

George Monroe

Monroe Collection Letters

Guide to the George Monroe Archival Collection, Company B, 4th Indiana Cavalry. He was sworn into service on the 4th day of August, 1862. During the spring of 1863 he contracted diarrhea, and by April, 1865, he acquired Rheumatism in his right shoulder while in Macon, Georgia. He was honorably discharged on the 29th day of June, 1865.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

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Abstract

This collection consists of 3 documents that concern 2 applications for pensions (the first by George Monroe himself), and the second made by his widow. The final document is a record of an interview with George Monroe's surviving spouse in order to execute a quarterly benefit payment.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

None.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

COLLECTION LIST:

Doc. #1 of 3: Declaration For Original Invalid Pension, dated, April 2, 1890, signed by the Clerk of Court in the Town of Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana. George Monroe, duly sworn in, declares that he is the identical George Monroe who enrolled on August 4th, 1862, Company B, of the 4th Indiana Cavalry Regiment of Volunteers.

Noteworthy: That he was honorably discharged in Edgefield, Tennessee on June 29, 1865. That in the spring of 1863 he contracted diarrhea and in March, 1865, he began suffering from Rheumatism while in Macon, Georgia. That in April, 1865, his right arm was injured while at Edgefield, Tennessee, before his mustering out of service. That he was never treated in any hospital. That he currently claims a pension for chronic diarrhea that has resulted in diseases of piles and rectal disorders, and Rheumatism, and general debilitation of his physical well being and thus a broken down constitution. That is not or never has been employed in military or naval service than otherwise mentioned above. That his ailments have singly affected him during and since he left the army leaving 3/4 disabled and thus has become increasingly difficult to support to support himself and his family by means of manual labor. That since his leaving the service, he has resided in Franklin County, Indiana That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the Invalid Pension Roll of the United States. And hereby appoints Mr. William H. James his true and lawful attorney. That under Oath he has not received nor applied for a Pension. That his Post-Office Address is Brookville in Franklin County, Indiana.

Signed, George Monroe, Claimant
Attested/Witnessed by John G. and Louis Federmann Jr.,
character witnesses

Doc. #2 of 3: Declaration for a Widow's Pension based on the Congressional Act of June 27, 1890 and Acts Amendatory thereof. Before the County of Franklin, Indiana, dated February 25, 1904, and appearing before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Indiana, Mrs. Mary Hannah Monroe, age 62, who resides here, being duly sworn in according to law, declares that she is the widow of George Monroe who enlisted on August 4, 1862, at

Brookville, Indiana into Company B, 4th Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Cavalry (later transferring to the 77th Regiment).

Noteworthy: That she attests to the following facts:

That she married under the name of Mary Hannah Merritt to said George Monroe on March 31, 1859, by Peter Jacob, Justice at Franklin County, Indiana.

That there being no legal barrier to said marriage.

That said soldier or sailor had not been previously married nor had the applicant been previously married.

That she has not remarried since the death of her husband.

That she currently exists without any other means of support than her daily labor, while her actual income does not exceed \$____per year.

That the names and birth dates of all of their children are at present all over the age of 16 years.

That at the time of her husband's death, he had not been employees in the Military or Naval service, and that he was a pensioner of the United States.

His pension number was 804603.

That aforesaid widow Mary Monroe has never in the past applied for a pension but makes this declaration of application of a pension based on the provisions of the Congressional Act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation Mr. George O' Brien of Brookville, Indiana, as her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute this claim and receive a fee of \$10.

That she maintains a post office address in Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana.

Signed in her hand
Mary Hannah Monroe

Attested in Court as her character references:

John W. Brockman

Joseph F. Mccully

Doc.#3 of 3: Card/Pension No. 854603 in the name of George Monroe, from the Department of the Interior, BUREAU OF THE PENSIONS, dated, January 15, 1898, Washington, D.C. (Note this voucher and other vouchers similar to this one were used to validate successful and appropriate answers to questions that verified the legitimacy of extending or renewing a pension request by a surviving veteran or spouse, etc.).
The accompanying signatures represent those involved in the questioning and validation process, Mr. J.D. Leighty, U.S Pension Agent, Indianapolis, and M. Charles Brandt, Pension Commissioner.

Noteworthy: Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.
Yes, Mary Anna Monroe (her maiden name is Mary Anna Merritt)
When, where, and by whom were you married?
March 29th, 1859, in St. Peters, Indiana, by Peter Jacob J.P.
What record of marriage exists?
On file in Clerk's Office in Franklin County, Indiana.
Were you married before? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of death or divorce.
No.
Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and dates of birth.
Thomas M., born May 1, 1867, Laura Ann, born September 25, 1870, and George, October 20, 1880.

signed, George Monroe

Date of reply, May 4, 1898