

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Monteath (Monteith) W4745

Margaret Monteith f34NC

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[p 10—this document is more heavily edited for spelling than normal as the spelling of the scribe is quite usually imaginative and his handwriting quite challenging—use with care.]

State of North Carolina Haywood County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Term 1832

On this 3 day of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices thereof Samuel Monteath a resident of the County of Haywood and State aforesaid aged 77 as I was born in the year 1756 as I am informed as there was no record of my age even, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

I entered into the Services when I was between 18 and 20 but the year I do not recollect nor the month as a Volunteer under the Command of the following named officers I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina under Capt. McClue [or] MacClure [ Mathew McClure or McLure] having no higher officer as he just raised a Company of Volunteers and marched down to Cross Creek & below to Brunswick to keep the British from Landing<sup>1</sup> remained there until ~~the~~ the expiration of our three month tour for which I had volunteered I was then discharged by Capt. McClure and came home being out three months. I got home in the Summer in the year 1778 or perhaps it might have been 1779 I again entered the Service about 1780 as a drafted man under the Command of Capt. Osborn<sup>2</sup> who marched me from Mecklenburg to Charlestown marching through Charlotte as I live about 14 miles above there by Moncks Corner and took water about 10 or 11 miles above Charlestown on Ashley River and sailed down to Charlestown and there remained during the Siege and there joined the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene -- Sic, Benjamin Lincoln was the commander at Charleston during the Siege of that town, Greene did not arrive in the South until December 1780] and remained in Charlestown during the whole siege but on the fall of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] I was taken prisoner and remained with them until I was paroled to go home on condition I did not lift arms until exchanged my parole was signed on the 20th day of May making another three months tour and I came directly home the same road I went to Charlestown I entered the services again about the year after getting home from Charlestown

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<sup>1</sup> This sounds like the applicant is describing the events of early 1776 during which time the Whigs thought the British were going to land at Wilmington. In anticipation of such a landing, the Scotch Tories embodied and marched toward Wilmington to meet the British only to be defeated at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge on February 27, 1776. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorecreek.htm>

<sup>2</sup> This MAY be a reference to Capt. James Osborn of the Mecklenburg County Militia.

Commanded by Col. Smith [Robert Smith] Major Joseph Graham Capt. Polk [Charles Polk] being drafted for a three months tour being a light horseman and went from Mecklenburg North Carolina marched down through the State through Anson, Montgomery and into Cumberland Counties below Cross Creek which is now called Fayetteville and still went below Wilmington in New Hanover County and nothing more than some scrimmaging with the Tories who we routed several times and came home through Randolph and one corner of Anson Counties home being out three months this tour the year I do not recollect but the news came to us when we were below Wilmington that Cornwallis was taken [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] as soon after we received that information we was discharged by Capt. Polk. I went out after the Cherokee Indians some time after peace was made with Great Britain a three months tour as a pack horseman under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] Col. McDowell [probably Charles McDowell] and Capt. McDowell [probably Joseph McDowell] I went as [indecipherable word] to a River called Tuckaseego [sic, Tuckasegee?] and there remained some time until the Army marched across the Valley towns and lost a horse worth \$50 for which I never got nothing and he was employed in the service of the Army never any discharge and I have no documentary evidence to prove my services by and I know of no body in this County that I can prove it by I was born in Pennsylvania [one or more indecipherable words] He does hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not upon the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court January third 1833/

S/ R. Love, Clk

By S/ John B. Love, DC

S/ Samuel Monteath, X his mark

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

A: born in Pennsylvania Yeauk [sic, York] County in the year 1756 as I am informed

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: There never was a record of my age the way I fix the time of my birth is my father always told me that I was born the year after General Braddock fell [July 9, 1755]

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and lived there during the war and moved from there to Burke County then to Haywood County where I now live

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: The first tour I volunteered the second tour I was drafted and Drafted also the third tour and Volunteered the fourth tour all my tours making 12 months.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: I do not recollect any but General Greene and Col. Mabury I was very short time with the Army in Charleston that I do not recollect only my own officers which was Capt. Osborn the other officers not recollect as they changed so often that I cannot mind them Except in one of my other tours I recollect Capt. Polk Major Joseph Graham Col. Smith and General Rutherford

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: I never had a regular written discharge that I now recollect of

7<sup>th</sup> [ 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.]

A: I am acquainted with John B. Love, John Buchanan who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.  
[John B. Love and John Buchanan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[pp. 18-22—appears to be a similarly detailed application given by the veteran in Macon County, NC dated May 23, 1834—why he made a second application is unclear except that it appears he had moved from Haywood to Macon County sometime prior to making his application—this application appears to be in the same difficult handwriting and imaginative spelling as the one transcribed above—the best I can till the veteran did not add any significant details in giving this version, but it is equally difficult to read.]

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North Carolina Haywood County

The amendment of the Declaration of Samuel Monteath made in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed the 7 June 1833 [sic, 1832] allowing pensions to the Revolutionary Soldiers objection 12 (to wit)

The reason that I had not procured the certificate of a Clergyman is that there was none living in my neighborhood when I was at court to get my Declaration & but few people had become acquainted with me for being old and not living long in that part of Haywood [I] had not formed many acquaintances & when I made an Declaration there was no Clergyman at Waynesville with whom I had an acquaintance & I was advised that the Certificate of Mr. Love who was the Clerk of the Superior Court would do as well as he was [indecipherable word] to our member of Congress to be a highly respectable man & Mr. Buchanan being one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions would give my papers full wait [sic, weight] this fact all being duly sworn to be from me Mr. Stanfield one of the Justices of the peace for said County this June 1833.

S/ Wm Stanfield, JP

S/ Samuel Monteath, X his mark

State of North Carolina Haywood County: I Robert Love Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions do hereby certify that William Stanfield who has signed & subscribed to the foregoing affidavit of Samuel Monteath was a regular Commissioner, Justice of the peace for said County & that due faith & credit should & all to be given to all his official acts as such. Given under my hand & seal of office at Waynesville this 29 day of June 1833.

S/ Ro. Love, Clk

[p 4: On Sept. 11, 1853 in Jackson County, NC, Mrs. Margaret Monteath, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act in which she states that she is the widow of Samuel Monteath, a pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him February 13, 1810; that he died May 13 1840 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]