

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant records relating to Joseph Swearingen BLWt2065-300 f1VA  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Va. Swearingen, Joseph B.L.Wt.2065-300—Capt.  
Issued Aug. 25, 1789  
No papers

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby Certify that Joseph Swearingen entered into the service of the United States in the year 1775, as aforesaid in the Company commanded by Captain Hugh Stephenson, for one year, which Term he served. After which in the latter end of the year 1776, he was appointed a Lieutenant in the 12th Virginia Regiment, and continued in service (having been promoted to the Rank of Captain) until the final Discharge of the Army on the 15th day of November 1783. Given under my hand this 27th day of October 1789

S/ James Wood, late B. G.

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Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1789.

James Wood late B. G.

25th of November [illegible]

Dear General

I have to request that you will be so obliging as to examine the laws for making [illegible]

-ations of land to the Virginia Troops & [illegible]  
entitled to any more land warrant than I have  
Drawn I entered into service about the first of July  
in the year seventy five & was relieved from captive  
-ity [captivity?] at the close of the war, & have only received the  
Additional Bounty for my seventh years service.

If you think I have a Just Claim to a war  
-rant for my eighth years Service, at & will have the  
[illegible] enclosed to me by post, you will  
greatly [illegible] those favors, I shall always  
take pride in acknowledging, I have received  
from you.

I am with Great Respect  
Sir Yr. Obt. Servt.  
S/ Joseph Swearingen

Genl. James Wood

25th November 1775  
Dear General. I have to request that you will be  
obliging as to examine the laws for making Warrants  
of Land to the Virginia Troops & whether I am  
entitled to any more land warrant than I have  
Drawn I entered into service about the first of July  
in the year seventy five, & was relieved from captiv-  
-ity at the close of the war, & have only received the  
Additional Bounty for my seventh years service.  
If you think I have a Just Claim to a war  
-rant for my eighth years Service, & will have the  
same enclosed to me by post. you will  
greatly assist those favors, I shall always  
take pride in acknowledging, I have received  
from you.  
I am with Great Respect  
Sir Yr. Obt. Servt.  
Joseph Swearingen

I do hereby certify that Joseph Swearingen Esquire entered into the service of the United States as a non-Commissioned Officer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hugh Stephenson, in July 1775 – that he served that Campaign in the Continental Army before Boston – in the latter end of 1776 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the 12th Virginia Regiment under my Command, and Continued in Service until the end of the War in November 1783, having been previously promoted to the Rank of a Captain.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 19th day of January 1885 [sic, 1785]

S/ James Wood, formerly B. Genl.  
Continental Army

I do hereby certify that Joseph Swearingen  
Enquire entered into the Service of the United States as a  
Non Commissioned Officer in the Regiment commanded by  
Colonel Hugh Stephenson, in July 1775 - that he had  
that Campaign in the Continental Army before Boston -  
- in the latter end of 1776 he was promoted to the Rank  
of Lieutenant in the 12th Virginia Regiment under  
my Command, and continued in Service until the end  
of the War in November 1783, having been previously  
promoted to the Rank of a Captain.

Given under my hand at Richmond this  
19th day of January 1805.

James Wood, formerly B. Genl.  
Continental Army

Captain Joseph Swearingen entered into the Service of the United States in a Rifle Company commanded by Captain Hugh Stephenson (to the best of my recollection) in June or July 1775 - in the latter end of the year 1776 he was appointed a Lieutenant in the 12th Virginia Regiment, then under my Command and continued (after being promoted to the rank of Captain) till the Close of the War on the 15th of November 1783.

Given under my hand [illegible]

S/ James Wood, formerly B. Genl.  
Continental Army

November 18th, 1807

Captain Joseph Swearingen has  
Received Warrants for his 8 years  
Service & no more.

S/ Wm Price, Regr.

[in a file relating to the bounty land claim against Virginia for the services of Capt. Joseph Mitchell, the following document is found]

Frederick County Virginia Sct.

Robert White<sup>1</sup> of Winchester in the said County personally appeared before me John Bell a Justice of the Peace for the said County and made oath that sometime in the fall of the year 1776 Joseph Mitchell, then of the County of Berkeley, but now deceased, was duly appointed a Captain in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment at which time the affiant was appointed one of his lieutenants. That early in the spring of the year 1777, the said Captain Mitchel, Lieutenant Joseph Swearingen another of his lieutenants, but now dead, and this affiant marched a company by then enlisted to Middlebrook in New Jersey. And they joined the main Army - That the said Captain Mitchel, to the knowledge of the affiant, continued with the said

<sup>1</sup> [Robert White S7893](#)

Army in active service until sometime in the summer of the same year, when this affiant was removed to the hospital, on account of his wounds, and was never able afterwards to engage in active duty, And is therefore unable to say how long the said Captain Mitchel did so. He has however heard and believes that he the said Mitchell afterwards received an appointment in the Quarter Master's Department, but at what time or of what rank he knows not.

S/ Robt White

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robt White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Sworn to before made this 22nd day of October 1832

S/ John Bell