

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Swinney R10364

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State of Louisiana, Parish of East Feliciana: SS

On this 5th day of November, 1832, personally appeared before Thomas W Scott, Parish Judge in and for the State and Parish aforesaid Jesse Swinney, a resident of said State and Parish, aged about seventy-two 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 early in the war of the Revolution, but what year he cannot recollect, at Newbern [sic, New Bern] North Carolina with Captain Hargate [probably Frederick Hargett] and served under the following named officers: Colonel Dawson [Levi Dawson], Major Lytle, Captain Hogate [sic], Lieutenant Bush [one of two brothers, John and William Bush] and Ensign Nelson [Alexander Nelson]. The terms of affiant's enlistment were for 4 years or during the war, and he served during the war. After his enlistment affiant marched with Captain Hargate to Halifax, where they remained sometime in the recruiting service. From Halifax we marched to Alexandria, in Virginia, where the North Carolina Troops were inoculated for the smallpox – From Alexandria we marched through Maryland and at Wilmington, Delaware to Philadelphia. Affiant was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Trenton and Monmouth. In the battle of Brandywine affiant lost his father, who was killed. After the Army had gone into winter quarters at Valley Forge, affiant was ordered to North Carolina, in the recruiting service. Lieutenant Smith had charge of the recruiting service into which affiant was engaged. After being nearly a year in the recruiting service, affiant was attached the 9th Regiment, commanded by Colonel William Lytle, brother of his former Colonel – his Major was named William Caswell, his Captain, was named Robert Raford [Robert Raiford], the Lieutenant's name was Johnson, but the name of the Ensign affiant does not now recollect – The 9th Regiment was marched to Charleston South Carolina, where it remained until the fall of Charleston, where affiant was made prisoner. After he was taken, affiant was put on board a prison ship, where he served said near 6 months, when he made his escape, and found his way in safety to North Carolina, the place of his Nativity. In a little time

after he reached home affiant was again engaged in the recruiting service at a rendezvous commanded by Lieutenant Colonel McIlwaine. After being engaged in this service some time, affiant was attached to the 10th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Stevens, Captain Johnson – Lieutenant Long – but the names of the Major and Ensign affiant has forgotten. He joined the Army under Greene, and was discharged on James Island, near Charleston South Carolina, after the close of the war. While serving in the South, affiant was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs, and several severe skirmishes. Affiant was right hand drummer or drum major, when he was discharged, in which capacity he had served as well as he now remembers, about four years – and his name and character, he has no doubt will be found on the muster rolls in the war Department.

S/ Jesse Swinney, X his mark

State of Louisiana Parish of East Feliciana: Before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said parish personally came and appeared Jesse Swinney a resident of said State and Parish who deposeth and says that by reason of old age bodily infirmities and consequent loss of memory, he cannot positively swear as to the precise length of time which he served in the revolutionary Army but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than seven years – that deponent says he was and Enlisted Soldier sometime treated as to the battle fought at Brandywine in the [year] 1777, that he continued in the Continental service for four years of the time Drum Major, and continued until the Battle of the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina in the year 1781. When at Brandywine was under the command of General Nash – when at Eutaw Springs was under the command of General Sumner both Brigadier Generals. After which deponent continued in service until the close of the war. Part of the time on furlough that he was an enlisted soldier for some period previous to the Battle of Brandywine until Peace was made, – the Date of the Battle of Brandywine this Deponent is not certain but believes it was in the year 1777 and believes his name, age and description may be in the archives of the war Department.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 3rd day of March 1834.

S/ L. P McCauley, JP

S/ Jesse Swinney, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 23rd of March 1833

Sir

I do not find the name of Jesse Swinney (improperly written Livering in your letter) own any muster rolls in this Office or any evidence in support of his claim.

I am

very respectfully

your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

James L Edwards Esquire Commissioner of Pensions

State of Louisiana Parish of East Feliciana: Before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said parish personally appeared Stephen Williams<sup>1</sup> who deposed and says that he is Personally acquainted with Jesse Swinney – that he has known him for the last fifty-three years. That deponent served in the Continental service as a Private Soldier and served one year in the Army in the same Brigade under the command of General Jethro Sumner in whose Brigade Jesse Swinney served during which time as Drum Major. That this Deponent is under the impression

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<sup>1</sup> [Stephen Williams S36846](#)

that Jesse Swinney was an enlisted Soldier during the revolutionary war and served until Peace was declared. This deponent is a citizen of the Parish of St. Helena State aforesaid and has resided there for the last twenty-five years and previous thereto was a native citizen of North Carolina. That this deponent was in the Battle at Eutaw Springs in 1781 and that Jesse Swinney was in the same battle

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of March 1834  
S/ L. P. McCauley, JP

S/ Stephen Williams

*Stephen Williams*