

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Swindle W8774

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State of Kentucky County of Boone: Sct.

On this 3rd day of December 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Boone County Court now sitting John Swindle a resident of said County of Boone & State of Kentucky aged eighty-six 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 in the forepart of the year 1778 as well as he recollects he was drafted to serve a two months tour in the militia as a private under Captain __ Hill [perhaps Captain Henry Hill] in Culpeper County Virginia where he then lived and he did serve said tour of two months in the Service of the United States under Captain Hill & Colonel Barbour by marching to the Albemarle barracks & guarding the British prisoners at that place. Sometime after returning home perhaps one year he was again drafted to serve a tour of two months in the militia under Captain Jos. Wood [Joseph Wood] and served said tour under said Wood in which time he marched from Culpeper down to Falmouth in Virginia & was engaged in guarding that place & its vicinity & Country around under General Green [Nathanael Greene?] he thinks at the expiration of the tour he returned home & in 1781 in the Spring or in the forepart of the summer he was again drafted to serve a tour of two months under Captain Wm Staunton [?] and served it with said Staunton under Colonel Alcock & Major Welch in the service of the United States by marching to the Morbin hills [Malvern Hills] & to York on James River & was discharged a short time before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] the militia that came on to relieve the troops he was in were engaged in a week or two after they arrived in taking Cornwallis. He was in no particular engagement but in some small skirmishes with small parties as they might occasionally meet while in the service & he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the Testimony of Samuel Rouse¹ here with enclosed – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State –

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in Open court

Att: S/ Willis Graves, Clerk

S/ John Swindle, X his mark

[Michael Rouse, a clergyman, and Peter Daniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 18]

Kentucky Boone County Sct.

¹ FPA S14360

The Deposition of Samuel Rouse a resident of said County aged eighty years who being duly sworn before me a Justice of the Peace of said County deposes that he lived in the County of Culpeper & State of Virginia during the time of the revolutionary war and was well acquainted with John Swindle who is an applicant for a pension for service rendered in the revolutionary war whose declaration is herewith transmitted, and this affiant well recollects that said Swindle did serve the Tour of two months of which he speaks under Captain William Staunton [?] at the Morbin Hills in the service of the United States which two months expired a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis as he was present when said Swindle was discharged & they were relieved by this affiant & others who [word or words written over and illegible] company in which he was who soon after took Cornwallis or aided [one or more indecipherable words] – and from the circumstances which existed & the affiant's recollection of said Swindle he believes that said Swindle served the other two tours of two months each of which he speaks in his declaration under Captain Hill & Wood & further this deponent sayeth not & hereto set his hand & seal this fourth day of December 1832

S/ Samuel Rouse, S his mark

[f p. 10: On September 4, 1843 in Boone County Kentucky, Hannah Swindle, 90, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Swindle, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1770 and that her husband died August 20, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 8: On September 4, 1843 in Boone County Kentucky, Elizabeth Daniels, 69, gave testimony that she is the daughter of John & Hannah Swindle; that all record of her parents' marriage has been lost; that she well recollects her father saying that he married her mother in 1770.]

[f p. 20: On December 21, 1844 in Boone County Kentucky, Michael Rouse, 68, gave testimony that he was born in Culpeper County Virginia; that about the year 1795 he married a daughter of John and Hannah Swindle; that he was acquainted with John and Hannah Swindle from his earliest recollection; that John and Hannah raised a family of 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls; that he married one of the girls and removed to North Carolina where they lived about 13 years then removed to Kentucky in the year 1809 or 10.]

[f p. 16: On April 26, 1845 in Boone County Kentucky, Michael Rouse, gave testimony that he was born in Culpeper County Virginia in 1776 or 1777 and continued to live there until 1795 when he married a daughter of John and Hannah Swindle; that from his best information his wife was born in the year 1777.

Michael Rouse]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]