

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Monroe S31267

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State of Kentucky County of Ohio: Sct.

On this 4th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Circuit Court of said County now sitting, John Monroe, a resident of the County of Ohio and State of Kentucky, aged eighty-two years past, 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.

That he entered the service in September 1775 in a company of minute men, in the militia of the State of Virginia under Captain William Washington, Lieutenant William Starke, Ensign William Berryman of Westmoreland County and what was called the Lancaster [indecipherable word]¹ of said State, composed of the counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland, where he resided. That he served in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Peachy, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Presley Thornton and Major Thomas Jones. That he was sworn as first Sergeant to said company in October and ordered into service 10th November of that year, on which day his company, with him, rendezvoused agreeably to orders, at a place called Self's old field, in said County of Northumberland, for the purpose of being in readiness to march against Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of Virginia]. That he remained therein till near Christmas, when the troops were permitted to return to their homes upon being ready to march at a moment's notice – he with his company having enlisted in the minute service for twelve months. That he was again ordered and marched in the month of January 1776 to guard the Potomac River expecting Dunmore's fleet, as it was reported he was to ascend that River – but as it only proved a false alarm – he only remained a few days with his company, when they were again permitted to return to their homes. That he was called out several times between the above period and the first of April, and stationed in different points on the said River. That in the month of April, he marched again for the purpose of going to the Potomac River, but the British ships disappearing, the orders was countermanded. That in May, he marched to a place called White Point on the Potomac River, where he was stationed until about the last of June – when he marched down the River to a place called Heming Hall [?] on said River, near Sandy Point, in sight of the British Shipping, who was lying at the mouth of St. Mary's River in the Maryland shore, behind St. George's Island – where he remained until the 4th Tuesday in August when he marched to the mouth of Pope's Creek on the Virginia shore – where

he remained until his enlistment expired, in October, when he was discharged having served the full twelve months for which he enlisted as first Sergeant. That he was a volunteer in the above service – and never served with any Continental Companies during said time but a company of Continental troops commanded by Captain William Washington of the 3rd Virginia Regiment was stationed at Heming Hall when he left there. That from the time he was discharged until November 1777, he was in Captain William Nelson's Company of militia in Westmoreland County Virginia under Colonel Richard Henry Lee, Lieutenant Colonel John a Washington and Major Ashton – and was frequently called out to guard the Potomac, but would remain only a short time on duty. That on the 26th November 1777 he volunteered and marched party under Captain William Washington to Kinsale [?] on the Potomac River, to watch the British shipping, consisting of 2 frigates and to sloops which were anchored in sight – in which service he remained until Christmas, when the British ships left the River, and he was discharged. That he again returned to the Militia and continued therein, being regularly called into service for short periods until June 1781, when he volunteered under Captain Elliot Monroe, Lieutenant John Bartlett – and under Colonel Joseph Lane and Major William Nelson – and marched to Leedstown on the Rappahannock River – but in which service he was frequently absent from Leedstown to patrol the Country, under orders. That he volunteered and was enrolled for two months service – but continued in the service longer than that time. That early in September 1781 he volunteered as a private for two months under Captain Elliott Monroe in the 2nd Regiment Virginia Militia – and lived in Westmoreland County in said State. That he marched under said Captain Monroe in Colonel Joseph Lane's Regiment – Lieutenant Colonel William Campbell – to Gloucester County, where on the 16th [could be 14th] September 1781, he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in said company and John Hungerford appointed first Lieutenant. At which time Colonel William Campbell was transferred to the command of another Regiment and the 2nd Regiment of Virginia Militia was commanded by Colonel Page, Lieutenant Colonel James Baytoph [James Baytop]. That he was taken sick in October, and received a furlough from Colonel Baytop, and before his health was sufficiently restored to join the Army, Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781], and the troops were disbanded. That he served out his full time for which he volunteered. That he served in the militia service frequently thereafter in guarding the rivers again Pirates who were frequently troublesome – but always in short tours. That G. B. Berryman can testify as to part of his service.

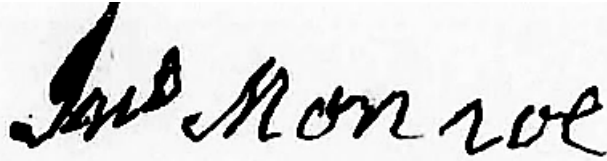
That he was born 10th day of November 1749 in Westmoreland County Virginia – of which he has a record taken by himself from the original record by his father. That he lived in Westmoreland County Virginia until January 1798 when he moved to King George County in said State, where he lived until January 1801 when he moved back to Westmoreland County – and lived there until 1807 when he moved to Woodford County Kentucky and lived there to December of that year – when he moved to Scott County in said State, and lived there until February 1816 – when he again moved to Woodford County and lived there until April last, when he moved to Ohio County in said state, where he now resides. That he never received a written discharge but was on furlough (which he has lost) when the troops of the last campaign was disbanded. That he received an appointment of 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Elliott Monroe's Company of militia, 16th September 1781, signed by William Campbell Lieutenant Colonel which he now has.

That he is acquainted with Gerard B Berryman and Josias Berryman of his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno Monroe

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Monroe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

[Gerard B Berryman and Josias Berryman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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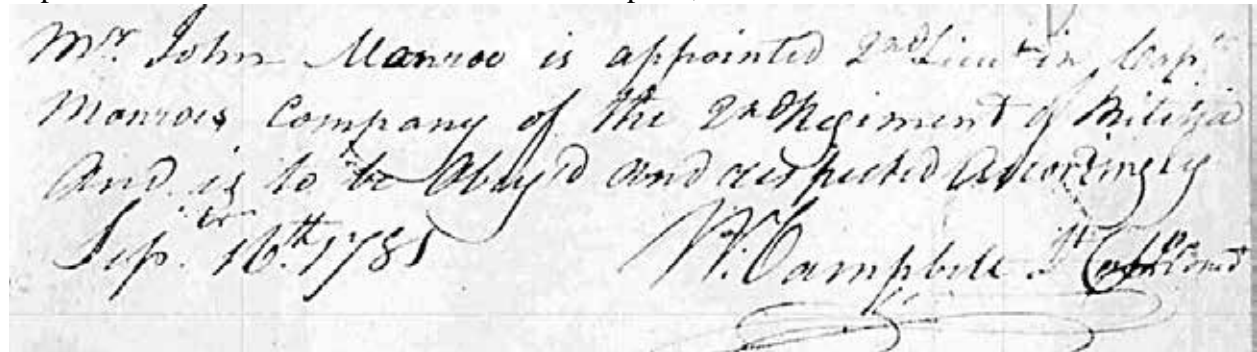
Mr. John Manroe [sic] is appointed 2nd Lieut. in Capt.

Monroes Company of the 2nd Regiment of Militia

And is to be Obeyed and respected Accordingly.

Sep^r 16th 1781

S/ W. Campbell, Lt. Col. Comdt.

A handwritten document in cursive script. The text reads: "Mr. John Manroe is appointed 2^d Lieut. in Capt. Manroes Company of the 2^d Regiment of Militia And is to be Obeyed and respected Accordingly Sep. 16. 1781". The signature "W. Campbell Lt. Col. Comdt." is written at the bottom right.

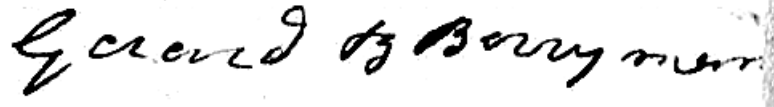
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State of Kentucky Ohio County Sct.

Garrard B. Berryman personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County and deposed as follows that he the said deponent is well acquainted with John Monroe from his infancy and lived a neighbor to him in Virginia until the end of the Revolutionary war. This Deponent and said Monroe were called into service as follows that he is two months at Leedstown and two months at York and served the time for which they were called out except a few days after the Battle at York and before the surrender of Cornwallis that he recollects also that the said Monroe was frequently called out to serve in the Militia from different Periods of time that on several of those campaigns this Deponent served with him that the Troops were frequently stationed on the Potomac River to prevent the British landing but does not recollect the precise periods he served at any one time this deponent knows that said Monroe enlisted for one-year as Sergeant in a company of minute men for one year raised by Captain William Washington and that he was stationed part of the time within 1 ½ or 2 miles of his this deponent's father's and this deponent was frequently in camp and saw the said Monroe in actual service and believes that he served the whole periods for which he enlisted for that the said Company was raised by Captain W. Washington as above stated and that said Monroe enlisted about the commencement of said war that he has seen and had read the Declaration of said Monroe for a Pension and from the good moral character of said Monroe he believes that all the statements of said Declaration are true that he has known said Monroe ever since the Revolutionary War although he has not lived in the same neighborhood with him this Deponent

says that he is 72 years old past. Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of December 1833.

S/ Gerard B. Berryman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerard B. Berryman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. The right side of the signature is partially obscured by a vertical grey bar, likely a scanning artifact or a redaction mark.

[Facts in file: veteran died May 25, 1837 leaving children not named in the documents in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$68.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private, Sergeant & Lieutenant in the Virginia militia for 16 months.]