

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew McMahan S38931

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To the Honorable J C Calhoun Secretary of War

The declaration of Andrew McMahan sheweth.

That he enlisted as a soldier in the revolutionary war in King & Queen County in the State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain William Campbell in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson [George Gibson] in the Continental line of said State in the winter of 1776 for the term of three years, that he served the United States as a soldier against the common enemy continually during said three years and at the expiration thereof was honorably discharged in Alexandria in the State of Virginia by Major Ellison [probably John Allison] by a discharge in writing which has been lost many years ago, that about the expiration of said three years, he again enlisted in Alexandria in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of horse commanded by Colonel George Baylor and by Lieutenant Colonel William Washington in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment, for and during the revolutionary war, that he served the United States as a horseman in said Regiment continually during the revolutionary war and until peace was concluded and on Santee River in South Carolina the Regiment was disbanded and he was then with them but received no written discharge on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June in the year 1783. That he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], at the battle of Camden [probably the Second battle of Camden or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] and at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] besides a considerable number of skirmishes, he never was wounded, he is about fifty-eight years of age has been merely blind about ten years and is now so blind that he cannot distinguish objects though he can still distinguish day from night he has spent a great deal of his property in trying to be cured of his blindness his property consist of two mares and a colt six head of cattle a few hogs and some household furniture he has a debt due to him of one hundred fifty dollars and he owes thirty dollars and some small debts which he cannot ascertain, he has no land nor no slave, but lives with two unmarried daughters on his sons land in Wilson County Tennessee 18 miles southeast of Lebanon that he knows of no person in Tennessee by whom he can prove the above services, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for his support he never has received any pension and releases all claim to any except that provided by the act of Congress of 1818 which he now claims.

State of Tennessee to wit

Personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the State of Tennessee Andrew McMahan who has made the above declaration and made oath that the facts stated therein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1819

S/ Thos. Stuart

S/ Andrew McMahan

just coll'd  
Wm McMahan

State of Tennessee to wit

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the State of Tennessee William McMahan who maketh oath that he is about twenty-nine years of age and is son of the above named Andrew McMahan, and ever since he can remember has been informed & believes his father was a soldier in the revolutionary war as above stated that he has been for many years blind and is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for his support that he is acquainted with his property and believes the statements made by him in the above declaration are true. He lives on this deponent's land. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1819

S/ Thos. Stuart

S/ Wm McMahan



State of Tennessee to wit

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart a Judge of the circuit courts for the State of Tennessee Jesse Hodges aged sixty-five years and makes oath that he became acquainted with Andrew McMahan in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia immediately after the close of the revolutionary war and has known him ever since he had been some time acquainted with said Andrew's brothers they were known by the name of McMahan and said Andrew was also known by the name of McMahan after some time the name became adulterated and the young generation descended from these brothers were frequently called McHaney but how that alteration happened to take place this affiant does not know, when he first knew said Andrew McMahan he was dressed in horseman's uniform and he was informed by said Andrew that he had served seven years in the American Army as a soldier and he has heard it spoken of by many people that said Andrew served a long time as a soldier in said war this he thinks was firmly believed by everyone who knew him, he is nearly blind and is in reduced circumstances and to the best of his knowledge and belief stands in need of the aid of his country for his support, that his general character is that he is a man of truth & worthy to be believed on his oath, he also knows the above named William McMahan who is by some called William McHaney, he is reputed the son of said Andrew McMahan he has known him from his childhood & he is believed to be a man of truth who statements upon oath may be depended upon. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1819

S/ Jesse Hodges



District of West Tennessee

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being the County Court of record for the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee Andrew McMahan aged fifty-nine years resident in Wilson County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the first Virginia State Regiment in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Hamilton the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson. He was in the battle at Monmouth, Guilford, Camden, the Eutaw Springs.

And I Andrew McMahan do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. The number of my certificate is 15-802 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1819

Schedule of property owned by Andrew McMahan

One track of land containing 250 acres	\$500
One Negro boy aged 20 or 21 named Dick	300
5 or 6 head of cattle	25
2 head of horses	50
5 sows & some shoats	15
5 Sheep	5
one note on Abner Wassen 7 dollars	7
2 cotton wheels	2
one old still	<u>1</u>
	\$905

Debts which I owe to others about \$80

I am at this time line and have been in that situation about 8 or 9 years for 6 or 7 years past I have not been able to distinguish any person my family consist of only one daughter aged about 22 or 23 years old named Polly McMahan, myself and the above named Negro boy. I never followed any trade but my occupation was that of a farmer while I could see to attend to that business. At present being blind I have to keep the above named Negro boy constantly by me to attend on me.

S/ Andrew McMahan, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 commencing August 18, 1819, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]