

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald McMahan W21779

Ann McMahan

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State of South Carolina Greenville District: March Term

On this 20th day of March 1833 -- Personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Josiah J. Evans in the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas for said District and State aforesaid now sitting -- Archibald McMahan a resident of Pickens District and State aforesaid aged upwards of Seventy 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 7th 1832 -- that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he first entered the service a volunteer before he was old enough to be subject to Draft, to perform a three months Tour against the Indians -- and was under the Command of Capt. William Morrow [of Guilford County North Carolina] Major Hugh Fenin Col. Thomas Taylor. That he entered the said service in Orange County in the State of North Carolina and marched from there to Cathies Fort [sic, Cathey's Fort], remained there for some time, had no fighting, returned again to Hillsboro in Orange County North Carolina and at the end of the Tour he was discharged -- Some time after that himself and two of his Brothers were drafted, but an arrangement was made to leave this deponent at home and his Brothers served their Tour. Shortly after this deponent was required to perform the Tour for which he had been drafted and hired a Substitute by the name of Joel Ramsey. After that he this deponent was again drafted to perform another three months Tour, the date or time he cannot recollect, and was stationed at Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina to guard the Goal and prisoners, was in the Battle at Hillsboro¹ and was there taken prisoner and was carried to Wilmington and put on shipboard with a number of other prisoners -- remained there, he thinks, about 3 or 4 weeks -- then sailed around to Charleston in the state of South Carolina and was there put on board of a Prison Ship called the *Ask* [sic, *Eske*] commanded by Capt. Chapman, William Billington Mate, and there detained a prisoner for upwards of one year -- he thinks about fourteen months. Sometime in the winter Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle] came on board and gave him and several other prisoners a Blanket each -- After being dismissed from the ship he was furnished with a passport to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] head quarters -- and no further service required of him -- And that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any

¹ On September 12, 1781, the Tory officer David Fanning attacked Hillsboro and captured, among others, Gov. Thomas Burke. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hillsborough.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html

State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court
S/ Jno. Daniel , CCD

S/ Archibald McMahan, M his mark

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, this deponent on his oath saith

1st I am told I was born in Lancaster Pennsylvania.

2nd I have no record of my age

3rd -- I was living in Orange County State of North Carolina and removed from there to Greenville District South Carolina from there to my present residence in Pickens District, State of South Carolina where I have resided between 20 and 30 years.

4th -- I have answered that before, in my declaration.

5th. I was principally under the command of Militia officers and knew very little of Regulars But I recollect of seeing Col. Washington [William Washington] on the Quarterdeck of the Ship in which I was confined and understood that he was a prisoner to the British

6th I do not recollect whether I ever received a written discharge or not --

7th -- I trust that any of my neighbors will testify as to my character for veracity and I think I can and have proved by living witnesses my services as a Soldier of the Revolution --

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court
S/ Jno Daniel, CCP

S/ Archibald McMahan, M his mark

[James Dauthit, a clergyman, and John Cansler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Pickens District

Personally came in Henry Pariss² before me the Subscribing Justice and made oath in due form that he is personally acquainted with Archibald McMahan the within applicant for a Pension -- that he was knowing to said McMahan bearing arms in defense of the United States against the British and Tories in the time of the American Revolution -- That the said McMahan was, within this deponent's knowledge taken prisoner by the British and taken to Charleston, that he knew that said McMahan was a good Whig and was a soldier in the Service but cannot recollect the particulars.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 23rd day of January 1833

S/ Jas. Osborn, QU

S/ Henry Pariss



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South Carolina Greenville District

Personally came William Payne³ before me James Osborn one of the Justices of the Quorum for Pickens District and State aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law saith that he

² No one by this name claimed a federal pension for service in the Revolution.

³ No one by this name claimed a federal pension for service in the Revolution from NC

lived a neighbor to and was personally acquainted with Archibald McMahan the present applicant for a Pension that he did know that the said Archibald McMahan was a Soldier in favor of the United States in said Revolution and that about the time that the said Archibald was drafted to go to Hillsboro this deponent was drafted for a nine months Tour and hired a substitute by the name of Richard Strawn⁴ that this deponent understood, at the time, that his Substitute and the said Archibald McMahan were both taken Prisoners by the British and Tories and taken to Charleston and there detained a number of months but how long this deponent does not now recollect.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 5th day of February 1833

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ William Payne, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Greenville District

Personally came James Payne⁵ before me James Osborn one of the Justices of Quorum for Pickens District, and made oath in due form, that he was well acquainted with Archibald McMahan, the within applicant for a Pension, in the time of the American Revolution that he knew of the said Archibald McMahan bearing arms in defense of the United States in said Revolution that he knew of the said Archibald been taken Prisoner at Hillsboro in North Carolina -- that he was gone a number of months but how long this deponent does not recollect that he believes the said Archibald McMahan is a man of Strict veracity and that he would believe any Statement that he would make either on oath or otherwise.

Sworn to and subscribed the 4th day of February 1833

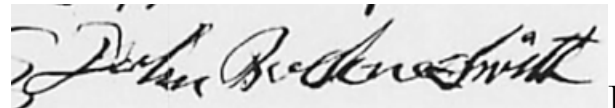
S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ James Payne, X his mark

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[On the February 18, 1845, in Pickens District South Carolina, Mrs. Ann McMahan, about 80, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Archibald McMahan; that she married him in Greenville District in South Carolina on August 13 1791; that they were married by Robert Maxwell, Esquire; that they were married at Maxwell's house; that the only witnesses to the marriage were Maxwell's family and 2 persons who went with her, her sister and her brother in law; that her husband died May 6, 1841 and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 35: On September 13, 1845 in Pickens District South Carolina, John Buckner Smith gave testimony that he had known Archibald McMahan and Anna Payne in North Carolina and found them living together as man and wife when he moved from North Carolina to Greenville District in 1792 at which time the veteran and his wife had one child.



[p 6: On September 17, 1845 in Greenville District South Carolina, Thomas Payne gave

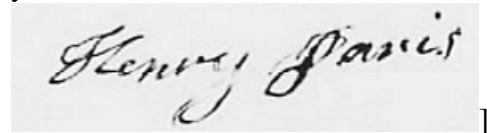
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testimony that he was acquainted with Ann McMahan of Pickens district South Carolina for the last 65 years; that affiant was present at the marriage of Ann McMahan and Archibald her husband which took place in Greenville District South Carolina in the latter part of the summer or early part of the fall of the year 1791 which affiant recalls because his father removed from Orange County North Carolina to Greenville District in that same year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mrs. Payne", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[p 37: On September 24, 1845 in Anderson District South Carolina, Henry Paris gave testimony that he formerly lived in North Carolina; that he moved from North Carolina to Greenville South Carolina in company with Thomas Payne the father of Mrs. Ann McMahan of Pickens District and settled near together; that based on the age of the affiant's daughter, Mrs. Cobb, now 59 years old, he believes the marriage between Archibald and Ann McMahan occurred about the year 1791.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Paris", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[p 4: On October 2, 1845 in Greenville District South Carolina Mrs. Sarah Payne gave testimony that she knew Archibald and Ann McMahan before their marriage took place before affiant was married on March 5th, 1795; that the affiant's firstborn son was born on December 21 of that same year; that the veteran and his wife were living together as husband and wife at the time the affiant was married and at such time they had 3 children; that their 4th child, Prudence was born in the same year as affiant's marriage.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Payne", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]