

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sweatman W6116

Lavinia (Lavina) fn

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Georgia Thomas County: On this 6th day of March 1830 Personally appeared in open Court it being a court of record for the County aforesaid William Sweatman a resident of the said County, aged sixty-six years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said William Sweatman enlisted for the term of 12 months of the __ day of __ in the year of ___ in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Thomas Rhodes in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until __ when he was discharged from the service in or near Bacons bridge in the State of South Carolina that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State, except North Carolina; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That he considered himself competent to procure a decent Support for his family by his personal labor and felt it a shame to burden government with his support while such was his situation. But old age and infirmities have compelled him to throw himself poor and penniless on the Government of his Country.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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 property

That the following property viz. 275 acres of pine land in North Carolina worth \$300 3 head of horses worth \$120, small stock cattle worth \$21 Stock of hogs worth about \$50 was all the property that I owned on the 18th of March 1818 except necessary bedding & clothing & farming tools & ??

S/ William Sweatman, X his mark

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my the property

The above Land with hogs & one horse	Sold by the Sheriff Duplin County North Carolina	sold in 1820	Received no money it going satisfy execution for Surety & other contracts mostly for the former
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That it is not in my power at this time if it will be at all to procure a certificate from the Sheriff of the County in which I lived in North Carolina I having removed to Georgia since the Sale of my effects. Since my removal my horses all died that is to, my cards have been spent for the rent of land and bread for my family and for which I am partly embedded yet age and misfortune their heavy on me and without public or private Charity I see very little prospect but suffering I am a farmer by occupation my family are 8 in number of myself inclusive that is Sarah aged 28, Eliza Anne 22, Alice aged 20, John 18, Zacheus 16 unable to labor on account of his being afflicted with the palsy; George W Sweatman a grandson 15. And my wife Lavina Sweatman age 60 my oldest hired out to try and pay my debts incurred for provisions and rent.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this 6th day of March 1830.

S/ William Sweatman, X his mark

S/ TJ Johnson, JIC

S/ Duncan Ray JIC

S/ Aaron Everitt, JIC

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State of North Carolina Lenoir County

Personally appeared before me Abner Pearce one of the Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid Ezekiel Whaley¹ and after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that William Sweatman was a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army of the United States and that he the said William Sweatman served as the deponent verily believes 12 months during said war.

Sworn & subscribed to before made this 24th March 1827



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State of North Carolina Duplin County

This day David Quinn² personally appeared before me Gibson Sloan one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that William Sweatman was a Soldier in the revolutionary war of the United

¹ [Ezekiel Whaley S42064](#)

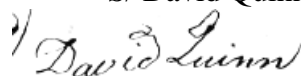
² [David Quinn W4771](#)

States in the 12 months Service and that he believes the said William Sweatman did serve as a Soldier the whole time of 12 months.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 26 day of April 1827

S/ Gibson Sloan, JP

S/ David Quinn



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Georgia Thomas County: Personally appeared before me William Sweatman who being duly sworn deposeth and saith

That he served 12 months during the revolutionary war between Great Britain and America as a private Soldier in the North Carolina Continental line under the Command of Colonel Armstrong and in the company of Captain Joseph T Rhodes and during my time of service was in the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] under General Greene. I was at the expiration of my Service marched to Wilmington North Carolina and there discharged. But from the long lapse of time and removing to another State I have lost my certificate the deponent further states that he has never received the first cent from the United States nor from any source in bounty money or pension for said Services either when they were performed or since.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th of October 1828

[fn p. 49: On April one, 1837 in Thomas County Georgia, Loviny Swetmon, 66, filed for a widow pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Swetman, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on the 17th or 18th day of August 1787; and that her husband died December 24, 1835.]

[fn p. 19: On February 2, 1841 in Thomas County Georgia, Levina Sweatman, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Sweatman, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him on the 17th or 18th of August 1787; that her husband died December 24, 1835.]

[fn p. 5: On May 13, 1851, the justices of the Thomas County Georgia Inferior Court found that Levina Sweatman died February 5, 1850 leaving the following children surviving are who had been heard from in the last 3 or 4 years namely Allice Davis formerly Allice Sweatman, Sarah Carroll formerly Sarah Sweatman, Eliza Alderman formerly Eliza Sweatman and Mary Brown formerly Mary Sweatman.]

[fn p. 8: family record

Shadrach Sweatman [the son of] William and Lavina Sweatman was born August 10th 1790

Polly Sweatman the Daughter of William & Lavina Sweatman was born June 17th 1793

Patsy Sweatman the daughter of William and Lavina Sweatman was born April 17th 1795

Alford Sweatman the son of William and Levina Sweatman was born December 14th 1797

Sarah Sweatman the Daughter of William & Levina Sweatman was born August 30th 1800

Keziah Sweatman the daughter of William and Keziah Sweatman was born April 15th 1786

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing March 28, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]