Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Swaney R10336
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State of Missouri County of St. Louis: SS

On this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared in the County Court for the County and State aforesaid, at the City of St. Louis before the Judges of the said Court, Jacob Swaney, a resident of the County of Jefferson, in the State of Missouri aforesaid, aged seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer, sometime in or about the year 1780 or 81 or 2, but by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise time. That he entered as such private and volunteer into the Company commanded by Captain John Hubbard, and which said Company of volunteers formed a part of the Regiment which was under the command of Colonel George Rogers Clark, in the Virginia line. That he served in said service from time to time, and under various officers for between two and three years, sometimes in the capacity of such volunteer, at others, acting as an Indian Spy and again in the militia service. That according to the best of his recollection, he served three months under the said Captain Hubbard, for fourteen months under Captain James Pygott [could be James Piggott]¹, for three months under Captain John Edgar, and eighteen months under Captain George Atchison in the said Regiment. That he entered into the said service at the Falls of the Ohio, and was in two skirmishes against the Indians on the Ohio River, while defending the same near its mouth, in which he received two wounds: – one of which was in the back of his neck and which fractured the jawbone in passing through his neck along the same and the other of which was in his right hand, by which he has ever since lost the use of three of his fingers.

As soon as the hostilities of the Indians had ceased, this affiant went to Kaskaskia, in Illinois, where he resided for several years, and after which he moved to his present place of residence, where he has remained ever since: and where he would have appeared in Court, but that he is residence is near a to the City of St. Louis, he is known to the Court here, and has friends of whose age he could avail himself to get his pension – for the services he has rendered his country, having none where he resides who are sufficiently versed [?based?] in such [indecipherable word] and by whose assistance he can hope to prevail in securing his claim.

This applicant knows of no other person now living and within his reach by whom he can establish the above facts, and is therefore without any other evidence than such as he has already

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furnished. At the time he entered into the said service, he resided at the Falls of the Ohio, and during the whole of the said time he was so engaged in service as aforesaid he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

And this affiant further states, that he is informed and believes, that the said Company of volunteers under the command of Captain Hubbard, was not mentioned in the regular returns of the Virginia line, and he therefore believes that he is incapable of referring to any documentary evidence to confirm what he has stated in relation thereto.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid S/ Henry Chauteau, Clerk S/ Jacob Swaney, X his mark [James McMeans and Margret Carter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[In December 1852 in St. Louis County Missouri, John Boly [or Boby] of Jefferson County Missouri filed power of attorney in which he states he is the legal heir of Jacob Swaney without stating his relationship, if any, to the veteran.]