

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cornelius Swain R10328

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State of Illinois Brown County

On this 4th day of December A.D. 1843 Personally Appeared (Cornelius Swain) in Open Court before the Court of Brown County now sitting C. Swain a Resident of said County aged eighty-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That on the ___ day of ~~May~~ A.D. 1781 he was drafted under Captain S. Howard Colonel Blount and General Gregory and served six months, If he is not mistaken those were the names of the officers for the first six months, and afterwards volunteered for the Balance of the time, was first under Captain Butt was then placed under Captain Sawyer served one year and a half after he volunteered until Peace was declared making two-year service in the whole. That he served to defend Norfolk = That part of the time he was sent to Join General Green [Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina and that he was part of the time under General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] = was not in any Battle but that he was in several skirmishes. –

That he received a discharge from Captain Howard as a militia and when peace was declared he received a discharge under Captain Sawyer as a volunteer in the month of October 1783, he thinks, Both of which he lost some years since while living in the County of Greene and State of Virginia. He further states he lived when he was drafted in the Town of ___ County of Prince Anne [sic] and State of Virginia. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – That he was stationed and served as a private

S/ Cornelius Swain

private


That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State –

S/ Cornelius Swain

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Albert G Alexander, Clerk

[John Taylor Jr., a clergyman, and Clark Dennis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]