

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McMahan (McMahon) W23938

Mary McMahan f26SC

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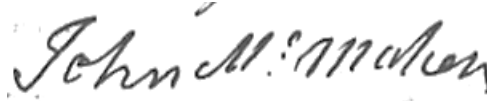
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State of Kentucky Muhlenberg County

~~John McMahan this day personally appeared before me Henry P Brodnax Judge of the Circuit Court of this County aforesaid and made oath~~ states that as well as he now recollects and believes in the year near the commencement of the revolutionary war in Ninety Six District State of South Carolina he enlisted under Capt. John Caldwell of the third Regiment of Continental troops commanded by Col. Thompson [William Thomson] that he served as a private soldier in said company and Regiment three years was personally discharged at Charlestown South Carolina by James Mason [sic, James Mayson] Lt. Col. to said Regiment and that he has lost his said discharge that he is about Sixty Eight years of age and has a very bad rupture in his abdomen and is unable to work for a livelihood that he believes the whole of the property owned by him is about the value of \$2000 and no more.

S/ John McMahan



State of Kentucky Granville to wit

Be it remembered that John McMahan personally appeared before me, one of the Circuit Judges in & for the State aforesaid, and swore upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that the facts contained in the above statement are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand & seal this 20th day of June 1818.

S/ Henry P. Brodnax

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Muhlenberg County: February County Court 1820

Be it remembered that John McMahan the within mentioned applicant a Citizen of Christian County and Commonwealth aforesaid came into court and exhibited proof to their satisfaction that he the said John is about 70 years of age and from the rupture in his abdomen he is rendered incapable of doing any kind of manual labor and that he needs the assistance of his Country for support which is ordered to be certified to the War Department.

In testimony whereof I Charles F. Wing clerk of the County Court of said County have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 7th day of February 1820

S/ C. F. Wing

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The deposition of Jonathan Clark taken at his house in Christian County and State of Kentucky on the 29th day of July 1845 relative to John McMahan deceased said to have been a patriot Soldier in the war of Independence with Great Britain. The deponent being first duly sworn deposeseth and saith, That to the best of his recollection, the said John McMahan was married in June or July 1784 to Mary Oliver in Pendleton District, and State of South Carolina by John Wilson then an acting Justice of the peace in said District the deponent saith that it was then lawful in said State for a Justice of the peace or a Minister of the Gospel to solemnize the rites of matrimony, without license from the Clerk of the Court, and that he the said deponent, lived a near neighbor to him the said McMahan after he was married, for 13 or 14 years in said District, and State aforesaid, and the deponent states that he removed to Christian County and State of Kentucky in 1803 & 3 or 4 years after, the said John McMahan with his wife and family removed to the same County of Christian and State aforesaid, and that he was well acquainted with him, the said McMahan and family, until his death, which took place in December 1823, And the deponent saith, that he the said McMahan and Mary Oliver lived together as man and wife, from their marriage until his the said McMahan's death, for he was well acquainted with the whole family, and further the deponent saith, that he had it from McMahan himself and others of credibility, that said McMahan rendered important services in the said war of Independence with Great Britain. And further the deponent saith not.

S/ Jonathan Clark

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State of Illinois Williamson County: SS

On this fifth day of March A.D. 1844 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for the County of Williamson and State aforesaid the court then judicially sitting Mary McMahan a resident of the State of Illinois in the County of Johnson aged Eighty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John McMahan who was a pensioner under act of March 18th 1818 of the Kentucky agency and for proof of his rank and service reference is hereby made to proof and documents on file in office in the war department. She further declares that she was married to the said John McMahan in the month of June or July 1784, in Pendleton District in the State of South Carolina by John Wilson an acting Justice of the peace in said district that she is now and has been ever since the death of the said John McMahan [illegible word],<sup>1</sup> and unmarried and has never been married to any other person. That her husband the aforesaid John McMahan died on the 23rd day of December 1823. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, which is to say the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 5th day of March 1844.

S/ Mary McMahan, X her mark

[p 24: William McMahan and Peter McMahan gave a supporting affidavit. No relationship with

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the veteran or his wife is indicated as to these two affiants.

*William McMahon  
Peter McMahon ]*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 2, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line. His pension was suspended because he owned too much property to qualify for a pension under the 1818 and 1820 pension acts. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1843.]