

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Allen Swett W16

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[fn p. 16]

District of North Carolina

On this Sixth day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Allen Swett, aged about fifty two years, resident in Wake County in the said District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War". That in the year 1782, in Halifax County in the said District, the said Allen Swett enlisted as a soldier in the company commanded by Captain Becoats [Peter Bacot] of the tenth Regiment, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the Revolutionary War, for eighteen months; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the end of the said war, against the common enemy, when he obtained his furlough at Hedley's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point] near Charleston, South Carolina; which furlough has been destroyed by fire; he was in no battle - and he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year first aforesaid.

S/H. Potter, DJUSNC

No Carolina District

Francis Jones¹ maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the above named Allen Swett in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War, & knows that the said Swett served in the tenth Regiment (& he thinks in Capt. Becoets's company) of the North Carolina line, the Continental Army in said war - that he saw him in service,

¹ [Francis Jones S36653](#)

particularly, at Ashley Hill in So Carolina; but how long he continued in service, the deponent cannot say – Deponent saith however that to the best of his knowledge he left the said Swett in the said service, when the deponent left the army in the capacity of servant to an officer.

Sworn to before me the 6th June 1818 -

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 6th June 1818

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-role in this office that Allen Swett enlisted as a private soldier in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary War in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh the date above.

S/Wm Hill

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District of North Carolina

Axum Scott² maketh oath that he has been well acquainted with the aforesaid Allen Swett from his infancy up; that about the latter part of the Revolutionary War, the said Swett, while living on deponent's plantation on Roanoke [River] in the State of North Carolina, entered the service of the United States, in the said war, and deponent believes it was the Continental service, in the North Carolina line, for eighteen months, & went off with the army, and returned to his home about twelve months after, and after the treaty of peace; and deponent doth confidently believe that the said Swett did serve in said Continental service, against the common enemy, until the end of the said war. And further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to before me the 17th June 1818.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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State of North Carolina, Wake County: Superior Court Autumn Term 1820

On this 4th day of Oct 1820 Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of records, Allen Swett aged 55 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first May 1820 - That he the said Allen Swett enlisted for the term of 18 months in the month of June in the year 1780 or 81 in the county of Halifax in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Peter B. Coats [Peter Bacot] in the regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lyttle [sic, Archibald Lytle] being the 2nd Regiment in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment - that he continued to serve in the sd. Corps until he was honorably discharged on or about the month of July at Charleston in South Carolina having continued in the service on or about thirteen months. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, I Allen Swett 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,

² [Exum Scott W5994](#)

sale, or in any manner disposed of any of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th March 1818 & 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 nor means of support except what is allowed me as a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 which I have received from the Bank of the United State at Fayetteville by virtue of my pension certificate being No. 5440, having received as yet only one payment due on the 4th March 1819 & there still remains 2 payments due under the act of 18th March 1818 and one under the act of 1st May 1820 - that is up to the 4th Sept 1820. And also what is contained on the following schedule to wit -

Schedule

State of North Carolina, Wake County

On this 4th day of October 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a court of Records Allen Swett of said County aged 55 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the 2nd Regiment in the company commanded by Capt. Peter B. Coats of the North Carolina line and that his original declaration was made before Judge Potter on the 6th day of June 1818 and having received only one payment by virtue of his certificate No. 5440 as aforesaid and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities or contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed -

To wit

No real or personal estate of any kind	
1 small mare - valued at by the Court	\$30
1 cow, 1 yearling	12
1 set knives & forks	.75
1 small pot & oven	<u>2</u>
	\$44.75

And that he is himself aged 55 years & his wife Nancy 48 years & has seven children in his family to wit - John aged 18 years, Hezekiah [Hezekiah] 14, Terrell 12 (sons), Cary 10 years, Aggy 7, Candis 5 and Hillsman 2 years of age. That they are all his family - and his employment is farming upon rented land & being infirm he is unable to pursue it so as to obtain a competency for himself & family nor has he any person other than his family to assist him or contribute to his assistance.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/Allen Swett, B his mark

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ R. Hinton, CSC

State of North Carolina
Wake County

I Ransom Hinton Clerk of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Wake do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said court and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is forty four dollars & seventy-five cents.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed the seal of the said Court this 7th day of October AD 1820.

S/R. Hinton, CSC

[fn p. 21: On December 23, 1826 in Lincoln County Tennessee, the applicant filed for a transfer of his pension benefits to the Tennessee agency; he gave it is his reason for moving to Tennessee "that he thought that as it was a new Country it would suit him better than to remain in North Carolina." This application was supported by the affidavit of William Swett (relationship to the veteran not stated)

It is true.
Wm Swett

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State of Tennessee, McNairy County

On this 29 day of April 1845 personally appeared before this Honorable Circuit Court of McNairy County State of Tennessee, Nancy Swett a resident of said County aged seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act grating half pay and pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of Allen Swett who was a private in the Army of the Revolution in Captain Peter Becoats Company and Second North Carolina line, and who was admitted as a pensioner under the Act of Congress passed 18th of March 1818 and is inscribed on the Pension List Roll of the North Carolina agency at the rate of Eight dollars per month. The service rendered by the said Allen Swett will fully appear by reference to his Declaration now on file in the Office of the Secretary of War. She further declares that she was married to the said Allen Swett on the twenty-third day of January in the year Seventeen Hundred and Ninety-Two, that her husband the aforesaid Allen Swett died on the Twenty-ninth day of March in the year One Thousand Eight-hundred and forty-four, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen Hundred and Ninety four viz at the time above stated.

Given under my hand the day and date above.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court on the day and year above written.

S/Nancy Swett, X her mark

S/ A. Kincaid, Clerk, McNairy Circuit Court