

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Eneas Munson S34

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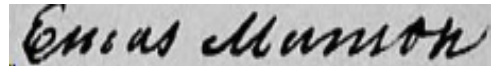
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled, "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Eneas Munson of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the war & was discharged at west point in June AD 1783 having served for the three last years of the Revolutionary War during which period I was a Surgeon's Mate in the regiment of the Connecticut line, commanded by Col. Heman Swift & also in a regiment commanded by Col. Zebulon Butler, & in one other regiment commanded by Col Saml. B. Webb [Samuel Blatchey Webb] & under the last Col. was discharged at the end of the war

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of my full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22d of March, 1783, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780.

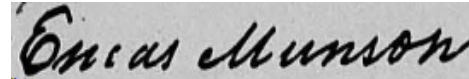
And I do further declare, that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3d day of March, 1826, nothing

Witness my hand, this 15th day of April, in the year 1829



[New] Haven County Ss, New Haven April 15, 1829

[I] Eneas Monson within named depose and say That in the year [page torn] I was appointed Surgeon to the Regiment commanded by Col. David Humphreys, That my commission signed by Dr. [John] Cochran & Doct'r James Craik Surgeon & Physician General to the American army, and countersigned by Gener'l Geo. Washington, was burnt, by a fire which happen'd at Springfield in the State of Massachusetts or otherwise destroyed, which circumstance is no otherwise susceptible of proof but my own Oath, The companions of The Regiment to which I served being all deceased, witness my hand in New Haven Day & Date above mentioned, The full pay for my services in the revolutionary war was forty five Dollars pr. month



NOTES:

On 4 Dec 1844 Eneas Munson petitioned for an increase in his pension from \$480 per year to full pay of \$540, stating that he commenced service as a Surgeon's Mate under Col. Heman Swift on 1 Sep 1780. On 10 Jan 1855 Alfred S. Monson and Charles Monson (as they apparently signed), stated that they were the only surviving children of Eneas Munson and assigned power of attorney to obtain the increase in pension.

In late September 1848 Benson J. Lossing interviewed Eneas Munson, quoting him as follows: "I was the surgeon of Colonel [Alexander] Scammell's regiment at the beginning of the siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and was in constant attendance upon him after he was fatally wounded [30 Sep] until his death [6 Oct]." An account of the interview and a sketch of Munson appear in Lossing's *Reflections of Rebellion: Hours with the Living Men and Women of The Revolution*. (Charleston SC: History Press, 2005.)