

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Sweeny (Sweeney) R10349

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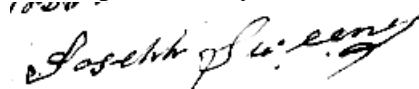
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of And Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Joseph Sweeney of Maxfield in Washington County in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I entered in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for & during the war and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Joseph Yarboes Company in the 41st or 42nd Regiment of the Virginia line. And I also received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15th of March 1826 on the pension list of the United States.

S/ Joseph Sweeney



[f p. 21: On February 23, 1828 in Casey County Kentucky, Charles Sweeney, of lawful age, gave testimony that Joseph Sweeney entered the Continental service of the United States in Amherst County Virginia time and date not recollected; that affiant went with him a great part of the way to his joining his company; that he recollects Joseph returning to the Army after the defeat of Wallace [Cornwallis at Yorktown October 19, 1781].

Charles Sweeney



[f p. 24: On March 18, 1828 in Washington County Kentucky, Elizabeth Sweeney of lawful age gave testimony that Joseph Sweeney an applicant for a pension for his service in the revolution; that he entered the Continental service in Amherst County Virginia, the time and date not recollected; she recollects that he was taken sick whilst in the service and came home on furlough and that his Father took him back to the Army after his recovery which he believes was after the defeat of Wallace [Cornwallis at Yorktown October 19 1781]; that she believes he served upwards of 2 years. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

Washington County Kentucky

Be it remembered that upon this 28th [?] Novr. 1833 personally appeared in open Court Joseph Sweeny a resident citizen of Washington County and State of Kentucky who being sworn

in open court upon his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the benefits of the act of Congress of the United States passed in the year 1832 making provision for certain officers and soldiers of the Revolution. The affiant states that he is now seventy-four years of age that he will be on the 28th of February 1834. He was born in the year 1760 on 28th of February of that year. That upon the 1st day of October in the year 1780 as well as he can now recollect he enlisted as a regular soldier in the war of the Revolution in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Yarbrow [Joseph Yarborough?] for and during the war at a place called New Glasgow in Amherst County State of Virginia in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment. He was marched from that place to Richmond in Virginia where he was detached in the quartermaster service under the command of General Charles Russell who acted as quartermaster General and by him he was appointed a wagon master with the command of nine wagons which was called a brigade of wagons and in that capacity he served until after the surrender of Cornwallis at the siege of York in October 1781. He was at the siege and in the performance of his duty as wagon master, and remained in the service after the surrender of Cornwallis until the 1st of June 1782 when [he] was discharged by General Russell's order through one William Ingram who was an officer under Russell which discharge he has not now. He states that upon his way home he sold his certificate for his balance of pay to a Mister Brown for a bold [?] mare to ride home and he supposes that he gave up his discharge to him he has it not now nor has he any written evidence in his possession to prove the fact of his enlistment but believes he can prove the fact of his enlistment by his Brother Charles Sweeny in Casey County Kentucky and he will procure his testimony.

He further states that prior to his enlistment as aforesaid he had served several tours of duty as a militia man and volunteer. That as such he was at Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] at the battle of Camden in South Carolina. His Captain at this battle was by name of White. His Colonel was by name of Lewis who[?] was from Virginia and this affiant entered the service in Virginia under said Captain White and he was changed from one Regiment to another. He is unable to state the day he was mustered into service nor the date he was discharged with sufficient accuracy, but he recollects that he was out in the service during this term of at least four months before he was discharged. Afterwards he was called into service as a militia man from the state of Virginia. This was before the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] he does not now remember the name of his Captain. That he was marched from Amherst County in Virginia to the main Army and was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs. He does not remember the day he entered the service upon this tour. After the defeat the militia returned home. He was engaged upon this tour in the public service as a private soldier at least three months. After this he was again drafted and entered the service as a private soldier. His Captain's name was Harris, he does not remember the name of the Colonel or the number of his Regiment nor can he state the day he was mustered into service for this tour. He was marched from Amherst County Virginia toward the South and joined the main Army at Guilford Courthouse the day before the battle [March 15, 1781]. He was in that engagement and after the battle he returned home upon this tour he was in the service as a private at least one month, which several tours of duty as a militia man when added together makes his entire service in the militia as a private 8 months all of which was rendered prior to his enlistment under Captain Yarbrow as before stated. He claims under both & for both [indecipherable word] of service and if he cannot [indecipherable word] both then he claims under his service which will give him the greatest pension. He is known in his County to William B. Booker, Elijah Farris and divers others. He has resided in Kentucky for upwards of 40 years last past.

He states that he is not upon the pension roll of any State and hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension other than the one now claim.

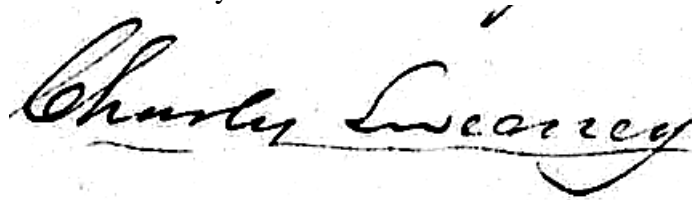
S/ Joseph Sweeny



[William B Booker and Elijah Farris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 3: By affidavit that attested on November 25, 1833 in Casey County Kentucky, Charles Sweeny gave testimony that he is the brother of Joseph Sweeny of Washington County Kentucky, an applicant for a pension for his service in the revolution; that he is the younger brother of Joseph Sweeny; that they all lived in Amherst County Virginia during the Revolutionary War with their parents, both of whom are now dead; he well recollects his brothers enlistment.

Charles Sweeny



[f p. 5: On May 8th, 1851, in Mercer County Kentucky, Nancy Sweeny, 87, made application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Joseph Sweeny late a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for his service in the revolution; that he died June 7, 1846; that her maiden name was Nancy Whitton; that she was lawfully married to her husband in December 1781 by a Baptist Minister named Coleman in Amherst County Virginia; that she had several children prior to the year 1790, that William, Elizabeth and Moses Sweeny are the names of her three children born prior to 1790; that her husband moved from Amherst to the state of Kentucky about the year 1787. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 16: On June 7th, 1850 [could be 1851] in Casey County Kentucky, Job Sweeny, 73, gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with Joseph and Nancy Sweeny; that he lived a near neighbor to them in Lincoln County Kentucky at the time of the defeat of General St. Clair; at that time Joseph and Nancy had 3 children whose names were William, Elizabeth and Moses Sweeny; that he was the playmate of their children. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 18: On June 6, 1851 in Casey County Kentucky, Charles Sweeny, 84. Gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with Joseph and Nancy Sweeny ; that Nancy's maiden name was Nancy Whitten; that he lived near neighbor to Joseph and Nancy in Amherst County Virginia where they lived together as man and wife in the year 1782; that he was thereafter acquainted with them in Lincoln County Kentucky; that he, affiant, was married December 19, 1793 and has a record of his marriage; at the time of the marriage of affiant, Joseph and Nancy had 3 children, William, Elizabeth and Moses. He signed his affidavit with his mark.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]