State of Maryland  
City of Baltimore  

I John McFadon brother and heir at Law of James McFadon deceas’d aged fifty five years a 
Citizen of the United States do upon oath testify and declare that in the year one thousand seven hundred 
and seventy six James McFadon enlisted in the army of the Revolution against the common Enemy for the 
term of during the War and served in the Maryland Corps of Artillery until the close of the war in 
seventeen hundred and eighty three when the Corps was disbanded. I further declare that the paper writing 
herewith mark’d A [not found] is a notarial Copy of the Commission granted to the said James McFadon 
by Thomas Mifflin President of the Congress of the United States, the original of which was delivered to 
Nathaniel Sawyier for the purpose of recovering a Bounty from the state of Virginia.

I further declare that the said James McFadon has not nor hath any person for him to the best of 
my knowledge received a warrant for the Bounty land promised to him on the part of the united states, nor 
has he ever assigned or transferred his claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever… therefore know 
all men by these presents that I John McFadon aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint General Samuel 
Smith to be my true and lawful Attorney… [remaining boilerplate not transcribed]

[signed 20 Aug 1822] John McFadon

I Charles Robinson aged Sixty four years a Citizen of of the United States do upon oath declare that I was 
well acquainted with James McFaden, that he entered the Revolutionary Army in the year seventeen 
hundred and seventy six and continued in the service to the close of the close of the War. That he departed 
this life about the year seventeen hundred and ninety. That I have been long acquainted with John 
McFadon brother to the said James McFadon who has subscribed the foregoing declaration in my 
presence and well know that he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be.

[signed 30 Aug 1822] Chas. Robinson

United States of America
State of Maryland  Ss:
Be it remembered, that on this Fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight 
hundred and twenty three personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in 
and for the City of Baltimore, Robert Walsh Esquire, of lawful age, who after being by me duly sworn to 
declare the truth &c, deposeth and saith – That he was personally acquainted with Mr. John McFadon the 
elder, who resided in and died in the Town, (now City of Baltimore) during the American revolutionary 
War that said McFadon had three sons, to wit: James, John & William That James was an Officer of the 
Artillery in the army of the U. S., believes a Lieutenant, and after the close of the war ranked as Captain. 
And that John McFadon the younger, now a Citizen of Baltimore, and one of the Firm of “McFadon & 
Harris” is the identical John McFadon, son of John above named, and a brother of the full blood, as 
deponent verily believes, to the late Captain James McFadon above named – and further this deponent 
saith not.

[signed] Robert Walsh

On this said 15th day of December 1823 personally appeared before me the above named Justice of the 
peace in & for the City aforesaid Eddward Pannell Esq. who being also duly sworn deposeth and saith that 
he was well acquainted with Mr. John McFadon during the revolutionary war & before that he has perfect 
recolection of his sons James, John & William, that James became an officer in the United States service, 
returned to Baltimore with the Costume and rank of Captain. That both he and William have since 
deceased and that John McFadon of the House of McFadon & Harris of the City of Baltimore is the
identical John McFadon the younger, and always passed & it is believed by deponent, is the brother of the
full blood to said Captain James McFadon. [signed] Edw’d. Pannell

[The following are from Bounty-Land records in the Library of Virginia. The file also contains a
document that is not legible except for the date 11 Sep 1822 and the signature of E. Langham (Elias
Langham, pension application S471747), former Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of Artillery.]

Richmond

I do certify that I was well acquainted with Captain James McFadon of the Maryland Line, who
was in 1778 transferred to [Charles] Harrison’s Regt Artilley and served to the end of the war. I remember
him & Capt Finley [Ebenezer Finley BLWt287-200] well – both fine officers
Witness my hand this 4 Sept 1822.
[John Pryor, pension application W12064]
formerly an officer of the Revol’y Army

I William B. Wallace [S42612] late a Lieutenant in the 1st United States Reg’t of Artillery Commanded by
Col Charles Harrison which was a Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment do Certify that I was
acquainted with Captain J McFaddon of said Regiment while I served in the Northern department but
being detached under Maj’r Gen’l Baron De Calb [sic: Baron De Kalb] to Carolina in April 1780 I never
saw Cap McFaddon after I am confident he commenced his service with the first raising of the Regiment
in the winter of 1776-77 I never knew of his having resigned his commission & have supposed he
continued his services to the end of the war
Given under my hand at Lawrenceburg in the State of Kentucky this 24th day of September 1822
Test J T Daviess. John F Hudgin
Wm B Wallace Late Lieut in the US 1st Reg’t Art’y on the
Virginia Continental Establishment

Bourbon [sic: Bourbon] County Kentucky
I do certify that I was was well acquainted in the Revolut’y war with Capt. Lieut. James Mcfandon who
belonged to harrisons Reg’t of Artill’y. in the Va. Cont’l. line he joined the Reg’t. at the Valley forge
while it layed there & march’d to the South & was in Gates’ defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle
of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] & according to my best Recollection Continued in servis to the Close of the
war in 1783 Given under under my hand this 26th day of Sept’r. 1822.
Rob’t. Wilmott [Robert Wilmott]
Test John F Wilmott 1st Lieut in Harrisons Reg’t Art’y in Va. Con’t line

To the Governor of Va.

The Petition of John McFadon, heir of Capt. James McFadon respectfully states —
That the accompanying evidence will clearly show that James McFadon was a Lieut. of the
Maryland Line in the Revolution who was transferred at Valley Forge in 1777-8 to Col. Harrisons Artillery
Regt. in the Va. Continental line and continued therein unto the end of the war — a brave and gallant
officer.

The claim was Rejected by the Executive of Va. in July 1824 – the facts were not doubted – The
only question was whether McFadon could be considered a Virginia officer, for whose services the state
had credit. The case was maturely considered and much doubt entertained on the point, as was manifested
by the Executive allowing one day the claim of Capt C. Sherrell (depending on the same principal) and
afterwards recalling the certificate which had issued. The authorities refered to in Littleberry Mosby’s
[BLWt64-300] case was refered to to show that where an officer was transferred from one Line to another,
he became a part of the latter's quota. The Executive however decided to rule against the claim. It would not have been brought up again but for a discovery in the Journals of Congress of a resolution which places the matter beyond doubt – see Journal, 3 Vol. page 533 where the very point seems expressly decided.

The evidence shows that Capt McFadon had been assigned previous to the passage of the Resolution to the Virginia Line.

A reconsideration is respectfully asked by John McFadon/ heir of Capt J’s. McF.

[several undeciphered words]

That the regiments of Cavalry, Artillery, and of Artificers, as they now stand, be considered as belonging to the States respectively to which they are or may be assigned, which states shall complete them to the full complement, supply them with necessaries, and in every respect treat them as if originally raised therein, and that such other states as now have noncommissioned Officers or privates in any of the regiments aforesaid, be credited in their quotas for such men, according to their numbers, from time to time for which purpose the Commander in Chief is hereby directed to specify such noncommissioned Officers and privates and the states to which they formerly belonged in the returns which he shall make to the states, and in his annual returns to Congress.


NOTE: According to Heitman’s *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution*, James McFadon on 1 Nov 1779 was made a Captain-Lieutenant: a Lieutenant with command of a company.
Richmond
I do certify that I was well acquainted with Captain James McFadon of the Maryland Line, who in the year 1778 transferred to Harrison's Regiment Artillery and served to the end of the War. I remember him & Captain Finney [? very faint] – both fine officers –
Witness my hand this for September 1822
S/ J. Pryor [probably John Pryor1]
formally an officer of the Revolutionary Army

Bourbon County [Bourbon County], Kentucky
I do sirtify that I was well acquainted in the Revoluary war with Capt. Lieut. James Mcfaden who belonged to Harrisons Regt. of Artillery in the Va Contl line he joined the Regt at the Valley forge while it layed there & marched to the South & was in Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] & according to my best recollection continued in sirves to the Close of the war in 1783. Given under my hand this 26 day of September 1822 –

S/ Robert Wilmott,2 1st Lieut.
in Harrison's Regiment artillery in Virginia Continental line

Test
S/ John F. Wilmott

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1 John Pryor W12064
2 Probably the same man as Robert Wilmott BLWt2415-200 Lieut. Issued Jan. 28, 1800 No papers indexed under the Maryland veterans.
I William B Wallace late a Lieutenant in the first United States Regiment of artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison which was a Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment – do certify that I was acquainted with Captain Lieutenant J. McFaddon of said Regiment while I served in the northern department but being detached under Major General Baron De Kalb to Carolina in April 1780 I never saw Captain McFaddon after & and confident he continued his service with the first raising of the Regiment in the winter of 1776 – 77. I never knew of his having resigned his Commission & have supposed he continued his service to the end of the war. Given under my hand at Lawrenceburg in the State of Kentucky this 24th day of September 1822
S/ W. B. Wallace3 late Lieutenant in the [indecipherable] 1st Regt. Artillery on the Virginia Continental establishment

Test
J. T. Davies
John F. Headgin

3 William B. Wallace S42612
Dr. Matthew Boulton, Act. in Lieu hereof or the
Act of the Executive of the United States, Commanded by
In Council and Cachet, Aug. 3, 1780. Capt. John
McClure, Lieut. Col. 2nd Regiment Artillery.
To the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Division in the Northern Department, having learned that
Capt. John McClure, Lieut. Col. 2nd Division Artillery was
Committee of the Continental Army, in the winter of 1778,
Commends this letter, to the Commandant of the 2nd Division, is in communication with him.
The Commandant of the 2nd Division is in communication with the Commandant of the 2nd
Division in the winter of 1778.
Therefore, this letter is signed by the Commandant of the
Commandant of the 2nd Division, is in communication with him.
The Commandant of the 2nd Division, is in communication with
him.

[Signature]

[Signature]