

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Swain R10329

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State of Virginia }
County of Bedford } S.S.

On this 25th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Bedford now sitting George Swain a resident of Virginia in the County of Bedford aged seventy four 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 after stated Viz. – That in the latter part of the year 1780 he was drafted from the County of Bedford to serve a three months Tour in the Militia in the War of the Revolution that he marched under Captain [Joseph] Poindexter in the first place to Portsmouth and joined regiment commanded by Major Richard Decloughman, Colo. Merriweather [sic: Meriwether] and Genl. Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. That in consequence of the length of time since the service was rendered and the loss of memory from old age he cannot relate all the circumstances of his service, but he well recollects it was a severe Tour of duty being almost continually on the march. That he has no documentary evidence of having served this Tour but can prove it by Captain William Arthur [pension application S6528] and Captain Samuel Wilks [R11553] to whose affidavit he refers to. That in the fall of the year 1781 he was again drafted from the County of Bedford to serve a tour of six months in the Militia and rendezvoused at Prince Edward Courthouse from which place he was marched to Richmond where he was stationed in the first place under the command of Capt. Newell. Shortly afterwards he Cap. Newell became a supernumerary. They were then placed under the command of Cap. John Slaughter and Lieutenant Nathaniel Rice, that he remained stationed at Richmond during the whole time of service. That he cannot recollect that he was attached to any Regiment and cannot recollect any other officers names than those before stated. That he has no documentary evidence but can prove the service of this Tour by John Mitchell and Captain Samuel Wilks who served said Tour with him and to whose affidavit he refers. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

George hisXmark Swain

The following is the answers to the several interrogatories propounded by the Court to George Swain before whom the foregoing declaration was sworn and subscribed

Answer to Question 1st. I was born in Baltimore in the State of Maryland on the 2nd day of June 1759 and removed during my infancy by my parents to the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia where I have ever since resided.

2nd. I have a record of my age as set down by my parents.

3rd 4th & 5th. Answered as stated in the declaration.

6th. If I ever received a discharge I have lost them as they were deemed of no value after the Term expired.

7th I refer to William Leftwich a minister of the Gospel and to Pleasant Preston with both of whom I am well acquainted.

NOTE: On 9 Aug 1859 Nancy Swain, 57, applied for a pension stating that she married George Swain on 19 Dec 1843, and he died 24 Dec 1844. Her application includes a copy of a marriage return giving her maiden name as Nancy Daccon or Dacon.