

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Swart¹ W6112

Margaret

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[f p. 12]

State of Kentucky County of Nicholas: SS

On this 19th day of November A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me William Hillock a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes – Margaret Swart widow of James Swart deceased aged eighty-four years a resident of Nicholas County in the State of Kentucky, who being duly sworn by me according to law, declares that she is the lawful widow of the identical James Swart deceased who was a private Cavalry Soldier in the company commanded by Captain ___ in the ___ Regiment of Cavalry Soldiers Virginia Continental line commanded by Generals Lee & Marion a part of the time by the farmer & part by the latter (she believes) in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, declared by the United States on the 4th day of July A.D. 1776. That her said husband volunteered at ___ in the County of Loudon [Loudoun] in the State of Virginia on or about the 1st but not positive as to the time he volunteered day of January A.D. 1777 for the term of during the war (she thinks) and continued in actual service in said war for the term of about four years perhaps longer and was honorably discharged by Congress (she believes) on or about the 31st day of December A.D. 1781 but not certain as will appear by the rolls of the Virginia Continental line (see certificate hereto annexed – she also refers to the muster rolls as evidence of service &c.

She further states that she was married to the said James Swart in the County of Burbon [Bourbon] in the State of Kentucky on the 18th day of May 1795 by one ___ Easton a Minister of the gospel, that her name before her said marriage was Margaret Thomas that her said husband died at his home in Nicholas County Kentucky on the 10th day of May A.D. 18__ and that she has remained a widow ever since his death and is still a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension due her as the widow of the said James Swart both the amount due him at the time of his deceased and the amount to which she may be entitled since his disease as his widow, he never having made any application for the same, during his lifetime under any act of Congress nor has she made any previous application Ward knew that she was entitled under any former act of Congress but now makes this declaration for all that may [be] due her as aforesaid.

S/ Margaret Swart, X her mark

[f p. 6: on April 21, 1856 in Mason County Kentucky, the widow filed a claim for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of James Swart; in this document she states her age is 87; that her

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husband died May 10, 1813; that she is a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$100 per annum. She signed this application with her mark.]

[f p. 19: On March 4, 1853 in Loudoun County Virginia, Hugh Rogers, 85 last May, gave testimony that when he was a well grown boy during the revolutionary war he remembers that John Camp, who was called Sargeant Major Camp, came to the neighborhood recruiting men for Lee's Corps of Cavalry; that John Swart volunteered in such service; that he, deponent, was at the home of Swart's father when Swart departed for the service; that Swart was gone about 3 years and returned after being honorably discharged; that Swart emigrated in 1793 to Kentucky where he died many years ago.

Hugh Rogers]

[f p. 20: William R. Swart, 65, gave testimony in Loudoun County Virginia on July 21, 1853 that he is the son of James Swart, deceased, a soldier of the revolution and the stepson of Margaret Swart, his father's widow; that he was present at the marriage of his father to Margaret Thomas at the house of Thomas Rogers on Stoner Creek in Bourbon County Kentucky in 1796 or 1797 when deponent was about 8 years old; that his father died when he, deponent, was about 22 years old; that his father told him that he served in Lee's Corps of Cavalry and was present at Yorktown at the surrender of Cornwallis

William Swart]

[f p. 23: William R. Swart on December 16, 1853 in Washington County District of Columbia gave another affidavit in which he said he is a resident of Fauquier County Virginia and the son of James Swart and stepson of Margaret Swart; that he has often heard his father say that he was in the service in Lee's Corps and was at the taking of Cornwallis; that his father was in service with William Burr Harrison known as Major Burr Harrison and James Hixon but he does not know if they were under the same officers with his father; that said Harrison purchased his father's bounty land claim for his service in the revolution.]

[f p. 26: On November 7, 1853 in Mason County Kentucky, Samuel Swart gave testimony that he is the 3rd child of James and Margaret Swart; that his sister Phebe was born April 11, 1797; that his parents 2nd child George was born January 25, 1799 and that he, deponent, was born May 27, 1803 and is now 50 years old; that his parents were married in 1796; he also authenticated the Bible record showing the births of the children of his parents as being in the handwriting of his father.

Samuel Swart]

[f p. 64]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of

the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 20th day of August 1783 in the name of James Swart as Soldier Cavalry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £53.15, delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
20th day of November 1852.

S/ Ro Johnston
First Auditor

[No Seal of Office]

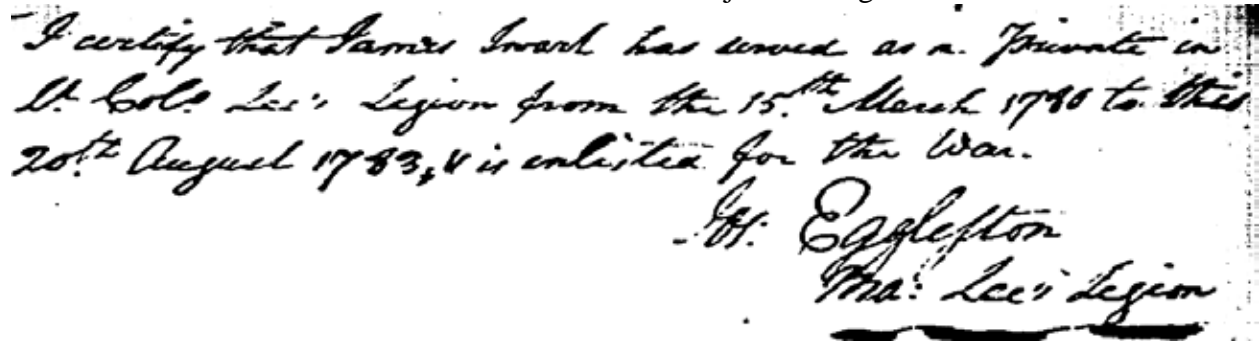
[Facts in file: Margaret Swart, widow of the veteran, had a half brother John Nudigate, son of William Nudigate, living in Mason County, KY in 1853.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online collection relating to bounty land claims may the gains that state contains the following document relating to this veteran:

I certify that James Swart has served as a private in Lt. Colo. Lee's Legion from the 15th of March 1780 to this 20th of August 1783 & is enlisted for the War.

S/ Jos. Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston]
Maj. Lee's Legion



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Maj. Lee's Legion*