

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McMahan S18110

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State of South Carolina Laurens District

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable R. Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting John McMahan a resident of Laurens District in the State of South Carolina, aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States Army in the year 1775 under Charles Allen of Prince Edward County Virginia, and served he thinks in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Samuel Meredith his Major was a James Allen, his Captain (as above observed) was Charles Allen, Joseph Parks was his Lieutenant in the Company and a James Allen was Ensign. That he entered the service in the month of December (day not recollected) in the year 1775, and left the service he thinks about the middle of November 1780 that he resided in Prince Edward County in the State of Virginia when he entered the Service, that he joined the company at Prince Edward Court House. They marched from that place to Manchester on James River, thence to Williamsburg thence to Hampton where they remained for several months, that he was in the service when Independence was declared, he was there at the time of the Battle of Gains Island [probably Gwynn Island, July 8-10, 1776] when Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore] was driven off, thence they were removed to Norfolk where he remained as a guard or in Garrison until his time of enlistment expired when he was discharged.

I was born on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1756 in the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia. I have no record of my age.

When called into service I was living in the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia. Since the Revolution I have lived in the District of Laurens in the State of South Carolina. I now live in the District of Laurens in the State of South Carolina.

I went into service as an enlisted soldier.

I have no recollection of the names of regular officers other than those stated.

I never received a discharge that I recollect of if I did it is lost.

The Reverend Joseph Babb & Robert Hannah will testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior – and Zachariah Carwill will testify to services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

S/ John McMahan

*Joseph Babb*  
*Robert Hana*  
*John McMahan*

[Joseph Babb, a clergyman, and Robert Hana gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of South Carolina Laurens District: to wit

Personally appeared in open court Zachariah Cowill who being duly sworn says that he knows the applicant John McMahan that he served with him in the Virginia line and well knows that he served in the same from December 1775 until sometime in November 1780.

S/ Zachariah Carwile<sup>1</sup>

*Zachariah Carwile*

State of South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me John McMahan who being duly sworn on the Evangelist, states that he accounts for the difference of dates from 1777 to 1780 in his application to Congress for a pension to otherwise from the circumstance that neither himself nor Mr. Carwile, the Witness on his Certificate (both aged persons) they had no written evidence of the dates, and on further consultation on the subject, both came to the conclusion from the best of their memory and knowledge, that the last date of the discharge is correct.

Sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834

S/ Elihu Watson, JP

S/ John McMahan

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: August 17<sup>th</sup> 1833

Personally came before me one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for said District Zachariah Carwile Senr. and saith on oath that he saw John McMahan enlisted in the Service of the United States, Prince Edward County State of Virginia in the year 1775 for the term of four years and eight months, and this deponent further saith that said McMahan's Captain was Charles Allen Lieutenant Joseph Parks, Ensign James Allen and the Colonel that he served under was Samuel Meredith and said deponent further saith that he believes the said McMahan served out his term of service for which he enlisted.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above.

S/ Zachariah Carwile

[Facts in file: Veteran died October 16, 1835, place not stated; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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