

Transcription of the Deposition of William McMillan, 29 July 1818, Pension of Samuel McMillan, National Archives and Records Administration, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA M804, W 1908, p. 18.¹

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Mercer County

Before me, Alexander Brown, an associate judge in and for said county, came William McMillan, who upon his solemn oath, did depose and say,

That the 1st of January 1776 or thereabouts, Samuel McMillan, the within applicant, and deponent, entered the service of the United States, as noncommissioned officers, in Harford County in Maryland in Captain Thomas Ewing's company, Colonel Smallwood's regiment in the Maryland Line.

Before we marched, Captain Ewing² was promoted to a [??] command, and Lieutenant Bowie³ became our captain. Soon after we marched for New York, and on the 27th of August we were in the Battle of Long Island and were both made prisoners and remained on Long Island until about November. We were then put aboard of ships and sent to Halifax, where we remained until the 27th of April 1777, when this applicant and myself with some others made our escape from the enemy and came onto Shubenacadie,⁴ then to the Bay of Fundy, to a place called Machias.⁵ From there, we came in a sloop provided by Colonel Allan⁶ to Caskey Bay⁷ in the Province of Maine. There this applicant took sick and this deponent left him and went onto Boston and joined the army there.

About the first of August 1777, this applicant came to Boston and entered the service again in Captain Trescot's⁸ company in Colonel Henley's⁹ Regiment. Until this time, he may be considered in the Maryland Line. In this regiment he remained until the spring of 1778, when Henley's, Lees', and Jackson's regiments were consolidated and afterwards commanded by Colonel Jackson. In Jackson's Regiment¹⁰ he remained and was in the Battle of Monmouth (both of us).

¹ Spelling and grammar have been standardized for clarity.

² Thomas Ewing was promoted to the rank of colonel prior to the Battle of Brooklyn.

³ Daniel Bowie was the captain of the Fourth Company during the Battle of Brooklyn.

⁴ Shubenacadie. There are multiple areas in Nova Scotia referred to as Shubenacadie, but this is likely a reference to Shubenacadie River.

⁵ Machias, Maine.

⁶ Colonel John Allan of the Massachusetts Militia, 1777-1781. [Allan's wife was also imprisoned in Halifax during the war.](#)

⁷ Casco Bay, located near Portland, Maine.

⁸ Lemuel Trescott, Captain in Henley's Regiment until May 1778. Trescott's name is also mentioned (and is more legible) on page 13 of Samuel McMillan's pension.

⁹ David Henley, Colonel in command of [Henley's Additional Continental Regiment.](#)

¹⁰ The Sixteenth Massachusetts Regiment.

This deponent then left them, and knew nothing of his own knowledge of said applicant until the winter of 1780 when he returned to Franklin County,¹¹ and his time expired before the opening of the campaign that spring. And further saith not.

Sworn and subscribed before
me this 29th of July 1818

Wm. McMillan

A. Brown.

¹¹ Franklin County, Pennsylvania.