**Capt. James Cook R.N.**  
**Crew Database**

**First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771**

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| Born in Penrith to George Monkhouse.  
He was an elder brother to Jonathan Monkhouse, who also sailed on the *Endeavour*.  
He died at Batavia “of a fever” on 5 November 1770. | |
| **Position On-Board:** | Surgeon | |
| **Biographical Summary:** | It is said that Joseph Banks requested that Monkhouse was appointed as ship’s surgeon. Monkhouse was the surgeon on *HMS Niger*, and had successfully treated Banks when he was taken ill on his expedition to Newfoundland in 1766.  
Monkhouse received his warrant for *Endeavour* on 27 May, and reported to the ship on 17 June.  
He may have been religious, as whilst the ship was at Tahiti he conducted a Sunday service ashore at least once.  
He is said to have died from dysentery, the same disease which killed so many of the crew after they had drunk contaminated fresh water.  
Monkhouse kept a journal of his voyage, which shows he was an astute observer. His journal is held by the Mitchell Library in Sydney.  
Monkhouse also left a Will, a copy of which is held in The National Archives, Kew, London. The reference to the Will is PROB / 970. | |

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