

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McMahan (McMahon) R6786

Rebecca McMahan f19VA

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State of Ohio Clermont County: SS

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1855 personally appeared before the Probate Judge of Clermont County in the State of Ohio Rebecca McMahan aged Eighty-six years and upwards a Resident of Clermont County in the State of Ohio who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 and its supplements – that she is the widow of William McMahan who was a private Soldier in Captain Alexander Barnett's Company of Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary war – as will appear by proofs here with enclosed. She states that she was married to the aforesaid William McMahan in the County of Rowan on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September in the year 1790 and that previous to said marriage her name was Rebecca Foster that her husband the aforesaid William McMahan died at a place called Batavia Township in the County of Clermont and State of Ohio on 5<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1814 age 55 years and upwards. She thinks that there has not ever been an application made for pension for the services of said William McMahan previous to these presents. She says that she was born in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1769 that she has not been married since the death of said William McMahan but still remains his widow. She says that her name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. She hereby Relinquishes any and all Claims to a pension except the present.

S/ Rebecca McMahan, X her mark

[p 6: On 23 May 1855 in Clermont County of Ohio, Susannah Dial, 80, gave testimony that she was present on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day's entertainment at the wedding of William McMahan and Rebecca Foster at her father's house, the festival commonly called the 'in-fair' on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1790 in Rowan County North Carolina; that she helped her mother, the sister of William McMahan, prepare for the festivities. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11]

William Monahan has applied to us for the renewal of his License to Preach as a Local Preacher in our Circuit, and after due inquiry concerning his Character and Qualifications we judge him to be a proper person to continue as a Local Preacher.

S/ Thomas Man B. E.  
7<sup>th</sup> of July 1805

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Thomas Mumfry  
29<sup>th</sup> of July 1797

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To all people whom it may concern this Certifieth that William McMahan of Rowan County North Carolina is hereby authorized to exercise his gift by Preaching the Gospel of Jesus so long as his Life and conduct is according to Godliness.

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> of July in the year of our Lord 1797

S/ Henry Hill, Elder of  
the Methodist E. Church

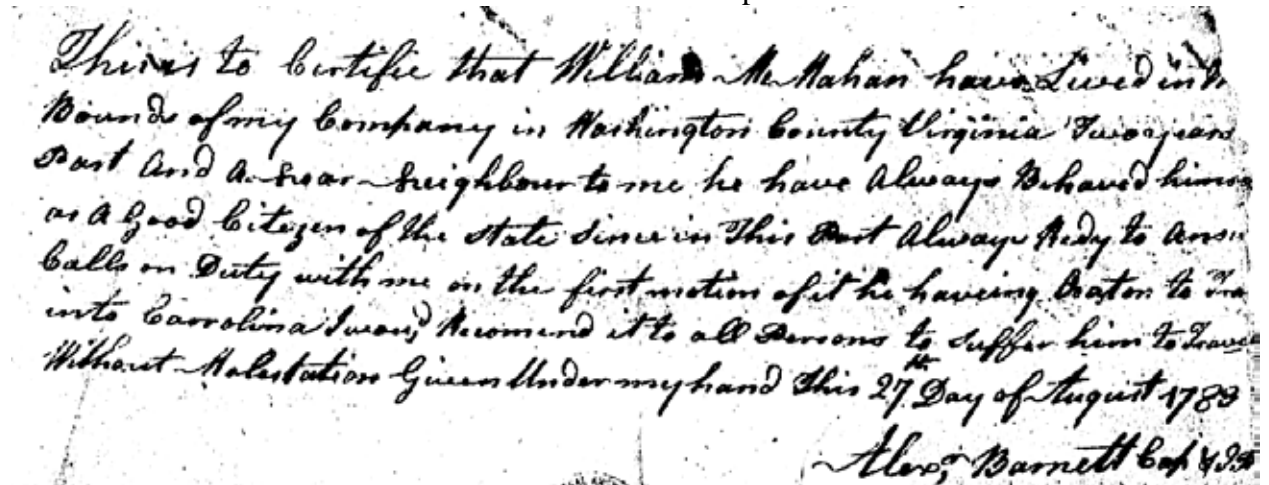
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[p 13]

This is to Certify that William McMahan have Lived in the Bounds of my Company in Washington County Virginia Two years Past and so near a neighbor to me he has always behaved himself as a Good Citizen of the state since in This Part always Redy [ready] to Answer Calls on Duty with me on the first motion of it he having [indecipherable word] on to Tra [traverse] into Carolina I would recommend it to all Persons to suffer him to traverse without Molestation. Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1783

S/ Alexr Barnett Cap. & JP



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[p 1: Marriage bond dated September 20, 1790 issued in Rowan County North Carolina to William McMahan and James Reed conditioned on the marriage of William McMahan to Rebecca Foster.]