

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Monk S38237

VA

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Commonwealth of Virginia }

Chesterfield County to wit }

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1819 before me the subscriber the presiding justice of s'd County personally appeared before me Joseph Monk aged seventy years, resident in Chesterfield County, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said Joseph Monk enlisted for the term of three years, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1778, in Bottetout [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia, in the Company of Captain Hughes Woodson [pension application R19215] of the regiment commanded by Col Abraham Buford afterwards transfered to Col. Rich'd. Campbells [Richard Campbell's] regiment in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the s'd Corps, or in the service of the United States until 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb'y 1782 when he was discharged from service at Cumberland Courthouse Va by Col Christian Febecher [sic: Christian Febiger] – that he was in Buford's defeat [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] – at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] where in action he lost his left eye – in the battle of Campden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] where he receiv'd a wound in the instep – that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, being now entirely blind; and it appears from the evidence of Daniel Hatcher [W7675] an aged & respectable revolutionary soldier, that he the s'd. Joseph Monk was in the service of the U.S. during the revolution.  
[Court certification not transcribed.]

State of Virginia,

Chesterfield county towit,

On this seventh day of Septem'r. anno Dom. One thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally in open court before the County court of Chesterfield (which is a court of Record, the act of the Virginia Assembly establishing the county courts, expressly declaring that they shall be courts of Record) Joseph Monk aged seventy years, resident in said County of Chesterfield, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war on the Continental establishment in the Virginia line, that he enlisted under Capt. Hughes Woodson in the County of Bottetourt in Virginia on the second day of October in the year 1778 and was attached to the Regiment then commanded by Colo. Abraham Buford and Gen'l. Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade as will appear by his declaration made before the county court of Chesterfield on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1819, and his pention certificate is numbered 15732. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Schedule, "I have no property of any kind"

I the said Joseph Monk am (or rather was) by occupation a teacher. I am now and have been for many years blind, and totally unable to perform labour of any kind; my family consists of myself my daughter and grand daughter, the first of whom is forty years of age, very unable from infirmity to

support herself, and the second only eleven years old.

I am indebted to sundry persons about \$70:— Joseph hisXmark Monk

[Monk made the following statement in support of the pension application S47186 of William Cooper:]  
City of Richmond to wit

Joseph Monk this day personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the City aforesaid and made oath that he became acquainted with William Cooper who now resides in the County of Henrico Va. in the year 1781 that he then belonged to a company commanded by Capt [Francis] Cowherd in a Regiment under the command of Col. [Samuel] Hawes in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment during the Revolutionary War And that he continued to serve with said cooper on the Continental line until January 1782 the deponent also makes oath that he served as a Quarter master Seargeant and the said William Cooper was a private and served faithfully and honorably and was respected by all the Officers. Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1823.

[The following is among the [bounty-warrant files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

The Bearer hereof Joseph Monk Q M Serj't of 1<sup>st</sup>. Virg'a Detachment & in Capt Thos Bowyer's [Thomas Bowyer's] Company having served three years being the term for which he was Inlisted is hereby discharged, we Certify that he hath behaved as a brave & faithful Soldier, Given at Cumberland Old C. House the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb'y 1782 Christian Febiger/ Colo Com[mandan]t  
Copy/ H Randolph

[The following are among [pension files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

\$60 1818 Mar 10 Recd a warrant of sixty Dollars for my present relief – given me by law passed the 2 feb 1818 entitled “an act concerning Jos. Monk” Jos. Monk  
Mr. Monk is blind and can't write his name, but the warrant is delivered delivered to him on [illegible word] our hand this day. [illegible signature]

\$50— 1819 Feb. 26. Rec'd a warrant of Fifty dollars for my half years pension due the 25 inst.

\$50 Wm. Monk for Joseph Monk  
Signed in the presence of Jos. Monk the pensioner who is blind. In my presence  
[same illegible signature as before]

Wm Monk is his son & was leading his blind father.

[The file includes numerous documents similar to the above, as well as powers of attorney granted by Joseph Monk to William Monk. The last receipt is dated 12 March 1835.]