

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Swanson S38412

f17VA

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: Unfortunately large portions of the application filed by this veteran are illegibly faint in both the Fold3.com and HeritageQuest.com versions. If anyone has a transcript of this application, please consider submitting it for inclusion in this database. What follows is my attempt to glean a summary of the veteran's services from the portions of the application that can be read.. The veteran appears to have entered the service on September 15 1779 under Captain \_\_\_ Ball in Northumberland County Virginia for the term of 3 months; rendezvoused at a place called Hobbs hole; later volunteered for 18 months under Captain Ball and Colonel Thomas Gaskins; recollects General Baron Steuben; discharged in 1780 by Captain Ball; that he was born in Northumberland County Virginia in 1757; lived in Northumberland County when called into service; signed his application with his mark; the application appears to be attested by the clerk of the Morgan County Kentucky court March 3rd, 1834.]

State of Kentucky Morgan County: SS

The Deposition of Jacob Johnson<sup>1</sup> a Revolutionary Soldier taken to prove the Service of Levi Swanson who is an applicant for a pension. This Deponent states that he lived a neighbor to Swanson in Northumberland County Virginia that they were raised in the same neighborhood; when Swanson joined the Army this Deponent with him to the place of rendezvous at Hobbs hole in the month of September 1779 and saw all Swanson received by Captain Ball, he states that he then returned home he states that he met Swanson in the spring of the year 1780 at Hobbs hole and saw him discharged he having been sent there with a horse for him to ride home he states that he read several letters from Swanson while he was in the Army he has no doubt but Swanson was in the Army from September 1779 to May 1780 – & further saith not.

S/ Jacob Johnson, X his mark

State of Kentucky Morgan County: SS

The Deposition of Thomas Hambleton [sic, Thomas Hamilton]<sup>2</sup> 8 Revolutionary Soldier taken to prove the Service of Levi Swanson a Soldier of the Revolution and now an applicant for a pension.

He states that he is well acquainted with Swanson, became acquainted with him at Gwins Island [Gwinn Island] in the fall of 1779 while he was under the command of Colonel Gaskins the Captain's name he does not recollect, he saw Swanson in the service at York he saw no more

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<sup>1</sup> Probably the same man as [Jacob Johnson X393](#) as he is the only veteran by that name who is listed among the Virginia pensioners.

<sup>2</sup> Probably the same man as [Thomas Hamilton W7671](#)

of him until they met at Hobbs hole in May 1780 – at which time he was discharged. I was under Captain Terrill the time Swanson joined the Army I do not know further than this when I saw him at York he told me he had been in the Service (I think) two months.

I cannot recollect any further of his services.

S/ Tho. Hamilton, X his mark

[attested April 14, 1834]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 1/2 months in the Virginia service.]