

Pension Application for William Swan

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State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this 14th July 1842 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the said County of Orange and State aforesaid Sarah Swan a resident of the Town of Warwick County and State aforesaid aged seventy eight years on the 22 of October last. Who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838. That she is the widow of William Swan who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution that as she has been informed and believes to be true her husband the said William Swan was out with the malitia [militia] in 1776 and in 1777 he enlisted in a company of Artillery commanded by Captain Woody for three years in Col. Lamb's regiment and that she said William swan was taken prisoner at the Battle of Fort Montgomery and held a prisoner about eleven months and after he got clear he went back into Captain Moody[s] Company and served out his three years that he enlisted for. He then entered the service for three months in the Malitia and served three months also done two or three other small tours of service but is unable to give the Captain's names.

She further declares on her oath that she has frequently heard her husband the said William swan, in his lifetime speak of his services as sett forth in the foregoing declaration particularly his service in Capt. Moody[s] Company and his being a prisoner and her manner he was treated while a prisoner. She further declares that she was married on the 13th day of June 1785 by the Rev'd Amzi Lewis then the Presbyterian Pastor of the Church in the Village of Florida in the County of Orange and State foresaid.

She further declares that her husband the said William Swan died on the 19th day of May 1829 and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband the said William swan. That she has no documentary evidence in her possession of her said husband services and must rely upon the records and such other evidence as she may be able to find and that her name before marriage was Sarah Oldfield, and that the marriage did not take place previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the first of January 1794 viz at the time above stated.

She further declares on her oath that a short time previous to the death of Captain Moody. Captain Moody sent work to her husband the said William Swan that he would see that her husband the said William Swan should get his land. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Swan.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me by making her mark the day and year above mentioned.
Miles Hughes one of the Judges of Orange County Courts.

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for Orange County John Swan a resident of the town of Warwick County and State aforesaid aged fifty six years on the 6th day of May 1842 who being duly sworn according to law says on his oath that he is the oldest child of William swan and Sarah Swan and that the following is a true copy of my age or birth taken from my Family Bible.

Family Record

Births: John Swan was born 6th May 1786. Then follows the record of the birth of my wife and children. Nine in number.

He further says on his oath that he has frequently heard his father the said William Swan in his life time speak of enlisting under Capt. Moody in the artillery and of his being in the Battle at Fort Montgomery and of his being taken prisoner at said battle of his being a prisoner Eleven Months and the manner that he was treated while a prisoner and of his being confined in the Sugar House while a

prisoner. He further says on his oath that in the life time of his father this deponent spoke to his father the said William swan about applying for a pension and that this deponent's father replied that he was able to live without it and that he considered it would be a disgrace to him to apply. He further says that his mother the said Sarah Swan is now an applicant for a pension under the law of 1838. (Signed) John Swan.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of July 1842. John Sly, Justice of the Peace.