

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Sweat S42031

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State of North Carolina Robeson County: Superior Court of law September Term 1820

On the 27th day of September A.D. 1820 – Personally appeared in Open Court David Sweat, aged sixty years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he David Sweat enlisted on the 12th day of July 1777 for the term of three years in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Abraham Shepherd in the 10th Regiment in the line of the North Carolina Continental establishment. That he served under Captain Benjamin Coleman of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dickson [Henry Dixon], that he served until the end of the Revolutionary War, and was discharged in Charleston in the State of South Carolina. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth and at the Storming of Stoney Point under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & at the Siege of Charleston – And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services, except the Oath of Mr. Benjamin Lewis and the Certificate which he hopes to get from Secretary of State to prove that his name is on the Muster Rolls

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income whatever nor any property of any kind whereof to make a Schedule as the Act requires. That his occupation is that of a Daily laborer and that from his age, and infirmities, he is not able to support himself comfortably. That he has no family residing with him.

Sworn to and declared on the 27th day of September in the year of our Lord 1820, and in the 25th year of our Independence Before the Honorable William Norwood, Judge of the

Superior Court.

S/ David Sweat, X his mark

State of North Carolina Robeson County: Personally appeared in open Court Benjamin Lewis who deposeth on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that he knew David Sweat in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, In a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Coleman, attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel ~~Winn~~ Dickson [Henry Dixon] & that he believes the present applicant to be the same person. Sworn to in open Court this 27th day of September 1820

S/ Benjamin Lewis, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 2nd October 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears by the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that David Sweat a private in Captain Sheperd's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 12th day of July 1777 for the term of 3 years or the War, but nothing is said of his discharge.

Given under my hand at office [remaining line cut off]

It may be deemed very presumptive in me to say one word to the Honorable the Board of War in Support of the Claim of David Sweat, But sometimes presumptive Evidence is admissible – I will therefor venture to assert that I have been acquainted with David Sweat for the term of fifteen years past, and he has frequently in conversation stated to meet the several facts to which he has sworn in Court, particularly his being in the Battle of Monmouth and at the Storming of Stoney Point, these are Actions on which the poor Old Veteran "loves stood well" at the same time his poverty is extreme – he has what Physicians call a Diabetes which renders it extremely difficult for him to labor.

S/ J. McQueen, Clerk of the Superior Court

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 27, 1820, for 6 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]