

Pension Application for Daniel McMahan

S.37224

State of Massachusetts

I, Daniel McMahan a Citizen of the United States, now resident at Georgetown in the County of Lincoln, in the State aforesaid, do on oath testify and declare, that in the War of the Revolution, on or about the middle of—January in the year 1776.

I entered and was engaged in the land service of the United States on the continental establishment, and served accordingly from that time to January 1777, being one year, the period I enlisted for as a Private Soldier against the command enemy, without any interruption or absence: that I belonged to Capt. Jonathan Nowell's Company in Col. William Prescotts Regiment of the Massachusetts line of the Army of General Heaths Brigade and that I left the service on or about the middle of January of 1777 and by reason of my reduced circumstances in life and poverty, I stand in need of assistance from my country for support, being now of the age of Sixty eight years.

On my first entering the Army we were stationed at Cambridge till the enemy evacuated Boston, from thence we marched to New York where I was stationed at Long Island & Governors Island & was in the several engagements and skirmishes at that time. Was with the army in its retreat from New York to Fort Spencer on the [?] from thence to White Plains & from thence to Peekskill where the Army took up winter quarters & I was discharged. I have [?] no discharge if I even had any, it is now lost.

And I hereby relinquish all claims to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any may be or hath been so allowed, and I have no other evidence now in ;my power of my said service.

I was discharged at Peekskill in the State of New York. (Signed) Daniel McMahan.

Ira Bailey, Judge of Court of Probate. April 21, 1818.

Letter in folder dated January 24, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Daniel McMahan, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.37224, based upon the military service of Daniel McMahan in that war.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Daniel McMahan, the name is also shown as McMahan, are not stated.

He enlisted, place not stated, about the middle of January 1776, served one year as private in Captain Jonathan Nowell's Company, Colonel William Precott's Massachusetts Regiment and was in skirmishes and in the retreat from New York to Fort Spencer.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 21, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-eight years and a resident of Georgetown, Lincoln County, Massachusetts (Maine).

In 1820 his wife, Sarah, was aged sixty-seven years, his daughter, Mary, forty years old, his daughter, Patty, thirty-seven years old.

In 1825, soldier was living in Georgetown, Maine, with his son, his name and age not stated. There are no further family data.

Soldier died December 1, 1835, place not given.