

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mark Swadley S4027

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State of Tennessee Monroe County: SS

On this 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions, being a Court of Record in and for Monroe County at the Court House and Madisonville, Mark Swadley a resident of said County and State aged seventy-three years past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the County of Augusta in Virginia where he then lived, at the age of seventeen years and in the year 1777, as he declares he was drafted for three months and went into service in Captain Cunningham's [perhaps John Cunningham's ] Company under Colonel Boyer [perhaps William Bowyer], marched down the they Country Crossed the dismal swamp in Virginia and was in a Skirmish near the Swamp with the British and Hessians, soon after he was discharged honorably and returned home having faithfully served the three months for which he was drafted.

Some time afterwards, but the period not remembered, he was again drafted in Augusta County Virginia and went into service in Captain Tate's [perhaps either James old William Tate's] Company under Colonel McDowell and marched to Richmond and Petersburg & joined the command of Generals Greene and Lee and faithfully served out the six months for which he was drafted was honorably discharged and returned home. Afterwards, but the period not recollected, he volunteered for twenty days in a Company of Dragoons but does not now remember the name of any officers that commanded the Company – when first organized Corps during its march however they went down to old James Town, where they had a fight with the British Light horse under Colonel Tarleton, applicant was then and there slightly wounded and with about sixty others taken prisoner, about a week afterwards they were exchanged, and applicant returned home having faithfully served out his term of twenty days and more, but received no discharge as he believes during the fight with Colonel Tarleton's Horse applicant remembers that he was under the Command of Captain Tate and Colonel or General Morgan and cannot remember the names of any other officers than those already mentioned during that [one or more words too faint to discern] other of his tours of Service and Cannot remember any other particulars of his Service than above stated, his memory is very much impaired by reason of age and Infirmary, he has lost all his discharges and has no other evidence of any description within his reach or power to obtain of his Services. He was born on the 4th day of May 1760 in Augusta County Virginia as he has always understood & believes but has no record of his age. At the several periods when he was called into Service he lived in Augusta County, Virginia, from thence he removed to Spartanburg County South Carolina, from thence to Knox County Tennessee, & lived there 8 or 10 years, then removed to Monroe County, Tennessee, about 8 years ago, & still lives there. That

in his present neighborhood he is known to Col. James Gamble, Matthew Nelson Esquire, James Martin, Thomas Vernon Esquire, Lindsay Robertson, Esquire, James C Patton, Rev'd Eli Cleveland, Reverend James Witton, Thomas Robertson & others who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & declared in Open Court

S/ Wm S. Callaway

S/Mark Swadley, X his mark

[James Witten, a clergyman, Lindsay Robertson, Thomas Robertson, Samuel Jamison and John Murray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the infantry for 9 months and the cavalry for 20 days.]