

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Swan W19425

Catharine

f62VA

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State of Virginia County of Tyler: SS

On this 17th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before James Stealy, Kennoe S. Bowman, James S. Brickhead & John W Allen, Justices of the Peace constituting the County Court of Tyler County now sitting, Charles Swan a resident of the County of Tyler & State of Virginia aforesaid aged seventy-nine years sometime the present month who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, him in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States for three years or during the War, in the town of Fredericksburg Virginia the year (not now recollected) with Captain Cadwalader Jones [Cadwallader Jones] of the Light Dragoons and served in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named Officers, to wit, Colonel George Baylor, Major Clough [Alexander Clough] & the said Captain Cadwallader Jones, to whose company he was attached during the whole time of his service, that he was at the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & was afterwards taken prisoner by the British at the old Tanpaun [Tappan] Church [Baylor's Massacre, September 27-28, 1778] in the State of New Jersey, when & where Colonel Baylor & Major Clough were also made prisoners. That he was confined in New York about six weeks. That he made his escape from the British & joined his Regiment at Bristol, Pennsylvania, then commanded by Colonel William Washington, who had succeeded Colonel Baylor in command of said Regiment.

That he served three years the time for which he enlisted with the exception of a month or two of the latter part thereof, he being then very sick with the bloody flux, received from Colonel Washington a full discharge for the Term of his Enlistment, which discharge was destroyed, he having accidentally left it in able waistcoat pocket when sent to watch, the washerwoman not observing it until it was washed to pieces.

That he has lost all recollection of the time he entered the service, as well also as of the time he was discharged from it – but presumes he must have entered not long after the commencement of the war as he was at the Battle of Monmouth.

That at the time of his Enlistment into the service his place of residence was Frederick County Virginia, from there he had been drafted to go to Williamsburg Virginia on a tour of duty and on his way there he enlisted at Fredericksburg as before stated.

That while in the service he marched from Virginia through Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware & the Jerseys. 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 of any State.

S/ Charles Swan

*Charles Swan*

[f p. 15]

State of Virginia Tyler County: SS

This Day personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for the said County of Tyler, Charles Swann a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States (who I certify to be a credible witness) and being by me sworn according to law depose and saith that he was married to his present wife in the month of December in the year 1779 just after he had finished his three years service in the Revolutionary war, that he was married by the Reverend \_\_\_ Henup or Hennop of the Presbyterian Church, in the Town of Frederick Town in Maryland, that his wife's maiden name was Catharine Goyer

Sworn & subscribed before made this 3rd day of October 1840

S/ J. B. Lacy, JP

S/ Charles Swan

[f p. 4: On April 15th, 1843 in Tyler County Virginia, Catharine Swan, a resident of Middlebourne in Tyler County, aged 83, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Charles Swan, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him sometime in December 1779; that he died August 4, 1841. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: On August 19, 1842 in Muskingum County of Ohio, Frederick Goyer [or Goyce?] gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Charles Swan lately of Tyler County Virginia a pensioner of the United States and his widow Catherine Swan, deponent's sister; that he was at their wedding which took place in Frederick Town in Maryland sometime in the year 1779.

*Frederick Goyer*

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of cavalry for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]