

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter McMahon S34981

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District of Maryland Allegheny County SS

On the 20th day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges of the 5th Judicial district of Maryland aforesaid which is composed of Allegheny, Washington & Frederick Counties personally appeared Peter McMahon age sixty-four years resident in Allegheny County in the said District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That the said Peter McMahon enlisted in Louden [Loudoun] County in the State of Virginia in the Company of Captain West [perhaps Charles West] of Rawlings's [Moses Rawlings'] Regiment in the month of August 1776 that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States until the month of August 1779 when he was discharged from the service in Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania that he was in the battle at Fort Washington [November 16, 1776] and taken prisoner, and being exchanged he joined what was left of his Regiment at Fort Frederick and guarded the prisoners, from thence went to Pittsburgh and Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens], and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Buchanan

State of Maryland, Allegheny County SS

On this 13th day of October 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said County, Peter McMahon aged 67 years, resident in said County, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: – that he enlisted in the month of August in the year 1776 in Captain Thomas West's Rifle company what was attached to Colonel Moses Rawlingses Battalion at Fort Lee that he was at the Battle of Fort Washington, where he was taken prisoner by the British and was confined on board the prison Ship called the Dalton that he was peleared [sic, paroled?] on condition of not serving against the Enemy until duly exchanged after a confinement of 10 or 12 weeks, that he afterwards joined Colonel Moses Rawlingses command at Fort Frederick in Maryland to guard Prisoners and afterwards marched to Pitts Burgh [Pittsburgh] under Captain Thomas Beale of of Samuel and from thence to Fort Laurence and returned to Pittsburgh and was there discharged on the 29th day of August 1779 and he doth further swear that he made a Declaration on the 20th day of April 1818 of his application for a pension and that he did receive a Certificate dated the 9th day of March 1819 and numbered 7503

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

1/3 of a House & Lot in Cumberland		\$116.66 ½
1 Beureau \$8 1 Table \$3 ½ Doz. Chairs \$3.50		14.50
2 Dressing Tables \$1 1 Chest \$1 1 Looking Glass \$1		3.00
1 Tea Board \$2 2 Hogs \$7 & Loom & utensills \$10		19.00
1 Spade Dung Fork and Hoe		1.50
Kitchen Furniture		15.00
Debts due me from Sundry Person	\$114.12	
Debts due by me	114.00	.12

S/ Peter McMahan

And the said Peter McMahan further declares upon oath that he is a Weaver by occupation and that he is very infirm and unable frequently to work more than half the day that he has a wife between fifty and sixty years of age also infirm, that he has two sons that make their homes with him William and Thomas who support themselves also a grandchild between 6 and 7 years of age.

Sworn to, and declared, on the 13th day of October 1820 in open Court.

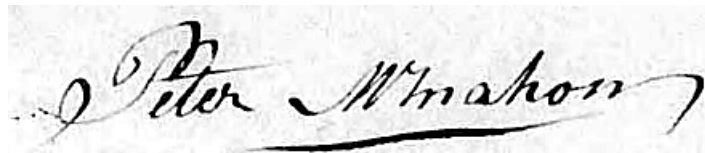
Cumberland Allegana [Allegheny] County April 18 1834
To the Honorable Lewis Cass Secretary of War

Sir/

In the year 1776 I enlisted as a private Soldier in Louden [Loudoun] County Virginia in Captain Thomas West's Company which was a part of Colonel Moses Rawlings Regiment. I enlisted for 3 years and served my full term. The evidence of my claims is already in the war Department as I am a pensioner under the Act of Congress of 1818. My Object of writing is to learn whether I am not entitled to back pay or rather the balance of my pay during my time of service, the whole amount of money received by me was \$99 which will likely appear by the pay roll if it is in your Possession. I am now old and infirm and cannot visit Washington to learn what I am entitled to I therefore trouble you with writing. An early reply to this will greatly

Obliged your most Obedient Servant

S/ Peter McMahan



I also served in the Virginia Militia from Louden County in the fall just before Cornwallis was taken in Captain Douglass Company and Colonel Somers Regiment but under Colonel Manyware's [probably Thomas Meriwether's] Regiment at the time we were dismissed. For this Service I never received my pay. Yours as before &c

S/ Peter McMahan

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 20, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Cumberland Allegheny County Maryland April 16th, 1834

To the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia
Gentlemen

For the year 1776 I enlisted as a private Soldier in Captain Thomas West's Company which was under the command of Colonel Moses Rawlings as part of his Regiment and I am told that I am entitled to bounty Lands under the laws of Virginia. I am now old and infirm and cannot visit Richmond to see what are my rights. I therefore take the liberty of addressing you on the Subject. I am a pensioner under the Act of Congress of 1818 and can satisfy used I enlisted as above stated and served in the Virginia for which term I enlisted. I also served in the Militia two months in the fall just before Cornwallis was taken in Captain Douglas Company afterwards part of Colonel Manyware Regiment as I believe and Colonel Somers Regiment of Militia from Louden County Virginia. You will do me a great favor by giving me information how I can make my claim good in what form will be necessary.

With great respect yours

S/ Peter McMahan



Cumberland June 10th, 1834

To the Governor & Council of Virginia
Gentlemen

I have the honor of receiving your of the 22nd of April sometime since. If a Copy of the evidence for which you wrote to Washington be not sufficient to satisfy you of my Services as stated in my letter of the 16th of April I will endeavor to present to your Notice further testimony.

With great respect I am your

very Obedient Servant

S/ Peter McMahan



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