

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Swift S37475

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### 4th Judicial District of Kentucky SS

On this 15th day of August 1818 before me the subscriber a Judge of the Circuit Courts for said district Personally appeared Thomas Swift aged 58 years resident in Henry County in said district – who being by me first duly sworn according to law – doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That he the said Thomas Swift enlisted in Hanover County Virginia on the 14 day of February 1778 in the Company commanded by Captain John Winston of the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daviss [William Davies] of General Muhlenberg's Brigade belonging to the Virginia line and that he continued in service in the said Corps or service of the United States until March the 17th 1779 when he was discharged at the place where the Army had their winter quarters on the Rareton [Raritan] River in the State of New Jersey by Colonel Daviss and the [that] he was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778].

He again was drafted and on the 6th day of June 1779 joined Captain John Price's<sup>1</sup> Company 1st Virginia Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Holt Richardson and served six months and along with General Gates [Horatio Gates] was Defeated at Camden [August 15-16, 1780].

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services – Sworn to and declared before me

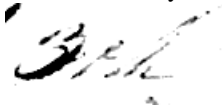
S/ Silas M. Noel, Cirt. Judge

Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.  
Shelby Circuit Court June Term 1820

On this 3th [sic?]<sup>2</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record of Common Law and Criminal Jurisdiction for the County and State aforesaid – Thomas Swift aged sixty years resident in said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows, that he enlisted as a Soldier in the month of February 1778 in Hanover County Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Winston in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Davis of the

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<sup>1</sup> Hanover County, VA, militia

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Virginia line on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until 1779 when he was discharged while the Army lay in winter quarters on the Rarington [sic] river again in the June following entered the service as a militia man and Joined General Gates [Horatio Gates] and was at the battle [of] Campden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. He further states that he made application for a pension by his declaration dated 15th of August 1818 and received his pension Certificate dated the 23rd day of December 1818 No. 5056 and have drawn his pension up to the 4th March 1820.

He further states that he is a farmer by Occupation but is unable to do hard labor and sometimes keeps a small school to assist him to support his family he has a Wife and four Children living with him, his Wife old, his Children living with him three sons and one daughter his oldest Near eighteen Years the second Son sixteen years old and 3rd Son about fourteen years old who is entirely a cripple moves only on his hands & feet, his daughter about twenty-five years old, his family is help us and not capable of rendering him much aid in support, And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. The following is a Schedule of all his property to which, one horse saddle & bridle worth \$45, two cows & calves \$20, one [indecipherable word]<sup>3</sup> \$15, one kettle, \$6, one pot \$1, one table \$3, one Grid Iron \$2 making together about \$92 in value.

S/ Tho. Swift

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 15, 1818, for service for one-year as a private in the Virginia Continental line.