

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Swinson S42033

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State of North Carolina Washington County: Superior Court of law November Term 1818

Richard Swinson maketh oath that in the year of 1776 about the last of February or first of March he enlisted as a soldier in the revolutionary war under Colonel Edmund Buncombe [Edward Buncombe] with whom he served until the 24th day of April in the year 1777. That this deponent with under the said Colonel from Edenton to Washington from the well mentioned place to newbern [New Bern] thence to Wilmington and thence to Charleston and from thence again to Tarborough and Halifax. The Captain under the Colonel of this 5th Regiment was Benjamin [word written through and illegible, but probably Benjamin Stedman] of Hyde County – the Lieutenant John Eborne of the said County. This deponent further swears that he is old and infirm and to pour to live without feeling there by the [indecipherable word] that age which the Government and their wisdom and patriotism have provided for such a revolutionary Soldiers.

Sworn to before me

S/ J. J. Daniel

S/ Richard Swinson



Nathaniel Everitt, X his mark

to the best of my knowledge

Richard Swinson Ser'd in

The Regular Service

Jas. Stubbs

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State of North Carolina Washington County: I Richard Swinson 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 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 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

S/ Richard Swinson

S/ T. Walker, JP

S/ Jos. Lewis, JP

S/ Henry Spruill, JP

Sworn to in open Court the 23rd of November 1820

Test S. Downing, Clk

A schedule of Property of Richard Swinson

To amount of Notes	\$99.00
1 Horse Cart \$16 1 old horse do \$4	20.00
6 head of cattle \$40 14 head of hogs \$28	68.00
58 acres of Swampland \$58 2 tables \$1	59.00
2 spiders & 1 Dutch oven \$2 one pot 50 cts	2.50
1 Dish 50 cts 1 Cupboard \$4 3 splughs \$3	7.50
1 Saddle \$10 1 Horse \$30 4 old hoes 50cts	40.50
3 Club axes \$150 1 old hand saw 50cts 2 old augers 50cts	2.50
Some old Barrels 1 gun	<u>00.50</u>
	Dollars 299.50

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State of North Carolina Washington County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held on the 3rd Monday of May 1820

Richard Swinson maketh oath that he served in the revolutionary war as a common soldier – and did serve from March 1776 to April 1777 in the North Carolina line of infantry in the 5th Regiment Colonel Edward Buncombe being command [commander]. That he enlisted in the County of Tyrrell under Captain Benjamin Stedman who was a resident of Hyde County – embodied at Edenton went to Washington – from thence to New Bern – thence to Wilmington thence to Charleston South Carolina from which place in April 1777 this deponent saith he returned to Tarborough North Carolina and afterwards discharged at Halifax on the 24th of the month last mentioned by Lieutenant Colonel Irving – This deponent further swears that he is as well infirm and needy and old & begs leave to make application for that relief which the general government in its patriotism half provided for the necessitous soldiers of the revolution.

S/ Richard Swinson



I Jesse Swinson son of the above named applicant swear that I saw his discharge signed as stated and which I believe is lost.

S/ Jesse Swinson



Colonel Buncombe raised his Regiment in part in the County of Washington as I do swear.

S/ W. Fagan, Senr.

I Samuel Leggett do certify that Richard Swenson did belong to the 5th Regiment of the line of infantry under Colonel Edward Buncombe during or in part of the war of the revolution. That he is old & needy
S/ Daniel Leggett

I Richard Fagan do swear that Richard Swinson was a revolutionary soldier in the Continental line of infantry (5th Regiment) under Colonel Buncombe and that he is poor old & necessitous.
S/ R. Fagan

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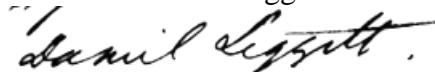
State of North Carolina Washington County: Court of pleas & quarter sessions August Term 1824

The testimony of Daniel Leggett Senior of Washington County NC on the subject of Richard Swinson's petition now pending in said Court, the object of which is to place him on the Pension list of the United States –

The said Leggett appeared in open Court and being duly sworn on his oath says, That he is about 69 years of age – that he thinks he will be 69 next December. That he enlisted in the Revolutionary war in the month of May 1776; that he did not see Richard Swenson enlist, but knows that he enlisted that spring for he afterwards in that spring saw him in the service; he believes that Swinson served as a private in the Revolutionary War; but does not remember at this day how long he served. At the time the Deponent saw him in the service he belonged to the 5th Regiment Colonel Buncombe. The Deponent has always believed that Richard Swinson served in the Revolutionary War; He believes so to this day – but he does not remember so as to be able to say how long. Swinson & the Deponent were separated into service; and this the Deponent gives as a reason wherefore he cannot now say how long Swinson served –; the length of time that has elapsed since then, the Deponent says is another reason why he should not remember. The Deponent served under Colonel Buncombe & Colonel Lamb, and in service & on furlough he thinks he served 2 years or more.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Daniel Leggett



[fn p. 29: In August term 1824, in Washington County North Carolina, Henry Norman, 54, gave testimony in support of the veterans claim; the deponent states that he was apprenticed to Thomas Everett at the time that the veteran entered the service; that Thomas Everett was married to deponent's aunt; that Swinson was married to Thomas Everett's daughter; that deponent looked after Swinson's wife and children (of whom he thinks there were 2 at that time) during the veterans absence in the service.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 4th, 1824, full one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]