

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Swink W2022¹

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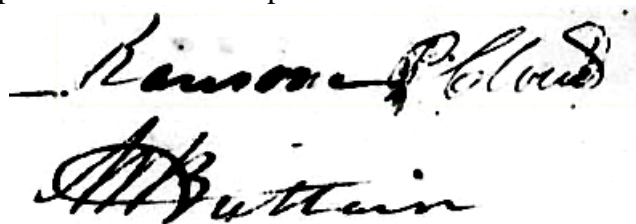
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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term 1833

We Ranson P. Cloud a clergyman residing in the County of Burke and Mark Brittain residing in same County do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Swink who has sworn to and subscribed to the above declaration and that we believe him to be about 83 years of age: that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to in Open Court the 27th April 1833



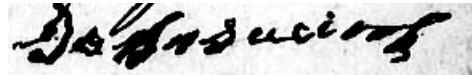
The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is "Ranson P. Cloud" and the bottom signature is "Mark Brittain".

On this 22 day of July A.D. 1833 Personally appeared in open Court John Swink a resident of this County of Burke & State of North Carolina aged 83 years who being duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832 concerning pensions. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 under one Captain Armstrong and served in the ___ Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers. That he enlisted under Captain Armstrong at Salisbury North Carolina on the 2nd or 3rd day of November 1781, that the Regiment to which he belonged or a part of it, was stationed at Salisbury guarding the public Stores, that my enlistment was for twelve months. He John Swink was by trade a blacksmith and was detained at head quarters (Salisbury) principally engaged in repairing the wagons & shoeing the horses of the Army and when not on this duty in guarding

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the public Stores from the Tories. That in about four weeks after his enlistment Captain Armstrong was taken sick & Captain Yarborough took the place & continued in command for the balance of the affiant's enlistment when he was honorably discharged by said Yarborough. That he does not now recollect that any higher officer than Captain Yarborough ever commanded whilst he was in said Service: that he has long since lost his discharge. That he was never marched off from Salisbury on duty at all [at all], but was kept at regular duty at said place from the day of his enlistment until the expiration of his term of 12 months when he was regularly discharged as above stated. That at the time of his enlistment he lived in the County of Rowan North Carolina where he enlisted & continued to do so until 1794 when he moved to this County of Burke & lived here ever since. That he has no other means of proving the service than that hereto attached.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim what[ever] to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He further states that in consequence of his loss of memory by old age & infirmity he cannot recollect the number of the Regiment to which he was attached.



To in open court 22 July 1833

John Swink is the above name

S/ J. Erwin, Clerk

Questions by the Court answered as follows

I was born in the State of Pennsylvania about 60 miles above Philadelphia. I have no record of my age. I was living in Rowan when called into service. I was enlisted: there were no regular officer in command above the grade of Captain where I served as stated heretofore: he and the general circumstances of my service was stated and where stationed we were stationed all the time at Salisbury & I employed in shoeing the horses & mending the wagons in the service & guarding the public & Continental Stores: I had a discharge given me by Captain Yarborough but it is lost. I am well known to Mark Brittain Esquire & Ranson P. Cloud Clergyman who has made the foregoing affidavit marked (8) both of whom know me well.

S/ John Swink, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from a list of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Sweeney was allowed for his services in said line, the sum of 32 pounds 10 shillings (£32.10.00). Given under my hand this 19th day of May 1834

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 17: copy of a marriage bond issued September 17, 1795 in Rutherford County North Carolina to secure the marriage of John Swink to Mary Smith.]

[fn p. 18: On December 8, 1849 in Burke County North Carolina, Mary Swink, 75, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Swink, a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him December 17, 1795 and that her husband died July 5th, 1849.]

[facts in file: fn. p. 25: the widow was still living in February 1866 in Burke County North Carolina when she applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war veteran. In this application she states that she is 90 years old; that she lives with her son, a poor man with a large family; No names of any family members are given in the materials in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]