

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter McMahan (McMahan) W21782

Susannah McMahan f26SC

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

On this Second day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas for said District Peter McMahan a resident of said District and being sworn declares as follows in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 –

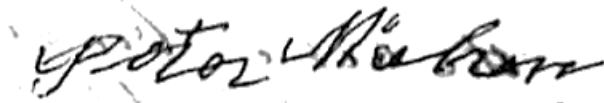
He was born in Pennsylvania in March after Braddock's Defeat [July 9, 1755] being now according to his calculation in his 78th year and that he removed into Abbeville in this State when a boy and at which place he entered the service of the United States but that by reason of old age & bodily infirmity and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service or the time of and during yet but has a distinct recollection that he enlisted in the State Troops for Six months to continue three years if required under Capt. John Purvis and Col. Thompson [William Thomson] and that he did serve three years. That his first rendezvous was at Nelson's Ferry and that he has some confused notion or recollection of places and different marches made but cannot state them with any distinctness. He knows of no other testimony than that furnished herewith of his service & his name is not found on the Pension list of any agency in any State and that he is a Pensioner of the State of South Carolina which he would cheerfully relinquish on being provided for by Congress.

Sworn to in open Court day & year aforesaid --

Before

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

S/ Peter McMahan



[Landford Vandiver, a clergyman and James McKinney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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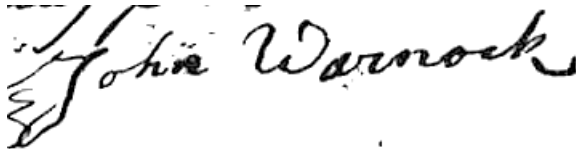
Personally came before me Ezekiel S. Norris one of the Justices of the Peace for said District John Warnock<sup>1</sup> and being sworn in due form of law saith on his oath that he was well acquainted with Peter McMahan in the time of the Revolutionary War and that he knows that said McMahan enlisted under Capt. John Purvis who was under the Command of Col. Thompson in the 3rd Regiment of this State the time of Enlistment was for 6 months or 3 years if required

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<sup>1</sup> [John Warnock W22515](#)

and after 6 months Expired he was still Retained in the Service he thinks for the full term of Enlistment Deponent also says on oath that the said McMahan done a great deal of militia Duty after his time of Enlistment was out the time he entered the Service was either in the last of July or first of August 1775 or about that time. Sworn to before me this 2nd day of October 1833.  
S/ E. S. Norris, JP

S/ John Warnock



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State of South Carolina Anderson District:

This Day personally appeared Before me William McMurray, one of the Justices of the Quorum in the district aforesaid Benjamin Smith<sup>2</sup> and being sworn in due form of law on oath says that he was well acquainted with Peter McMahan before he was an enlisted Soldier & does believe that he did enlist under Capt. John Purvis and did serve out his time that he Enlisted for & does think that he did enlist in the revolutionary war in about one year after the war Commenced & does further saith that he said McMahan did do service at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781]<sup>3</sup> with him said Deponent and at many other places in the upper part of the State after he had gotten his Discharge in the Army. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 30th day of September 1833

S/ Wm McMurray, JQ

S/ Benjn Smith



[p 8: On December the 30th 1845, in Anderson District South Carolina, Susannah McMahan, 81, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Peter McMahan, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Abbeville District South Carolina on October 9, 1783 but has no family record or evidence thereof; that they were married by Squire Moore who then lived in Cambridge , Abbeville District South Carolina; that Peter McMahan died the 4th day of August 1845 in Anderson District South Carolina; that she remains his widow; she signed her application with her mark. On the same date, William Hubbard, 84, attested to by the marriage of Peter McMahan to Susannah Slater in October 1783 in Abbeville District, stating that he was present at the celebration of their marriage.]

[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 South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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<sup>2</sup> I could not find a federal pension application for someone by this name who I thought was likely to be this man.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)