

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Swan R10333

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State of Georgia Harris County: Inferior Court June Term 1833

On this 10th day of June personally appeared before us Samuel A Billing, Williamson Switzer, James ? Todd and John Barnes, William Swan a resident of the County & State aforesaid 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 on the first of June with Major Davies [probably William Richardson Davie's] Corps and Samuel Flanagan's¹ troop of Riflemen and marched with Captain Martin's Troop of Dragoons and that he left said service on the 7th of September 1780 by being regularly discharged therefrom. That he resided at that time in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina and that he entered said service as a volunteer and that he was engaged in the Battle "at Bakers Lane" in the State of South Carolina, and that he marched from Lancaster District of the State last mentioned. General Davison [William Lee Davidson] & Colonel Lock [probably Francis Locke] were at this period, to wit from the first of June until the 7th of September in the year 1780 the principal Commanding officers. And this deponent further saith on oath that he again enlisted in said service of the United States in the State Troop of North Carolina on the first day of September 1782 with Captain Charles Polk's Company of Light Dragoons in an expedition under General Rutherford and Colonel Robert Smith and Major Graham and that he served therein as a light Dragoon 3 months and that he was regularly discharged from said service on the first of December 1782. That he resided at that time in the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County and that he was marched through the County of Anson and City of Fayetteville in Cumberland County – and this Deponent saith that adding both terms of service together that they may 6 months and seven days which period of time this deponent on oath saith that he really served in the Army of the United States in the State Troops of North Carolina and that he did not within that whole period of time follow any civil pursuit whatsoever and that the

¹ The Department of the Interior read this as Samuel Flenellen

first term to the best of his belief was served as a volunteer and the second as a drafted Dragoon and this Deponent saith that the only Documentary evidence he hath of said service the original Certificates of his discharge which are hereto attached (marked A. & B.) he saith that he knows no living person whose testimony he can procure to prove the above services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ S. A. Billing, JP

S/ Wm Swan

S/ John Barnes, JIC

S/ Wmson Switzer, JIC

[John M Gray, a clergyman, and John H Grier [his signature looks more like John H Green] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

William Swan Answers to the first Interrogatory: That he was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina in the year 1758. To the second he answers that the record of his age was in his Father's Bible, and that he is unable to say where it is now. To the 3rd he answers that he was living in the same County as above, and that since that time he has lived in Morgan, Jasper and Newton Counties of this State and that he has for the last 6 years & now lives in Harris County of the said State. 4th he answers that he volunteered the first time and was drafted the second time, and that he never was a substitute. 5th Major Davis, Samuel Flenigan, General Davison, Colonel Locke, Captain Charles Polk, General Rutherford, Colonel Robert Gnreth [sic, ?], and Major Graham and the general circumstances are as related in my Declaration above. 6th he answers that he received 2 Discharges one from Samuel Flenegan and one from Captain Charles Polk. 7th John M Gray and John H Grier and many others were it necessary

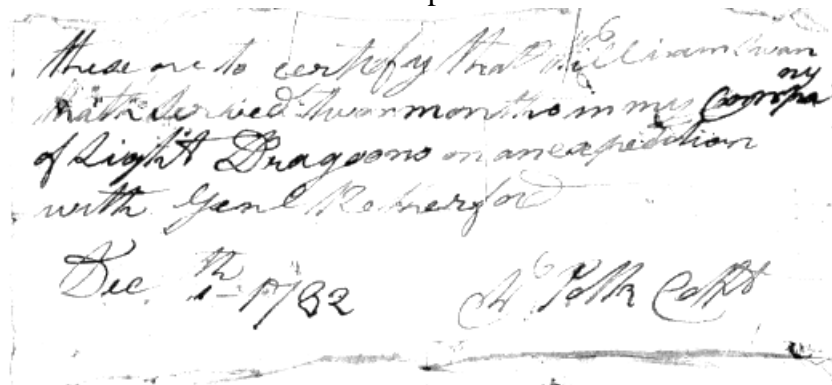


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These are to Certify that William Swan hath served 3 months in my Company of Light Dragoons on an expedition with General Retherford

Dec. 1th 1782

Ch Polk Capt



These are to certify that ^{Wm}William Swan hath served three months in my ^{my}Company of Light Dragoons on an expedition with Genl Retherford
Dec. 1-1782 Ch Polk Capt

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September 7th 1780 Certified that Wm Swan Served 3 months in my Troop of Riflemen in Major Davies Corps
Samuel Flennillen CRM

September 4th 1780 certified that W^m Swan served
three months in my Regt of Rifle men in
Maj^r Davie's Corps — Samuel Bennett Comd^t

[fn p. 4: On July 22, 1850 in Harris County Georgia, Rachel Swan, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of William Swan, the revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 19 in the year 1790; that her husband died August 17, 1849; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 20: James H. Kirkpatrick, formerly of Mecklenburg County, gave testimony in DeKalb County Georgia that he was present at the wedding of William Swan to Rachel Brown, at the house of William Brown, father of Rachel; that the wedding took place between the year 1795 and 1800.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.27 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 7 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]