

Pension Application for Adam Swart

R.10340

State of New York

County of Monroe SS.

On this eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, personally appeared in open court before "the Mayor's Court of the City of Rochester" in said county, now sitting, Adam Swart, a resident of the City of Rochester, in the County of Monroe and State of Rochester, in the County of Monroe and State of New York aged seventy-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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, viz: That Abraham Wemple was Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged, who resided in the now City of Schenectady in the County of Schenectady and State of New York; that John VanPatten was captain and Tunis Swart (the father of this Declarant) was lieutenant of the company in said regiment to which he, this declarant belonged; that Frederick VanPatten was also a member of said company, and according to the best of this declarant's recollection, held the office of Ensign therein; that said company was an embodied corps called into service of the United States by the State of New York, as this declarant was then and always has been informed and believes; that he enlisted into said company as a private and volunteer, in the month of April or May in the year 1780 (the exact day of the month or which of said months this declarant does not now recollect) but he is certain that he entered the service as aforesaid in one or the other of said months in said year, 1780; that he continued in the service of the United States as a private in said company from the time of his enlistment, as aforesaid, to the termination of the revolutionary war in 1783; that at the time of his entering such service as aforesaid, he resided on the "Schenectady Patent", so called, in the now town of Glenville in the County of Schenectady and State of New York Aforesaid; that his services were rendered in the garrison or fort commonly called "Swart's Fort", also known by the name of "Linker's Hill Fort", situate about four and a half miles westerly from The City of Schenectady, in the County of Schenectady aforesaid, upon "Linker's Hill", so called, which said fort was the place of rendezvous of said company of said John VanPatten; that to the more youthful portion of said company was assigned the guard of said fort, while those of more mature age and hardy constitutions went out on tours, scouts and marches; and that this claimant, being at the time of his enlistment, a little under the age of thirteen years, was not ordered by the officers to leave the fort on any of their excursions; but to this declarant at such times as entrusted and committed the command of said fort and of his fellow-soldier who remained with him to protect said fort; that he did, however, then, and at all times, when the company were in said fort, regularly take his turn in keeping guard and standing sentry; that during the whole period, from his enlistment to the close of the war, he was not employed in any civil pursuit, but during the whole time was subject to and discharged, according to the best of his ability, the duties imposed upon him by his officers; that in said fort were stored the ammunitions of the company aforesaid, and during a considerable portion of said period, the furniture, women, children, the sick of the company, and other persons of the neighborhood, who were unable to do service as the safety of that vicinity seemed to demand; that he did not receive a discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence of his service or of the number of said company aforesaid and during a considerable portion of said period the furniture, women, children, the sick of the company and other persons of the neighborhood, who were unable to do service as the safety of that vicinity seemed to demand; that he did not receive a discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence of his service or of the number of the company or regiment to which he belonged, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, except the above mentioned Frederick VanPatten, or Rebecca Bradford, the sister of said

Frederick VanPatten who resided when this declarant last knew them, in the town of Glenville, aforesaid, but whether they or either of them, are now living, this declarant has no knowledge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not to a pension roll of the agency of any State or territory, nor has he ever before applied for a pension. (Signed) Adam Swart

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Alfred Ely, Clerk of the Mayor's Court of the City of Rochester.

In the Mayor's Court of the City of Rochester, in the County of Monroe, and State of New York.

Interrogatories to be administered to Adam Swart of the City of Rochester touching the services alleged to have been rendered by him in the Revolutionary War, and the Declaration hereunto prefixed, propounded in the open Court by the Judges of the Mayor's Court of the City of Rochester, now sitting on this eighth day of March, 1844.

First Interrogatory—Where and in what year were you born?

Second Interrogatory—Have you any record of your age? And if so, where is it?

Third Interrogatory—Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live?

Fourth Interrogatory—How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer; or were you a substitute; and if a substitute for whom?

Fifth Interrogatory—State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; and such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your service.

Sixth Interrogatory—Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Seventh Interrogatory—State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

In the Mayor's Court of the City of Rochester, in the County of Monroe, and State of New York.

On this 8th day of March 1844, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Mayor's Court of the City of Rochester in said county, Adam Swart, a resident of said city, who being duly sworn according to law to answer truly the interrogatories which were propounded to him in open court, in relation to his application for a pension on account of his services in the revolutionary war, and which said interrogatories are above set forth; answereth and saith to the first interrogatory; that he was born on the "Schenectady Patent", so called in the now town of Glenville, in the County of Schenectady and State of New York, on the fourteenth day of August, seventeen hundred and sixty-seven.

To the second interrogatory he saith, that there was a record of his age and baptism in the Dutch Reformed Church, the then village (now city) of Schenectady, in the County of Schenectady before mentioned; he believes that said record now exists and is preserved in said church. He has now no other record of his age.

To the third interrogatory he saith, that at the time he enlisted he lived on the Schenectady Patent, aforesaid, that he continued to reside there after the close of the revolutionary war until the year 1791, when he moved to the town of Charlton, Saratoga County, N.Y.; that he lived there till 1832, when he removed to St. Johnsville, Montgomery County, N.Y.; thence he removed to Seneca Falls in Seneca County, N. York; thence to Syracuse, Onondaga County, N.York; thence to the City of Rochester, where he now resides, and has resided since May 1841.

To the fourth interrogatory he said, that he enlisted as a private and volunteer.

To the fifth interrogatory, he saith, that Abram. Wemple was Colonel of the regiment, John VanPatten Captain, and Tunis Swart Lieutenant of the Company to which he belonged; that according to the best of his recollection and belief, Frederick VanPatten was an ensign in said company, but of this he is not distinct in his recollection.

That Tunis Swart, the Lieutenant aforesaid, was the father of this claimant; that he knew no other officers than those before mentioned; that the company to which he belonged made their place of rendezvous at Swart's Fort on Linker's Hill about four and a half miles west of the City of Schenectady aforesaid; that he enlisted at his father's request, and in pursuance of his own inclination, in the month of April or May 1780; cannot state the time more definitely; and continued as a member of said company in the service of the service of the United States until the close of the revolutionary war in 1783; that he did not go on any marches, scouts, or tours, but remained in said fort by the command of his officers to guard the fort; that others of said company were left with him for the same purpose, to whom this duty was particularly assigned while a portion of the company were absent and that at such times, and also when the company, were present, he regularly took his turn in keeping guard or sentry.

To the sixth interrogatory, he saith he never did receive a discharge.

To the seventh interrogatory he saith, that Abram Truex and Bartlett Flanders, Christopher Jordan and a few others know in his present neighborhood and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

That since his residence in this city he has been too infirm to admit of his attending church or forming many acquaintances; that he was brought up in the Dutch Reformed Church, and he knows of no minister of that denomination in this city, nor has he formed acquaintance with any minister of any other denomination; that he lives with his two daughters; that they are members of the second Baptist Church of this city; that he has not had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with their present minister or any other minister now residing in this city and that he is poor. (Signed) Adam Swart.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 8th day of March 1844.
Alfred Ely, clerk