

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Swan R10332

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State of Georgia Gwinnett County: Inferior Court Adjourned Term November 23rd 1832

Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record, Sitting for County purposes Jonathan Swan a resident of said County of Gwinnett and State aforesaid aged eighty, 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 to wit the year he entered the service does not recollect but was under Captain Thomas Handby & Lieutenant William Watkins and under General Green [presumably Nathanael Greene] for the term of three months as a Militia man from the County of Henry Virginia, was marched to South Carolina and was discharged at Ninety Six, his discharge is lost or mislaid that he knows not where it is.

Afterwards as a minute man Volunteered in the same County (Henry) for three months, was called out several times once to guard some British and Tory prisoners through several counties, but don't remember the names of the counties under Captain Delosier when returned was called out after the Indians under Captain Tarrence afterward was called out after some Tories under Captain Carr, that was at other times was in the Service, but through the infirmities of old age can't recollect to give a proper Statement of the times and places – that there is no person that he can prove his Service by, but Basel Neal¹ – at the close of the war he settled in Henry County Virginia from thence to South Carolina Pendleton district, from thence to the State of Georgia Columbia County, from thence to Gwinnett County where he now resides. That he was born in the State of Maryland Prince George County in the year 1752, 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year 1st above written in open Court

Attest: S/ Wm Maltbie, Clk

S/ Jonathan Swan, X his mark

[John Landers, a clergyman, and William Page gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

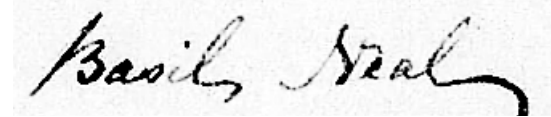
Georgia Columbia County: Personally appeared before me Joseph C Rawls one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County Basil Neal who being duly sworn deposed & saith that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Swan who married the mother of this deponent in the State of Maryland and he said Swan took the oath of allegiance at the same time this deponent did and the said Swan served a tour of duty in the State of South Carolina and he was called on at another

¹ This MIGHT be a reference to the same man as Basil Neal or O'Neal BLWt81555-16055 of Columbia County, GA.

time to assist in guarding prisoners both British & Tories through Henry County in the State of Virginia but the length of time he served this deponent cannot state but to the best of this deponent's recollection there was no tour shorter than three months. The said Swan lived in the State of Virginia in Henry County and he was considered an honest and good citizen & the said Swan is at this time about eighty years of age sworn to & subscribed before me this 25th day of September 1832

S/ Joseph C Rawls, JP

S/ Basil Neal

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Basil Neal". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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Georgia State Columbia County: Personally came before me Nathan Crawford Justice of the Inferior Court in & for the County & State aforesaid Basil Neal who being duly sworn deposed & saith, that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Swan Revolutionary Soldier, who married the mother of this Deponent in the State of Maryland, & the said Swan did take the oath of allegiance at the same time this Deponent did, & the said Swan served a tour of Duty in the State of South Carolina at the Siege of Ninety Six under a draft by the authority of the State: and was called on at another time to assist in guarding British Prisoners & Tories through Henry County in the State of Virginia. But the length of time he served the Deponent cannot state, but to the best of his recollection there was no tour of duty shorter than three months. The said Swan served in the State of Virginia in Henry County & was always believed to be an honest man & good Citizen & is at this time eighty years old or upwards. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6th September 1833

S/ Basil Neal

S/ Nathan Crawford, JIC

Georgia Gwinnett County Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said County personally appeared Jonathan Swan of said County who being duly sworn in order to amend his annexed declaration for a pension saith that from his infirmity & old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot state positively the length of his service but to the best of his recollection he served as herein after stated to wit in the latter part of the year 1780 he entered the service as a drafted militia private for six months & not three as stated in his annexed declaration (through mistake) in the County of Henry & State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Handby & Lieutenant William Watkins marched for the Abbeville District South Carolina and in the early part of the year 1781 joined General Green's Army and was in the service at Ninety Six during that Siege [May 21-June 19, 1781] & until & after his Term of service expired when he received a discharge from his said Captain after having remained to the time that the Army marched into North Carolina – and went home immediately after he received his discharge – that afterwards in the year 1781 – he volunteered and entered the service at the same place in Captain Delosiers Company as a minute man & chased the Tories having skirmishes with them in the Counties of Henry, Pittsylvania, Patrick & in the edge of North Carolina to the best of his recollection he served [word written over and illegible] months & was discharged by his said Captain Delosier. That afterwards in the year 1781 in the latter part of said year he again entered the service in the same capacity in Company commanded by Captain Torrance and pursued some Indians & Tories through Henry & Patrick Counties & age of North

Carolina after this Service which was one month he again was called out by the same Captain in pursuit of a Company of Tories commanded by Captain Carr for one month more and was after that time on frequent duty until the Indians & Tories became quiet after peace with Great Britain – that he was regularly discharged from said service by his captains but his discharges are lost – That he has no record of his age.

That John Sanders a clergyman and William Page who have testified – Jackson Monroe Esquire William Henly Esquire and many others of his neighbors to whom he has been long known can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and that he is an invalid in consequence of his services &c.

S/ Jonathan Swan, X his mark