

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Swinney W26485<sup>1</sup>

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[fn p. 15]

State of Kentucky Pulaski County Court Sgt.

On this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 Personally appeared before the County Court for Pulaski County in open Court now sitting as a Court William Swinney, aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That while a resident of Surry County North Carolina in the month of August the year from the lapse of time, old age and loss of memory he cannot now state, a call was made by the Government for soldiers and he volunteered in the service for the Term of three months, the name of the Captain he cannot now recollect as also the other officers of the Company to which he belonged. His company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Williams who lived in the neighborhood of the Declarant, after the Regiment rendezvoused we were marched to near the head of the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] where we crossed the blue Ridge at a place called the flower Gap, we were from thence marched to the neighborhood of the Long Islands of Holston River, was stationed there about four weeks and from thence we were marched to Powells Valley near Cumberland gap and was stationed there until the expiration of the three months and was detained in the Service after the expiration of the said three months by the order of our Commanding officers one month. We were engaged during the said period at the different places we were stationed and the country through which we marched, scouting and ranging against the Tories and Indians, in the Army was compelled to station a guard every night to protect the Army against the secret depredations of the Tories and Indians and at the expiration of the four months, the necessity for detaining us in the service being over, I was discharged and he received a written discharge for four months services signed by Colonel Joseph Williams, which discharge has long since been lost. There was another

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Regiment of soldiers besides the one commanded by Colonel Williams engaged in this service but he does not now recollect the names of any of its officers.

Afterwards while a resident of Surry County North Carolina in the month of September in the year not now recollected but was the same year in which the Battle call was fought I was drafted for a three months Tour, to serve in the company of Captain Hickman and when the company started to join the Army he was confined with the ague & fever and the Captain gave him a certificate of his situation and in seven or eight days he was able to travel and he started to overtake his company and by virtue of the Certificate aforesaid during his March he was enabled to draw such provisions as he needed from the public stores on the road he traveled. He overtook his company at Camden South Carolina belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Malberry [Malmedy] and there joined the main Army under the command of General Greene we were then marched by our officers to near the Battle Ground of the Eutaw Springs, and being sick with a few others, was left on the road, and the Army marched on and was in a few days engaged in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs. After the Battle I was ordered to guard the prisoners and as soon as I was able, marched as a Guard to the neighborhood of Salisbury North Carolina and continued there engaged in that Service until the Term of three months had expired, which he fully served out and was discharged. He received a discharge for three months service signed by Colonel Lock [Francis or Matthew Locke] which discharge not considering it of any value, he has long since lost or mislaid. Afterwards still a resident of Surry County North Carolina a call was made for soldiers and he volunteered in the company of Captain Mosby, the day or month or year not now remembered it was immediately after the Battle of Kings Mountain. He volunteered for no specified period but to serve until discharged by order of his officers after the Company was assembled. We were ordered to March to the Moravian Towns to guard the prisoners taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain and remained there engaged in that service until ordered to be discharged, was engaged not less than one month, was discharged, received a written discharge signed by Captain Mosby, but which has been lost or mislaid. He has no Documentary evidence whatever of his services, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services, he is known to Joseph M. James a clergyman and General John Griffin residence in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He was born in Surry County North Carolina on the 18th day of May 1761. He has a record of his age in a Bible now in his possession given him by his Father.

He was living in Surry County aforesaid, when called into the service, after the Revolutionary War, he continued to reside in Surry County about five years, then removed to the State of Tennessee and settled in what was then Washington County on Roans Creek, resided there about ten years then removed to Kentucky and lived four or five years in Bourbon County, then moved to Madison where he lived four years, from there he removed to the County of Pulaski in which County he then settled and in which he now lives, and has for the last twenty-four years lived in the same neighborhood.

The Body of the Declaration, mentions the names of the officers whom he recollects, having from old age, consequent loss of memory and the long lapse of time (and most of the officers being entire strangers), forgotten all the Officers but those he has mentioned, who were his acquaintances.

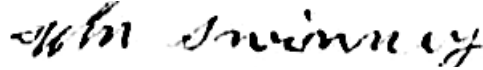
He received a Discharge for the four months, signed by Colonel Joseph Williams, he received a discharge for the three months Tour signed by Colonel Lock, he received a discharge for the last service signed by Captain Mosby, all 3 of which discharges have long anterior to this

been lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or territory.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Wm Swinney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Swinney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Wm Swinney".

[Joseph M James, a clergyman, and John Griffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 5: marriage bond dated December 16, 1842 issued to William Swinney and Elisha Smith in Rockcastle County Kentucky to secure the marriage of William Swinney to Sally Ross.]

[fn p. 7: On May 22, 1858 in Rockcastle County Kentucky, Sarah Swinney, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of William Swinney, 80 pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Rockcastle County Kentucky December 16, 1842; that they were married by Matthew Warren; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Ross; that her husband died in Rockcastle County Kentucky September 9th, 1857 leaving her a widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]