

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements &
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Pension application of John Monk S16490

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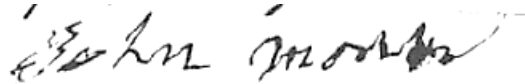
County of Monroe} SS.

On this fourth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Christopher B. Strong Judge of the Superior Court for said county which court is now sitting John Monk a resident of said county and state aged eighty one 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 passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was drafted in Dobbs County North Carolina for a five month tour of service which he entered in the month of January but the year he is unable to state further than it was the same year in which the British defeated Gen. Ash [sic, John Ashe] at Briar Creek in Georgia, claimant entered the service in a company commanded by Captain John Kennedy in a regiment commanded by Colonel William Caswell. The regiment rendezvoused at Kingston [sic, Kinston], from Kingston the regiment marched through Fayetteville, then called Cross Creek, through Camden in South Carolina and crossed the Congaree river at the place where Columbia has since been located and built up, thence to the Savannah river near Augusta when the forces essayed to cross the river but were prevented by the British troops who had possession of Augusta and the neighborhood. Near Augusta Gen. Ash who took command at Kingston was joined by a regiment under the command [of] Col. Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. The whole forces marched down the Savannah river to a place called The Two Sisters Ferry when the greater part of the army crossed over to the Georgia side, but before the army crossed the river claimant was sent off with a detachment of two hundred and twenty five men under the command of Captains Harrison and Goodman in pursuit of one Daniel McGirt a noted Tory officer who with his men was committing(?) depredations on the South Carolina side of the river between Charleston and Savannah, McGirt escaped and whilst the detachment last mentioned was in pursuit of McGirt, the rest of the army passed over into Georgia and had the battle at Briar Creek when the Americans were defeated, after the balance of the troops recrossed the river, the five months expired and claimant was discharged near Purysburg and returned home to North Carolina. After claimant returned home and had worked over his crop once, the month or day he cannot give, he was again drafted for a tour of three months and rendezvoused again at Kingston in a company commanded by Captain John Granger in a regiment of which Col. Caswell again took command Major James Sheppard commanded under Colonel Caswell who claimant thinks then ranked as General. His regiment consisted of five hundred men. From Kingston the regiment marched towards Willmington [sic, Wilmington] to put down the Tories under the command of the British Col. Craig and were stationed for a while twenty five miles above Newbern [sic, New Bern], then marched back towards Kingston to protect that place against the Tories who had collected forces in that part of the state, whilst stationed near Kingston the three months for which claimant was drafted expired and he was discharged. Claimant saw Gen. Lincoln once as he passed on towards Augusta while the troops were near Purysburg. Applicant was born as he has always understood in Wake County North Carolina on the fourteenth day of September 1752. There was a record of his age in a book entitled Practice Of Piety but claimant does not know where it is. He has not seen it for sixty years past. At the time of being called to the service he lived in Dobbs County N. Carolina and lived in New Hanover County three years after the war and then moved to Wilkes County Georgia and lived in Wilkes two years, then moved to Columbia

County, Georgia and lived there twenty five years. Then moved to Bullock County Georgia and lived there two years. Then moved to Monroe County Georgia where he has lived for the last five years. Claimant saw many regular officers, but remembers the names of none but Gen. Lincoln. Claimant had two discharges but he does not know where they now are. He has not seen them for many years. Claimant is acquainted with the Rev. Isaiah Langley by whom and by claimant's neighbor Benjamin F. Harris he expects to obtain testimony in support of his character for veracity, and also of their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes any 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.

SIGNED (John Monk)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Monk". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

SIGNED (Christopher B. Strong)

Judge S. C. Flt (?) Dist

We Isaiah Langley a clergyman residing in the county of Monroe and state of Georgia and Benjamin F. Harris residing in the same state and county hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Monk who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be eighty one years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

SIGNED (Isaiah Langley)

(Benjamin F. Harris)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

SIGNED (C B Strong) - Judge

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he stated. And the court further certifies that it appears that Isaiah Langley who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman residing in the county of Monroe and the state of Georgia and that Benja[min] F. Harris who has also signed the same is a resident in the same county and state and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

SIGNED (C. B. Strong, Judge)

I, Elbridge G. Cabaniss, Clerk of the said Superior Court, of the County of Monroe, do hereby certify that the forgoing contains the original persuasion of the said court in the matter of the application of John Monk for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and --- of office this fourth day of October 1833.

SIGNED (Elbridge G. Cabaniss) Clerk