

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

**Pension Application of William Swords
R 10367**

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"

State of Indiana Marion County

On this second day of November Eighteen hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before the Marion Circuit Court in open court Mary Swords; a widow of the County of Marion State of Indiana, aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of William Swords who was a regular soldier in the War of the Revolution, she has been in possession of the papers showing his services since his death but they are since lost or mislaid and she has forgotten the names of the officers under whom he served he was a private in Captain Moore's company as she believes of the sixth Regiment. he resided in the State of South Carolina when he entered the Service, he Enlisted in the Summer season of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven and served a little more than three years. he returned from the Service about the first of August seventeen hundred and eighty. while in the service he was taken prisoner by the British at Augusta and was soon afterward retaken by the American Army she has frequently heard her said husband name many of the officers of the Army and the Battles he was in but she cannot now recollect all the particulars. she well knows that he was in the service of the United States three years and that he was part of the time in the State of Georgia but she believes that he belonged to the South Carolina line.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Swords on the first day of September Seventeen hundred and eighty two, that her husband the aforesaid William Swords died on the seventeenth day of February Eighteen hundred and thirteen

That she was not married to him prior to leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz: at the time above stated in the County of Edgefield as she believes in the state of South Carolina by a Justice of the peace by the name of Tutt who was then building a Mill about six Miles from her Fathers, about twenty five Miles above Augusta near the Savana River as to the County she is not so certain she is unable to procure record of her marriage and she has lost the record of the ages of her children and she begs permission to introduce the best evidence she can find in her case, her daughter Elizabeth now Elizabeth Cook was born on the fifteenth day of May seventeen hundred and eighty four and she was married to the said William Swords prior to the birth of the said Elizabeth Swords and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband William Swords, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Given from under my hand the day and date last aforesaid

Mary Swords
her mark