

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert McDonald W3703 Mary McDonald PA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

District of Penna Mercer County Ss

On this 15th day of Feby AD 1820, before me, the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court in and for said County, in the said district, personally came Robert McDonnald aged sixth three years, resident in Mercer County in said District who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law 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," That he the said Robert McDonnald enlisted for, during the war, sometime in July 1778 in Philadelphia in the State of Penna. in the Company Commanded by Captn Tho. Boude [Thomas Boude], of the Reg't. Commanded by Col. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] in the line of the State of Penna. on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, untill the 3d of Nov 1783 when he was discharged from the Service in Philadelphia Pa. By Col. Harmar [Josiah Harmar, pension application W3246]. That he was at the storming of Stony point [16 Jul 1779], at the battle of the Green springs [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] in Virginia that he was at the Siege of York when Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] and was in Several Scirmishes, then went with Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne to Carolina &c &c. That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support. he accompanys this his declaration with his former Captn Certificate of his servises, (altho not upon oath, it can be had if necessary (but he lives at a distance) that he has now no other evidenc of his servises in his Powers Robert his mark McDonald

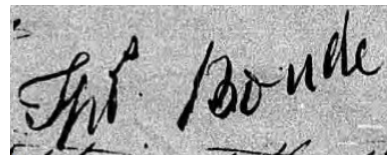
Colum[page torn; Columbia PA] October 6th 1819
Mr Robt McDonald

I received yours by Mr Sam'l McCrea who says he will deliver this, I have entirely lost my sight for upwards of two years but I recollect you perfectly, and have your name in several rolls, and your receipt for 75 dolls. being the amount of the share of a private for the stores taken at Stony Point, there is no person living here, that knows any thing of your Military services but myself, I shall be happy if what I can do shall serve your, this is wrote by my youngest son who is now in his thirteenth year

For my Father/ Thomas Boude/ [signed] Sam'l. B Boude

Columbia October 6th 1819

I do certify that the bearer Robt McDonald was inlisted by Lt. James McCulloch in Philadelphia in the year 1778, and served in my company until the end of the war, and was discharged at the barrax in Philadelphia, Nov 3rd 1783, he was in my Light Inf'y company at the storming of Stony Point he was at the battle of the Green Springs in Virginia, the 6th of July 1781 he served at the siege of York which was surrendered the 19th of October 1781, he likewise was in several skirmishes with me in all of which he behaved like a brave and good soldier

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lt. Boude". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Thos. Boude/ Late Captain of the 1st reg./ Pennsylvania and Magure [sic: Major] by Brevet in the revolutionary war Present at Signing as my Father has lost his sight/ [signed] Sam'l B Boude
lancaster County pennsylvania

Western District of Pennsylvania Mercer County Ss

On the twenty fifth Day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said Robert McDonald, aged upwards of Sixty years resident in Mercer County in Said District who being Duly Sworn According to Law Doth on his Solemn Oath Declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz in Captn Thomas Bauds Company in the fifth and discharged in the first Regt in the Pennsylvania Line. The date of my first declaration in the ninth of April 1818 [not found in file] and the No. of my Certificate for pension is 17.511. & 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it 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 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. That I have a wife of about fifty five years of age and a small boy of 9 or ten years of age That I am a farmer by occupation

Robert McDonald

Schedule of my property

100 Acres of land valued at \$1.00 per acre	\$100.00
1 Mare valued at 25.00	25.00
1 Cow valued at 8.00	8.00
	<u>133.00</u>

Schedule of Debts due by me

To Jacob Harrington	\$10.40
E. Magoffen Esqr	40.12
Jonathan Smith	4.06 ¹ / ₄
James Were	4.40
John Gilfillin	4.37 ¹ / ₂
George Smith	5.25
James Hawthorn	5.06 ¹ / ₄
John Sims	6.12
John Williamson	30.00
James Clark	.50
	<u>110.30</u>

NOTE: On 28 May 1841 Mary McDonald, about 71, applied for a pension stating that she married Robert McDonald in Sharpsburg MD on 14 Sep 1788, and he died in Delaware Township, Mercer County, on 9 June 1840. She submitted the family record on back of the title page of a New Testament printed in 1787, certified by her son, Charles McDonald, and transcribed below. On 20 June 1843 Mary McDonald was said to be 75, and she stated that Robert McDonald "was an Ensign under General Wayne."

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