Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Monroe S7241 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Rowan County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Sessions A.D. 1832

On this 25th day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Magistrates the Judges of the Court the same being a Court of Record now sitting, George Monroe a resident of Rowan County and State of North Carolina 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, first as a volunteer at age of about fifteen years in the County of Fairfax Virginia, where he was born in the year 1760: That he served six months in Captain Mason's Company. The time to commence from the arrival of the troops at Hillsboro North Carolina, that one __ Dorsell was a Lieutenant in the company. The Regiment of Colonel Febeecher [Christian Febiger] and General Green [Nathanael Greene] commander in chief at Hillsboro. That General Green ordered the Virginia troops to stop at the Roanoke & they afterwards joined the Army on Pedee [River] that at the end of the six months he was discharged and returned home.

That he was again drafted as a common soldier in Captain Martin's Company of Virginia troops and was placed under the command of General Steuben of the Continental Army – recollects that Major Jinny and Colonel Gaskins were officers there – but does not recollect who were the officers of the particular Regiment to which he belonged – that he was drafted for eighteen months and thinks he served that length of time; that he was several times a Sergeant in the place of the orderly Sergeant, but never had a written commission; that during the last mentioned 18 months – he marched to the State of Georgia – the Head Quarters of the American Army was at Ebenezer, that he was present at a skirmish at Ogeechee Bridge near Savannah; that he was at Charleston in South Carolina at the time the British troops avacuated [evacuated] that place – That he was also at the siege of York Town in Virginia and witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis at that place – That he belonged to the 7th Regiment of the Virginia line – That he has no record of his age and nonexistent unless it be in the Clerk's Office in Fairfax Virginia, that he has not preserved the certificates of his services – He returned home & resided in the County of Fairfax aforesaid until about the year 1790 when he removed to the County of Montgomery North Carolina, where he resided until about the year 1798 when he removed to Rowan County where he has resided ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 25th day of August 1832

George Monor

[Samuel Lemly and Michael Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit quote in the absence of a regular clergyman"]

[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 <u>rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia</u>] 4-page file but only the last page is partially legible and transcribed below.

To his Excellency Littleton Tazewell The Governor of the State of Virginia

The Memorial of George Monroe now resident in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina aged 77 years Respectfully sheweth: That he is informed and believes that he is entitled under an act of the Virginia Legislature passed in the year 1834 to certain Land therein and thereby granted to Soldiers of the Revolution and he hereby claims the benefit of the same and for the purpose of obtaining it, makes and subscribed upon his Corporal oath the following Declaration.

That in the year 1779 he entered the military service as a private Soldier in Fairfax County Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gaskins of the Virginia Continental line or State Troops which he was in the capacity of a private soldier for the term of nine months, at the end of which time he was discharged. That about the month of March in the year 1781 he again entered the military service in the company of Captain Martin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Febiger of the Continental Troops where he served as a private soldier the term of 18 months. At the end of each term of military service he received a written certificates from the regularly appointed officers, both of which he has lost. That age and disease together with many misfortunes personally and in his family have much impaired his memory – so that he can't state with more particular certainty of his military service. That he knows of no person now living in this State by whom he can prove his military services. But refers to the pay Rolls of the Virginia Troops at Richmond where he in person received his arrears of pay after the end of the Revolutionary war and signed a receipt for the same.

As a further proof of his military service he refers to his pension certificate a copy of which is hereunto annexed which was granted by the Secretary of War in 1833 as he is informed upon the evidence of the Muster Rolls and in the office of the War Department in Washington City.

George Monroe makes oath that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing declaration are true according to the best of his knowledge & belief. Sworn and subscribed before me this 5th day of September 1836 [indecipherably faint signature] S/ George Monroe

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