

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Swartwood W6114      Mary Magdalen Swartwood      PA  
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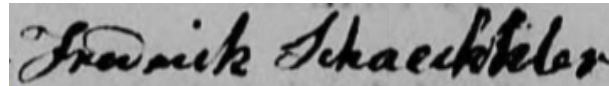
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Northampton County, ss.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1818, before me the subscriber an associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the afores'd County, personally appears Moses Swartwood aged about fifty eight years, resident in Chesnut-Hill [sic: Chestnut Hill] Township in said County, 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 and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war: "that he the s'd Moses Swartwood as he believes about the year 1780 at Easton in the s'd County enlisted in a Company commanded by Captain Irvin [sic: John Irwin] of the 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Reg't. Col'l. Minas [possibly Francis Mentges], on the Continental establishment, That he enlisted for during the war and was discharged at the end of the war at Philadelphia but his discharge is lost. That he was at the Capture of Cornwallis [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] and in several skirmishes to the South. That while in the service he was injured by a team passing over him, the effects of which remain to this day. That he is in reduced circumstances, and by reason of the same and his infirmities stands in need of assistance from his Country for support. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his s'd services. And he hereby relinquishes all claims to any pension to which the laws of the United States may entitle him except the provision of the afores'd act of Congress

Moses hisXmark Swartwont

Northampton county }      Jany 26<sup>th</sup> 1819  
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Personally appeared before me Jno Cooper one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County Fred'k. Shenkler [Fredrick Schaeckhler, pension application S40415], who is well know by me, and on his solemn Oath depose & saith that the within named Moses Swartwont was in the Continental Service at the same time, deponent was. That he served therein more than Nine Months & that his Circumstances are poor, such as stated in his own deposition



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Northampton County Ss        } [13 May 1820]

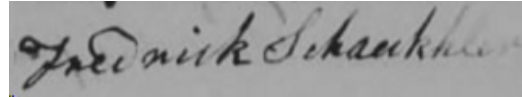
In the Case of the Application of Moses Swartwood of said County for a pension under the Act of Congress of March 18<sup>th</sup> 1818 made before the Honorable John Cooper Esquire. Certificate granted and subsequently suspended.

Thomas Gilmor [S39575], being duly sworn deposes and says, that he is a pensioner under the act of Congress aforesaid, that he was a private of Captain Fairwell's [sic: Isaac Farwell's] Company in Col. Seely's [sic: Joseph Cilley's] Reg't 1<sup>st</sup> of the New Hampshire Line) That in 1779 the said Reg't. being part of Gen. [John] Sullivan's Command was quartered at Easton in the said County for about three weeks, that during that time the deponent assisted in enlisting the said Swartwood in the eighteen months men, and saw him receive the bounty and sign the enlistment. That the deponent believes but he is not sure that the Company in which the applicant enlisted was commanded by Captain Christie.



Frederick Sheckler, of the said County being duly sworn deposes and says. That about the year 1780 the deponent being a private in Captain Stotesbury or Stansbury [John Stotesbury W105] Company of the 2<sup>d</sup> Penna Reg't. being with his Company saw the applicant Swartwood in the army doing duty at Bacon's Bridge [20 mi NW of Charleston], Ashy Hill [sic: Ashley Hill, 12 mi NW of Charleston] in South Carolina. That this deponent believes the applicant to have then been commanded by Colonel Minzes as he was called by the soldiers. That the deponent marched from Easton with the applicant.

Sworn & subscribed before me May 13 1820



Moses Swartwood the applicant above named being duly sworn deposes and says. That he the applicant enlisted at Easton aforesaid, the year he does not recollect, for 18 months, in a company which to the best of his knowledge was commanded by Captain Christie of as he believes Col. [Thomas] Craig's regiment. That the said applicant marched from Easton to Reading under the command of Col. Craig. That from thence He marched to Yorktown where they joined the main army. That the deponent arrived at Yorktown after the Capture of that place. That the deponent afterwards marched South with the army, under the command of Col. Craig, when the deponent was removed or exchanged into another regiment or the command devolved upon Colonel Minzer. That he was discharged at Phila. That before his term of service had expired he enlisted while at the South for during the War under Captain Irwin and was discharged as afores'd at Phila. the war being ended.

Moses hisXmark Swartwout

Sworn & subscribed before me May 13 1820

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, }

Northampton County, ss. }

On this 22<sup>d</sup> day of August 1820, personally appeared, in open court, at a court of Common Pleas, holden at Easton, in and for the aforesaid county of Northampton, the said court being a court of record; proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & keeping a record of its proceedings Moses Swartwood aged nearly Sixty-five years, resident in Chesnut Hill township, in said county, a Pensioner of the United States, under the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 1818, (his certificate being numbered 8.049,) and then and there exhibited to the said court, the following Schedule, subscribed by him, and had and produced before the same, the following Oath also taken and subscribed by him.

I, Moses Swartwood, do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of the property referred to in the foregoing oath, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted.)

I have a small pig – I have a wife living aged about fifty-one years. I have six children living, all boys. The youngest aged about 17 years, who lives with me. My children can support themselves, but not more. I live upon a lot of six acres belonging to my son which affords me a home. I am not able by age and infirmities to earn my living. I owe my son Joseph \$185. H. Fenner about \$7. James Shafer about \$30. and about \$20. to other persons. There is about \$4, owing to me.

Moses hisXmark Swartwood

[On 30 April 1828 Moses Swartwood made the following statement in support of the application by Fredrick Schaeckler S40415:]

Moses Swortwood of the County of Northampton aged sixty two years, being duly sworn according to law

says, That he is well acquainted with Frederick Sheckler, that he and the said Frederick enlisted in this County in the year 1781 for the term of eighteen months that we marched together to the neighbourhood of Reading in this State, and were then placed in the Company commanded by Captain Claypole [Abraham George Claypole] in the third Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, commanded by Colonel Craig, on the Continental establishment. We marched from thence to Yorktown in Virginia and from thence to South Carolina – where the third Regiment was reduced and both Sheckler and this deponent placed in Captain Stadsburys Company in the second Regiment. At the expiration of the term of service for which we both enlisted Sheckler returned home with Capt. Stadsburys company and deponent again enlisted for a longer term of service. He receives a pension from the United States

NOTES:

On 13 May 1820 William K. Sitgreaves, agent for Moses Swartwood, made a statement that reads in part as follows: “That the said Swartwood appears to be a man of an exceedingly weak mind and whether by age, infirmities or other causes his memory is almost totally impaired.”

On 24 Jan 1845 Mary Magdalena Swartwood of Upper Mount Bethel Township in Northampton County stated that she was married in Craig’s Settlement in that county on 11 Jan 1787 to Moses Swartwood, who died on 11 Sep 1844. She stated that they had six children, three of whom still lived, and that the oldest, Jacob Swartwood, was born on 6 Aug 1790, went West, and died several years previously. Her declaration was certified by John Swartwood, who stated that he was born on 28 April 1797 as the fourth child of Moses and Mary Magdalena Swartwood. John Swartwood gave the following information about two other children: Joseph Swartwood, born about two years after Jacob, also deceased; and Daniel Swartwood, about 50.

The file contains the birth certificate in German of Jacob, son of Moses Schwarwdtwuth and his wife, Mary Magdalena, née Laudebach. Godparents were Jacob and Sussanna Schehet[?].

On 24 July 1848 Mary Magdalena Swartwood was said to be 77.

On 12 Jan 1855 it was certified that Mary Magdalena Swartwood died on 27 March 1851, leaving the following three children: John, Daniel, and Peter.