

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Redman McMahan R6785

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State of Tennessee County of Warren: SS

On this 20th day of October 1834 personally appeared before me Frank Smartt a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Warren and as such one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County which Court is a Court of Record Redmon McMahan a resident of the County of Warren aforesaid aged one hundred and three years the first day of last January who being first duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 (From old age his mind is so unraveled [?] and his recollection is so much impaired that he cannot now state the names and ranks of all of his officers or any other regiments by a number that he served in nor can he state the time of his entering or quitting the service or describe the country through which he marched indeed he cannot remember any of the incidents of his service except those that made a lasting and deep impression upon his mind) That he enlisted in the Army of the United States about 12 months before the British attacked Fort Moultrie at Charleston South Carolina which he understands from information would make the time of his enlistment the spring season of 1775 [sic, Ft. Moultrie was attacked on June 28, 1776] when he was enlisted there were two recruiting officers present the one of them was a Capt. Francis Marion the other he thinks was by the name of White [Sims White] he was as he thinks living in Craven district in the State of South Carolina when he enlisted he may be mistaken as to the District but is certain he entered the service in that State he enlisted to the one of those two officers is not certain which nor is he certain the name of the latter was White he enlisted for six months certain and for two years if required. After his enlistment he thinks he was marched to several places not recollected and ultimately to some fort where he thinks he remained for some time, he is impressed with the belief that during this time he was commanded by Capt. White though he is not certain he does not remember that any field officers were with them during this time some considerable time after he had been in the service, his company was marched to Charleston South Carolina and placed in a Fort (Moultrie) here he was attached to a Regiment of Artillery he thinks at this place he served under a Capt. by the name of Butler [John Butler] does not recollect his given name he thinks that the Lieut. of this company was by the name of Vandidice at all events he thinks during his service that he served under an officer of that name at some time during his service he remembers not the number of the Regiment of Artillery he was attached to, it was a South Carolina Regiment he does not remember the names of the field officers who commanded it upon hearing the names of colonels Moultrie [William Moultrie] and Elliott [perhaps Bernard Elliott], he recollects that they were commanding at

Sullivan's Island but does not know whether they were Colonels or Majors when the British attacked Sullivan's Island he applicant in the battle acted with the artillery service and was in that Battle. After this Battle he thinks he remained at Charleston for some time he does not remember at what place his first term expired nor does he recollect whether he was detained upon the first enlistment six months or two years at all events so soon as the time expired be it what length it may have been he was discharged in writing when where or by whom he does not now remember he thinks it was for two years service and so soon as he was discharged from the first term he well knows that he immediately enlisted again to whom where or when he does not remember or for what length of time he does not believe that he enlisted but trust[s] and he thinks he remained in the service until the Termination of the War he does not remember whether he was upon his second enlistment placed under new officers and in another Regiment or not, during his service he was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and two others besides that at Sullivan's Island he thinks one of the others was at Guilford [March 15, 1781] and upon that of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] being mentioned he thinks it was that at all events it was at a place where some men were hung after the battle he recollects of having seen Generals Washington and Greene [Nathanael Greene]. He thinks he was stationed for a short time at or near the house of the latter he cannot from the causes above stated recite anything more of his services except that he continued in it or believes as a regular until or about the close of the war when he received a discharge in writing he does not remember when where or by whom it was given he does not remember the time he served but is certain that he served at least five years some years after the revolution his discharges were burnt up in a house. He can prove by one witness if required that he was in the battle at Sullivan's Island and that he wore a leather cap He has no fixed place of residence he lives about with his children as he can. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before us

S/ Frank Smartt, JP

S/ Redmon McMahan, X his mark

State of Tennessee Warren County: On this 24th day of September 1835 personally appeared Robert Brown¹ before me Sampson Bethell a Justice of the peace for said County and made Oath that he has been acquainted with Redman McMahan upwards of twenty years, that he is a very old man and of quite frail memory, that some years ago, before the pension law of 1832 when he seemed to have his mind & memory and from facts and circumstances then detailed by him to affiant he has no doubt but that McMahan was at Charleston about the time of the battle of Sullivan's Island -- and that he believes he McMahan was one of the artillery. He also believes that he must have been with General Campbell [William Campbell] a short time after the Battle of Kings Mountain when nine men were hanged as said McMahan told him affiant of facts & circumstances that affiant witnessed.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the date above

S/ Sampson Bethell, JP

S/ Robert Brown, X his mark

State of Tennessee Warren County

This day personally appeared Thomas Brown before me David Young an acting Justice of

¹ [Robert Brown S3057](#)

the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form he the said Brown has just cause to believe that he saw old Redman McMahan in the Revolutionary War in Charleston about the time of the battle in Sullivan's Island dressed in the artillery uniform and believes he the said Redman McMahan was then and there in the service of his country as I the said Thomas Brown has since that period of time been acquainted with the said Redman McMahan in this said County of Warren for the space of twenty-seven or eight years and during of this acquaintance has heard the said McMahan talk a good deal about the war and circumstances that did occur in the time of the war, that the said Brown had a knowledge of himself.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th day of January 1836.

S/ David Young, JP

S/ Thomas Brown, X his mark

[There is no evidence in the file that the application of Redman McMahan was ever supported by the affidavit of a clergyman and at least one other resident of his neighborhood as required by the regulations.]