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Pension Application of Samuel Swift S38413

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District of Virginia, Northumberland County towit

On this 9th day of November 1818 in open court held for the county aforesaid, personally appears Samuel Swift aged 57 years, resident in the s'd county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress entitled "an act providing for certain persons engaged [in] the land & naval service of the united states in [the] revolutionary war" That he the said Swift, as a subs[ti]tute for his Father entered the continental service in the month of March 1781, at Northumberland courthouse under the command of Captain Samuel Denny who marched him to the city of Richmond, whence he was marched to Cumberland courthouse where he was attached to the regiment under the command of Colo. Thos. Gaskins. That he was afterwards transferred to Col. Flebecker's [sic: Christian Febiger's] regiment in which he was marched to charlston [sic: Charleston] in South Carolina, from whence he was marched to Cumberland courthouse Va where he was honorably discharged in the Autumn of 1782 – that he has lost the written discharge which he obtained, and has no other evidence now in his power of his services – And that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

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On this 9th day of October in the year 1820 in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid (because it is expressly made so by the laws of this Commonwealth by which it is created having General Jurisdiction within the County aforesaid at common Law & in chancery over all civil causes, whose value exceeds twenty dollars, or four hundred pounds of Tobacco, having the power to fine and imprison, keeping a record of their proceedings & having a seal) personally appeared Samuel Swift aged Fifty eight years resident in the County of Northumberland & district aforesaid, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he entered the company commanded by Capt. Denny, was transfered & attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Gaskins in the continental establishment & Virginia line, that his original declaration made in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, was made in this Court the 9th day November in the year 1818. that the number of his pension certificate is 4891. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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. – I have Forty acres of Land in North'd. County Virg'a. – my personal Estate consists of nine horned Cattle – seven hogs – six chairs – one pine table six cups & saucers, six knives & forks – one plough two hoes – two axes two pots – & old desk. This is the whole of my personal Estate, necessary cloathing and bedding excepted. I am by occupation a farmer or cultivator of the soil I am of weakly constitution & am not able to do hard labour at any time & often too much indisposed to labor at all. The number &c of my family residing with me is five to wit – John Swift son of said Samuel Swift aged 24 year farmer – capable of supporting himself Negro woman named Sally, about 25 years of Age – One negro child named Andrew 4 years of Age one other negro child named Mary two years of age – the aforesaid negro woman Sally & her two children

towit Andrew & Mary as above ment'd. are hired to me for this year for their victuals & clothes the children are a charge, the womans work hardly equal to their support. I have no further Interest in them than their services the present year, they belong to Sally Crockett orphan of Robert Crockett dec'd.

[signed] Samuel Swift

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists the following: Samuel Swift/ age 18/ height 5' 7½" / dark hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Northumberland County where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months on 21 Mar 1781. Sided on 15 May 1781.