

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William H. Munroe S9433

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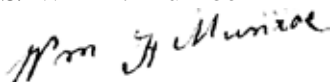
State of Virginia County of Fairfax viz.:

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court now sitting William H Monroe [sic] a resident of said County in his 73rd year, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, that he turned out as a volunteer in the Army of the United States in the month of May (on the 5th day thereof) 1780 under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated:

He joined a company commanded by Captain William Mason, his first Lieutenant was James Nesbit – his 2nd Lieutenant William Donnel and Josiah Adams in some. We had orders to meet at Colchester in Virginia, and marched from thence to Dumfries, and from thence to Roanoke River, where we halted for general orders – After remaining there about three weeks, we marched to Hillsboro and joined the 3rd Regiment from Virginia. We then were marched to the Charaugh Hills [Cheraw Hills] in South Carolina on the Great Pedee River. There we joined the grand Army, and remained there until he served five months and eighteen days, when he was discharged. As he returned home, we were pursued by Lord Cornwallis' Army who followed us to the Adkin River [Yadkin River] in North Carolina. Having escaped we returned to Pittsylvania [County], where we gave up our arms & also gave up 40 or 50 Tories taken on with us.

After his return home, he was drafted on the 5th day of May 1781, to perform a Tour of duty for three months – and was employed in opening a Road for the troops of General Washington who were marching towards York Town in Virginia. In this service he was commanded by Colonel Ramsay and his Captain's name was Clarke Payne, and having served six weeks, it was taken for a full Tour which he was bound to perform of three months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Wm H. Munroe



State of Virginia County of Fairfax, viz.:

On this 21st day of January 1833, before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Spence Monroe¹ and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he is now in his 73rd year as well as he can ascertain, and that

¹ [Spencer Monroe S8900](#)

he has known the aforesaid applicant from his boyhood – That he himself was a volunteer in the service with the said applicant in the company of Captain Mason and served with him in both Tours of duty [indecipherable word] his declaration (which he has read) states that he served [indecipherable word] what he has stated relative to his said service, he knows to be true, as to the length of time he served. And I hereby certify that the said Spence Monroe is a man of veracity.

S/ Robert Ratcliffe

The following Interrogatories were propounded by the Court to said applicant viz.,

1st Where and in what year were you born? Answer in Halifax County about 1760

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer – no.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer – in Fairfax where I have always lived.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom? Answer, I was a volunteer in the first tour, and drafted in the 2nd

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer – General Morgan & General Stevens were with the Army

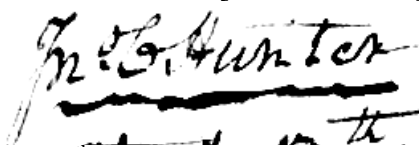
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer I received a discharge, but it was not preserved.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – I am well known to General Hunter whose certificate I here with exhibit as also the testimony of Spence Monroe, who served with me in both Tours of duty.

At the request of William H Monroe, I hereby certify that I have known him from the year 1776 up to the present time, as well as my memory serves me, he has always been a neighbor of mine since I first knew him & for a great part of the above mentioned time lived on an adjoining plantation therefore I have had it in my power to be well acquainted with his character which I cheerfully state. – He is and ever has been, a well behaved inoffensive good conditioned man as far as I have seen or heard and I believe of strict veracity & integrity. He is a poor man, but I am told made shift to raise eight children. During the Revolutionary War I think I have some recollection of his marching with Captain William Mason to join the Southern Army, but this he tells me he can positively prove by several persons who served with him. If this man is entitled to anything from his country it is time he had it, as he is old, infirm & dependent on and only Daughter for support.

S/ Jno. C. Hunter [John C Hunter]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John C. Hunter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Fairfax County December 29th 1832

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]