Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Monroe S5784 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Virginia Frederick County Sct.

On the 26 day of July 1832 personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, William Monroe, a resident of Frederick County in the State of Virginia, aged Seventy two 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, that on or about the last of March, or the first of April in the year 1777, he joined a company under the command of Lieutenant Robert Lovell, and sometime in the summer following, the company was marched to York County Virginia, and commanded by Captain James Quarles, belonging to the second Virginia State Regiment, under the command of __ (not certain of the name) but whilst in service, and stationed at York aforesaid his Company (together with others) were commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Edward Carrington of the United States Artillery, who had command of the Garrison and of every description of troops stationed at said place, in the spring of the year 1778 the Garrison aforesaid was inoculated for the small pox, after getting well of the small pox, Captain James Quarles' Company marched from York Town aforesaid in Company with Colonel Charles Harrison's Regiment of United States Artillery, and joined the command of General Washington at Valley Forge, where he was attached to Captain Garnet's Company, belonging to the second Virginia State Regiment General Mulenburg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade, about the time the British troops evacuated Philadelphia, General Washington pursued the enemy crossing the Delaware River, and succeeded in bringing them to action at a place called Monmouth [June 28, 1778], the Regiment to which Captain Garnett's Company was attached was commanded by Colonel Smith (perhaps Meriwether Smith). Said Regiment was attached to General Muhlenberg's Brigade which Brigade from some policy was held in reserves, and was not brought into the engagement at Monmouth aforesaid, from Monmouth, General Washington's command marched to Brunswick, there joining our Baggage, celebrated the 4th of July: the next move of the Army was to cross the Hudson River at King's Ferry, and continued to march to the White Plains, after remaining at the White Plains for a short time, he was sent upon a detached service of light Infantry under the command of General Scott, and stationed at a place called the Mile Square, situate about equidistant from the Main Army, and King's bridge, over the head of East River, whilst on detachment, he was under the command of Captain Powell of Virginia in the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Richard Parker Lieutenant Colonel Ball and Major Stewart of General Charles Scott's Brigade of Light Infantry, when in the fall they returned to their respective Brigade; from the Mile Square Colonel Parker's Regiment (to which he was attached) joined General Washington's command at Robertson's Farm, upon the Hudson

River, opposite West Point, where leaving the detachment, and, joining his own Regiment, found it commanded by Colonel William Brent, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Dabney & Major John Lee and that he then belonged to Captain John Hudson's Company, of said Regiment; the object of the next march was for winter quarters, crossing at Kings Ferry aforesaid, to Middlebrook, there built huts, and continued the winter; from Middlebrook the Army marched for West Point, and on said march his Captain John Hudson, volunteered for service under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], who then commanded a Brigade of Light Infantry, that he also volunteered with his Captain Hutson, aforesaid, and entered the service under General Wayne. After joining General Wayne, marched to old Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River for the Battle at Stony Point on the night of the 15th July, fourteen miles from old Fort Montgomery, aforesaid, that at the battle of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], he fought amongst the Volunteers the right wing of the Brigade our detachment was officered by Lieutenant Colonel Fluroy (Frenchman) [Lt. Col. Francois de Fleury] after taking Stony Point, General Wayne's Brigade moved lower down the Hudson, and at various places thereafter continued till December following, being on the Jersey side, then General Wayne's command of the light infantry was broken up and the Virginia troops under the command of Colonel Feebucher's [Christian Febiger's command could not get good quarters at Trenton, (the weather being very cold) was marched down to Watertown after a few days, Captain Hudson's Company (to which he belonged) crossed the Delaware on [indecipherable word or abbreviation] and marched to Philadelphia, and again joined the second Virginia State Regiment (that he was sick at the crossing of River, upon the [same indecipherable word or abbreviation] aforesaid, and had to be hauled to Philadelphia, and had to be hauled upon the Regiment march, to Frederick Town [Fredericktown] in Maryland, at which place he was left by the Regiment under the command of Lieutenant Thomas Quarles, who had the care of all the sick left at Frederick Town, the Regiment marched from Frederick Town for Fredericksburg in Virginia, that he continued at Frederick Town 16 or 18 days after the Regiment left there, that he followed on after the Regiment, and crossed the River at George Town [Georgetown], on his road to Fredericksburg, expecting there to join his Regiment, when he arrived near Fredericksburg he learned that all their Regiment to which he belonged were furloughed, to go home for a short time (this being the last of January or the first of February in the year 1780) part of said Regiment was to meet together at Fredericksburg, and the other part at Williamsburg, in the months of April and May following, that he did meet at Fredericksburg on the 20th day of April 1780, and received a full and fair discharge, signed by Major John Lee, of said Regiment, and that the reason why the discharge is not now in his possession, and accompanying this paper, is as follows, there was a sum of money due him on account of the depreciated value of Continental paper currency, and for the purpose of making that settlement, and before he could receive an account of said depreciation, it was necessary to exhibit certain vouchers, and that his discharge was exhibited, and filed as a Voucher among the papers of said Settlement, he further states that he was born and raised till 17 years of age, in Westmoreland County in the State of Virginia. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the Agency of any State.

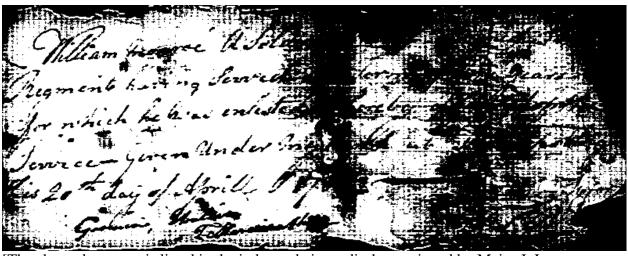
S/ William Monroe





[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]



[The above document is listed in the index as being a discharge signed by Major J. Lee discharging a soldier named William Monroe. I assume it to be the document to which the veteran refers in his pension application. If anyone has a better copy of this document, I would like to posted in our database.]