

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Swanson R10339

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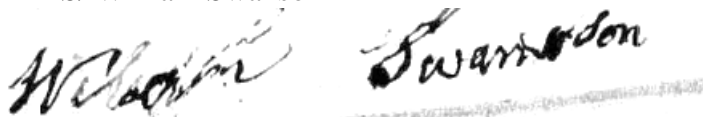
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State of Tennessee Monroe County: 28 November 1840

This day personally appeared William Swanson Before me William Heikel an acting Justice of the peace for said County he not being able to come into open Court, William Swanson a Resident in the County of Monroe State of Tennessee aged eighty-six 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 acts of Congress for the Benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers, that he entered the service of the United States under Captain Clark on the 5th day of August 1781 being citizen of Burk [Burke] County North Carolina at that time and marched to Camden South Carolina then crossed the Gongree [Congaree] River thence direct to Eutaw [Eutaw Springs where he was in that memorable Battle under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] Col MalBodee Col Malbode [sic, Colonel Malmedy] as a volunteer and after the Battle was sent to Salesberry [Salisbury] to guard the prisoners and was discharged there by Colonel Lock [probably Francis Locke] and that he has lost said discharge and that he served three months the full time he was called out for, and that he applied to James C Mitchel his member of Congress some twelve years ago to get him a pension but could not get it for reasons to him unknown, and 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 any State or territory

S/ William Swanson

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The signature on the left is 'W. Swanson' and the signature on the right is 'John Gilbreath'. Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John Gilbreath, preacher of the gospel of the Methodist Episcopal Church, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Wilkes County: 10th of October 1840

This day personally appeared John Swanson before me an acting Justice of the peace for said

County and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he saw William Swanson in the American Army on the liberty side a day or 2 before the Battle at Eutaw Springs I believe was in September in the year 1781 and was sent to guard some prisoners as I was informed to Salisbury and I saw him no more until discharged.

S/ John Barnes, JP

S/ John Swanson,<sup>1</sup> X his mark

State of North Carolina Wilkes County: the 10th of October 1840 this day personal appeared Smith Ferguson Clergyman and George Walker before me an active Justice of said County and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that they knew William Swanson 'whild livir in Wilks' [translation: "while he lived in Wilkes] County for a number of years and for several years then in Burke the adjoining County in said state and never knew nor heard nothing but a 'Onest Study Sitison of him' [translation: "that he was an honest, steady Citizen"]

S/ Smith Ferguson

S/ George Walker, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> I strongly suspect that this is the same man as John Swanson W1900.