonald has been Office keeper & messenger to the Board of Commissioners upwards of a year – the time draws near when it will cease and he must look for employment. I know him to be honest & sober – he says there will probably soon be a vacancy in your office, for such a person – in addition to this recommendation, I am sure it will be in his favor with your, that he is an Old Soldier, and has a family. I am Gentlemen/ Your Most Obed’t./ & humble Servant

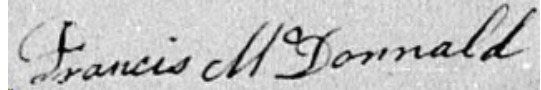
Wm Irvine

City of Philadelphia: ss.

Francis McDonald an applicant for a pension, having been sworn, says that he entered the service in August 1775, and was then in [John] McDowell’s company, 6th Penna regiment commanded by col. Wm. Irvine: that he first enlisted for one year, & when that term expired he entered for three years: That when col. Chamber’s rifle regiment joined the army, it took this right [?] of the Pennsylvania line, and from that time this regiment to which this deponent belonged was called the 7th Pennsylvania. That he continued attached to the 7th until the revolt at Morristown [1 Jan 1781]: That after col. Irvine was promoted [12 May 1779], this deponent’s officers were col. Murray, lieut Col Hays, Major Menzies, and capt Alexander: that he was one of the forlorn hope at the taking of Stony Point, had an arm and his jaw bone broken, was carried to the hospital at Peekskill, and after his recovery again joined his regiment under lord Stirling [William Alexander] on Staten Island: that he was afterwards in col. [William] Butler’s Regiment 4th Pennsylvania, that Henry Baker was his captain and G. Beatty (now Gen. B. of Trenton) was his lieutenant: That this 4th Reg’t went to the Southward in 1781, where this deponent was in various battles and at last at the taking of Cornwallis: that after his discharge at Carlisle in 1783, he had some difficulty in getting arrears of pay, and in fact got only part of what was due: that — [undeciphered name] had neglected to give this deponent his bounty money or put him on the muster roll, but that gen. Wm. Irvine interfered and had justice done to this deponent: further saith not.

Sworn before me the subscriber one of the Aldermen of

this said City. March 27, 1819.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Francis McDonald". The ink is dark and the background is light.

In relation to the petition of Francis McDonald, W. I. Duane[?] begs leave to represent –

That he has drawn up a deposition from the very words of F. McD. which is enclosed.

That the Wm. Irvine whose certificate is enclosed was the colonel of the said F. McD.

That this certificate, of which the enclosed is a copy, signed G. Bently, was sent to the war department by Callender Irvine, Commissary General U.S. the son of McDonald's Col. was late Gen. Wm. Irvine – and that the endorsement on the back of the enclosed copy is in the hand writing of the said Callender Irvine.

[four undeciphered words] possible to furnish [undeciphered word] testimony, W. I. Duane would do it, having long known the petitioner and wishing him well.

Phil'a March 27 1819.

W. I. D. requests, that, as the original certificate of Gen. Beatty is in the War Department, the copy may be returned