

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McDonald W6806

Martha McDonald f28NJ

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Revolutionary Claim

State of Maryland

City of Baltimore Sct.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828, I William McDonald of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland to hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution as a private under Captain Henry Lee (who at that time commanded the 5<sup>th</sup> Troop of Dragoons in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bland [Theodorick Bland] of the Virginia Line) for during the war, at or near Middle Brook [Middlebrook] in the state of New Jersey, sometime in the winter of 1776–7. In the spring 1778 ordered to the Head of Elk, there came under command of Captain Joseph Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston<sup>1</sup>] in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Troop of what was then called and ever after known by the proper name of "Lees Legion" in which Legion and company I continued to serve until the termination of the War when I was honorably discharged at the Head of Elk on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1783 by Captain Michael Rudolph<sup>2</sup> of the legionary Infantry.

As regards the "Certificates" for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1778, I will hereby state the facts, as I did not receive the Certificates myself; but have since recovered the money; – Colonel Lee having appointed Captain James Heard<sup>3</sup> now living in New Jersey, agent for the Legion, East and North of Maryland, it appears the Certificates as also the money was received by him. While General Knox was Secretary of War I received from him by a Mr. Wright a clerk in the office a Certificate for the Final Settlement, on which I brought suit against Captain Heard in Baltimore County Court and in the latter part of the year 1792, obtain my money through the Sheriff of Baltimore County. And I further declare that I was not, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828 (or at any other period) on the Pension List of the United States. Witness my hand and seal at Baltimore, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord 1828.

S/ Wm McDonald

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Eggleston W8687](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Michael Rudolph \[Rudolph\] BWLt945-300](#)

<sup>3</sup> [James Heard S540](#)



[p 5: On November 26, 1855 in Baltimore City Maryland, Mrs. Martha McDonald, 64, a resident of Baltimore City filed for a widow's pension as the widow of William McDonald of Lees Legion; that her husband was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum under the act of May 15, 1828; that she married him in Baltimore City on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1823; that they were married by the Reverend John Glendy, a minister of the gospel; that heard name prior to her marriage was Martha Webb; that her husband died in Baltimore August 18, 1845. She signed her application as follows



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McDonal, Wm.—Soldier—Army  
Baltimore, Md.

Affidavit— said W. McDonald  
" James McCracken

Letter-- Wm. McDonald to Gov. of Va.  
" " to B. W. Coleman  
1820  
~~1817-20~~

Baltimore December 1<sup>st</sup> 1819

B. W. Coleman Esquire  
Dear Sir

This will be handed to your good self by my very respected friend Wm J Moore Esq. whom I beg leave to introduce to your acquaintance, and also the affidavits of myself & James McCracken which you will please to have the goodness to present to the Honorable the Governor & Council of the State of Virginia, they will I hope be found sufficiently in form and in point of facts to ensure with your friendly aid, the warrants for bounty land for our Revolutionary Services. I shall as advised by Major H. Lee address a respectful letter to the Governor, Major Lee promises to write also to him in my favor, it appears they both served together in the late war — Should you be so fortunate as to obtain the warrants, it would not be amiss to have them located alongside of each other, if practicable, be so good as to write us on receipt of the vouchers. —

With Sentiments of Esteem & respect I am Dear Sir  
Your Obt. Servt.  
S/ Wm McDonald

Sir

The undersigned for himself & James McCracken of Cecil County Maryland having served in the Revolutionary War under Lt. Col. Henry Lee & honorably discharged at Elkton at the close of that War, respectfully address you as claimants for bounty Lands awarded by the State of Virginia. I was not apprised that these Bounty Lands had been awarded until after the receipt of a letter from Lt. James Herd [James Heard] dated Woodbridge, New Jersey 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1819 (at next is a copy of the same) which I forwarded to Major John Pryor addressed to him at Richmond from whom I received no answer, the same being an acknowledgment of my services & should most certainly profit by the offer made but considered the sum asked too extravagant. In further Evidence my friend B. W. Coleman Esquire will hand you depositions taken before Judge Brice [image impossible to read for several words] Service performed & [several indecipherable words]

I pray your attention, most respectfully, to this subject & that a warrant for Bounty Plans may be issued to myself & James McCracken

Your Ob. Servt.  
S/ Wm McDonald

Sir.

By a late Law of Virginia you are entitled to a Bounty of Land 200 acres my Certificate is required by the Executive of Virginia to establish your claim, you must first declare on oath before a Judge of your Court with the Seal of the Court affixed the precise time that you enlisted in the Legion commanded by Lt. Col. Henry Lee and transmit to me (Postage paid) and then I will forward to you my certificate – You must [indcipherable word] it to Major John Pryor of Richmond Virginia who will obtain your warrant for you it will be located in the Virginia reserve in the State of Ohio between Scioto & Miami worth at present 5\$ an acre & probably in one year will be worth 10\$ an acre, as my returns of the Legion are at present at Albany I shall be obliged to go there in order to establish your claim, therefore you must transmit me 50\$ to defer my expense, there is no time to be lost as the Act of limitations expires in September next.

I am Sir Your Obt. Servt.  
S/ James Heard

Maryland City of Baltimore to wit:

On the thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord 1819 Personally appears before me the undersigned, James McCracken of Cecil County and State aforesaid, aged sixty-four years or thereabouts, who deposeth on oath by me administered that he enlisted as a private under Colonel Henry Lee at Charles Town in Cecil County aforesaid early in the summer of 1778, at which time the Legion was recruiting, and mustered and served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Troop commanded by Captain Joseph Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston] in said Legion from that period to the close of the Revolutionary war. That sometime in the month of July 1783 Deponent with many others were transported from Charleston in South Carolina in a Large Ship to Hampton Roads from thence conveyed in the Schooner Buckscin [?] to the head of Elk in the Chesapeake Bay, there honorably discharged on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August of same year by Captain Michael Rudolph [Michael Rudolph]. That Agreeably to the terms of Enlistment he was entitled to receive from the State of Virginia \_\_ Acres of Land as Bounty: Which Bounty Land or any commutation or satisfaction therefore he hath not at any time received directly or indirectly – the said James McCracken therefore make this his declaration for the purpose of being presented to the

Honorable the Executive of the State of Virginia, respectfully requesting a patent may be directed to issue in his favor Agreeably to the original Law.

Deponent further saith he hath no knowledge of any surviving Officers of said Legion whose Certificate he could procure nor of any private except Colonel William McDonald whose deposition is hereto annexed.

S/ James McCracken, X his mark

S/ N. Brice, Chief Judge Baltimore Cy Court

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore SS:

On this Thirtieth day of October in the year 1819 Personally appeared before me the undersigned, Colonel William McDonald of the city aforesaid, aged sixty years or thereabouts, who deposeth on oath by me administered That he enlisted as a private under Captain Henry Lee in the winter of the year 1776/7 near Middlebrook in the Jerseys that sometime in the spring or early part of winter of the year 1778 while the Legion was recruiting, the within mentioned James McCracken, now present, entered or enlisted as a private and served in the same squad with Deponent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Troop Commanded by Captain Joseph Egleston in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion to the close of the Revolutionary war when said McCracken together with Deponent and many others came by ship from Charleston SC in the month of July 1783 and were honorably discharged by Captain Michael Rudolph of the Legionary Infantry at the Head of Elk on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1783.

S/ Wm McDonald

S/ N. Brice Chief Judge Balt. Cy Court

State of Maryland Baltimore County SS:

On this Thirtieth day of October 1819, personally appeared before me the undersigned James McCracken after being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith that during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain that is to say in the summer of the year 1778 he enlisted at the Head of Elk in Cecil County Md as a private in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Troop Commanded by Captain Joseph Egleston in the Legion of Colonel Henry Lee in the service of the United States at which time William McDonald, now present, was a member of said Company that said McDonald & Deponent remain together and said Company in the same squad & mess to the close of the war – came together from South Carolina in the month of July 1783 to Hampton Roads, and thence to the head of Elk and there honorably discharged by Captain Michael Rudolph of the Legionary Infantry on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August in the year 1783.

S/ James McCracken, X his mark

S/ N. Brice, Chief Judge Balt. Cy. Court