

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Monroe S16984

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The Declaration of Alexander Monroe on Oath

This Deponent states that he entered in the Service of the United States as a private in the month of February 1777 was enlisted by Lieutenant Willis Green and was attached to Captain Herbert Smallwood's [Hebard Smallwood's] Company in the 16th Virginia Regiment on the Continental line commanded by Colonel William Grayson and afterwards by Colonel Nathaniel Guest [Nathaniel Gist] the 16th formed a part of General Charles Scott's Brigade and afterwards was commanded by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] &c and was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], at German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and that he was enlisted for three years the whole of which time he served out chiefly as orderly Sergeant and was Honorably discharged at the Barracks in Philadelphia in the last of February 1780 which discharge he sent on by General James Wood to Richmond which he supposes was burned in the time of the office was burned and that he is now in his sixty second year of his age and from his bodily debility and reduced circumstances he is in need of the assistance of his country for support

S/ Alex^r Monroe



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The Statement of John Lawless¹ on oath

This deponent states that he has heard the within statement of facts read and has good reason to believe them true for he was acquainted with the said Monroe whilst in the Service and has served with him on scouting parties.

S/ John Lawless, X his mark

[Attested May 28, 1818 in Pendleton County Kentucky]

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State of Kentucky Pendleton Circuit Court July Term 1820 Sct.

On this 19th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record by an act of the General Assembly of the State aforesaid, Alexander Monroe who is now on the pension roll, agreeably to the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for

¹ FPA W9109

certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818, aged sixty-four years resident in Pendleton County in the State aforesaid and circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. In the year 1777 he enlisted under Lieutenant Willis Green in Captain Smallwood's Company in the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson and served as a soldier and orderly Sergeant until the expiration of three years when he was discharged in Philadelphia, the said Regiment being then commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Guest [Nathaniel Gist]. And he further states that his original declaration under the act of Congress aforesaid was made in May 1818 and that the number of his pension certificate is 5209. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed which schedule is in the words and figures following to wit:

One hundred fifty-two or three acres of land (the cleared land would perhaps rent for \$70 per annum) one horse 6 years old, two colts, 7 head of cattle consisting of 2 milk cows & 5 yearlings, 25 head of hogs consisting of sows & shoats, 8 head of sheep, one plow and gear one axe, 4 pieces of Pot metal and cupboard and some cupboard furniture necessary clothing and bedding not included in the above schedule. Said Monroe further declares in open court, on oath that he is by occupation and profession a farmer, but that owing to age and infirmity he is unable to labor but very little and that his family consists of himself his wife Elizabeth, one daughter and two small grandchildren – that his wife is aged 56 and his weekly, his daughter is about fifteen and is unhealthy, his grandchildren a boy of ten years old the other of girl of seven years old.

S/ Alexander Monroe

Sworn to and declared on the 19th day of July 1820 before

S/ John Trimble, Judge 2nd Judicial District State of Kentucky

[The court valued the property listed by the applicant as being worth \$1700]

[p 31: Deed of gift dated October 31, 1821 in Pendleton County Kentucky from Alexander Monroe to George T Monroe, his son, of said County and state a tract of land containing 50 acres.]

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State of Indiana Marion County: SS

On this 6th day of December 1830, before me, the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the said County of Marion personally appeared Alexander Monroe, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Hebard Smallwood in the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Kentucky from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Indiana, where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future: That he at present receives \$8 per

month.

S/ Alex^r Monroe

[supporting affidavit given by William seat Monroe of Marion County Indiana: his relationship, if any, to the applicant is not stated.]

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The State of Indiana Marion County to wit: Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace within and for the County of Marion aforesaid Alexander Monroe of Marion County, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, (being an applicant for an increase of his pension on account of services as a Corporal and Sergeant), that he is now aged seventy-seven years and three months; that the place of his abode when he entered the service of the US was Fauquier County, Virginia, where he enlisted for three years in a Regiment making up by Colonel Grayson to be called the 16th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line; that he was engaged as a Sergeant at his Enlistment by Lieutenant Willis Green, and so considered and rated, to wit, from 14th February A.D. 1777, the time of his Enlistment, until June or July of that year, when he joined the line near Philadelphia – (having been detained in Dumfries and Alexandria in the vaccination of the troops, and to succeed in Colonel Grayson's effort to make up 500 American-born troops for Washington's bodyguard, which was not effected) – On arriving in line, the four sergeants places had been nominated by Captain Smallwood, although he did not come on; and this claimant states that his said Lieutenant Green, having and keeping the command, gave him the office of Corporal which he held, although in every instance (except one) discharging the duty of Sergeant, having his platoon under him at the battles of Brandywine & Germantown in the fall, and having been confirmed as Sergeant by Captain Smallwood in January or February 1778, when one of the sergeants first appointed being promoted, this claimant further states, he was appointed by Captain Smallwood to be Sergeant, in which capacity he acted until he was discharged; which was at Philadelphia the last of February or early in March at Philadelphia, having, on request, volunteered to remain a short time; and also that on his return home, he the said claimant gave up his discharge to Colonel James Wood of the Virginia Legislature, to take to Richmond, where they were to be deposited for getting back rations &c; and which discharge he learned was burned when the War office at Richmond was burned; and that further it being fifty-three years ago, he, this claimant is not able to find any other witness of his services than John Lawless who served with him, and whose knowledge or recollection does not serve him; (of this claimant has learned) to state more specially than he has done in the subjoined affidavit, as to the services of this claimant; and upon whose testimony mainly, this claimant presumes his pension was originally allowed: And thereupon, the said Alexander Monroe, deposeth and further saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, in each grade; but he served his full time of three years and according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

For one year, I served as Corporal; For two years I served as a Sergeant; and for such service I claim an increase of pension over my original allowance as a private.

S/ Alex^r Monroe

[Attested June 18, 1833 in Marion County Indiana]

[Facts in file; Veteran is listed as having been a Baptist minister; veteran died November 20, 1842 leaving no widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2 files: one 4-pages & the other 18-pages

Pendleton County Kentucky Sct.

This day came John Lawless before me Martin Fugate a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was in the regular service in the revolutionary war in the years of 1777 and 78 and recollects that Alexander Monroe was also in the service at the same time and he also states the said Monroe acted as Sergeant and he served under him in several scouts and he further states that the time of enlistment was for 3 years and thinks that said Monroe's enlistment was for that time. Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of January 1817

S/ Mtn. Fugate

[Note: the papers in the 18-page file, to the extent they are legible, appear to be duplicates of some of the applications filed in the federal pension file transcribed above.]