

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McMahan (McMahon) R16357

Nancy McMahan f9VA

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Declaration of a widow for a Revolutionary pension under the acts of Congress of July 29, 1848, and February 3, 1853

State of Illinois

County of Madison: Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of January in the year of our Lord 1858 personally appeared before the County court within and for the County and State aforesaid, Nancy McMahan, a resident of the County of Madison, and State of Illinois, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress of July 29, 1848, and February 3, 1853, granting pensions to certain widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war; that she is the widow of Robert McMahan, deceased, who was a ___ in the company commanded by Captain ___, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ in the Revolutionary war; that her said husband entered the service as aforesaid on or about the year A.D. 1780, and left the service about the year 1781; that the names of the officers under whom he served are not now recollected by her though she believes the General was Stevens or Lawson, that at the time he entered the service he resided in the County of Augusta and State of Virginia and was marched from thence to Guilford Courthouse in the State of North Carolina, that he was engaged in the battle [March 15, 1781] fought there and was taken prisoner – that he served to the best of her belief, one year and upwards in the Revolutionary War that she was lawfully married to the said Robert McMahan in the County of St. Clair and State of Illinois on the ___ day of June, A.D. 1795; that her name before she was married to the said Robert McMahan was Nancy Kester; that her said husband died in the County of Madison and State of Illinois, on the ___ day of ___, A.D. 1823; and that she was married to him at the time above stated. She further declares that she is now a widow; and, finally, she hereby constitutes and appoints Richard M Young, of Washington city, her lawful attorney, to prosecute her said claim to a pension, and to receive her certificate of pension when ready for delivery.

S/ Nancy McMahon, X her mark

witnesses

Joshua Atwater

Matthew Gillespie