

### Pension Application for Anthony Swarthout

R.10344 (Widow: Elizabeth)  
Private, Captain Wood, Col. Nichols  
State of New York  
Steuben County ss.

On this Sixteenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Anthony Swarthout a resident of the Town of Wayne in the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy three 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: towit, That in July 1776 at Chester in Orange County New York where he then resided, he enlisted in Captain John Woods Company, in the Regiment of which Moses Hatfield was Major, but the name of the Colonel he has forgotten, in Genl. James Clintons Brigade, for the term of nine months. That he served out the Five months and was discharged at said Town of Chester by Captain Wood, and had a written discharge which has been lost; That during said service he was in the Battles of Flat Bush on Long Island, under Lord Sterling, at Harlaem Heights, at York Island and at White Plains; That after said discharge he was pressed with his team and went with a part of the army to the Pennsylvania line, and was then in service about Two months; That in the year 1777 the year that Burgoine surrendered & when the British shipping went up the North River to Esopus and burnt that place, he was ordered out in Captain John Jacksons Company in Colonel Nichols Regiment of New York Militia, and was in service the greater part of the summer and fall. That he joined his Company and was discharged at said Town of Chester and was then in service not less than five months; That he continued in the service in said Captain Jacksons Company and Colonel Nichols Regiment and was on duty more or less every year untill the close of the war or untill the British evacuated New York. That he cannot particularise the days and months of his said services as he was more or less on duty every year; That one year he thinks it was in 1780 he was sent to West Point and worked there several weeks; That in 1779 he went out to the Frontiers with said Captain Wood and was engaged with the Indians in the Battle of Beaver Brook, when said Captain Wood was made prisoner; That he was repeatedly out on alarms from the Indians, Tories, British and Cowboys; That he frequently was sent in pursuit of Claudius Smith a notorious Tory who had joined the British, and was in the habit of committing depredations on the neighbourhood stealing cattle, horses &c; and That in all he was in actual service not less than Two years exclusive of the service rendered in 1776 and 1777; That he was born in Chester in Orange County, New York and lived there untill immediately after the war when he removed to Pennsylvania, from thence to Seneca County New York and then to his present residence where he has resided for Twenty two years; That he has no documentary evidence of his services; that 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 or Territory  
(signed) Anthony Swarthout

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid M. S. Ramsey Dep Clk Steuben County

State of New York

County of Steuben ss. On the 26 day of July 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Judge of the court in and for said county Elizabeth Swarthout of the town of Wayne in said county and state, aged Eighty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the "act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" (and also a further Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 3d March 1843, granting pensions for one year to certain widows who have received pensions under the act of July 7, 1838) That she is the widow of Anthony Swarthout who was a pensioner of the United States, and a Soldier in the War of the Revolution. That her said husband was in the battle of White plaines & did much service in the war of the Revolution & recd. a pension of thirty three dollars and thirty three cents per annum. She further declares that she was married to the said Anthony Swarthout in the year (1778) Seventeen hundred and seventy eight, that her said husband, the aforesaid Anthony Swarthout died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1842, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that he was in the service before her said marriage to him, & that she cannot from want of memory recollect, whether he was, or was not in the service after her said marriage but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 seventeen hundred & ninety four, viz, at the time above stated.

Subscribed & sworn before me this 26 day of July 1843

(signed by her mark) Elizabeth Swarthout

J Larrow First Judge of Steuben County

Letter in file dated March 11, 1932.

War Department, Washington DC

To the Director of Pensions.

Dear Sir; I am a man in my seventy-sixth year. My daughter is anxious to join the D.A.R. I have a letter from the adjutant's office advising me to write to you.

My greatgrandfather was Anthony Swarthout. There is no doubt he was a soldier in the American Revolution under Steuben & was a member of the body guard of the General at least for a time. My father remembered him well & I can remember talking with old men when I was a boy who knew him well. After the war he settled about a mile south of what is now Keuka Landing on the east side of Crooked Lake (now Keuka) & he & his wife are buried on the farm. "He was a great big Dutchman."

The name may have been spelled differently at that time but on his tombstone it is spelled as above. Some spell it "Swartwout" now. His first name may be "Anton" on the records. My grandfather was left rather wealthy for that time & spent his time trying to reduce the visible of whiskey. He died comparatively young. I despised the drunken old cus & I never heard him say that he had a father even.

For my daughter's sake I would like to verify the fact. Personally I have no doubt. Can you help us? Respt R. B. Swarthout. Nepera Park, NY. Westchester Co.

Letter in file dated November 10, 1925.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.10344, it appears that Anthony Swarthout was born July 4, 1759, in Chester, Orange County, New York.

While a resident of said place he enlisted in July, 1776, and served five months as private in Captain John Wood's Company, Colonel Nichols' New York Regiment; he was in the battles of Flat Bush, Harlem Heights, York Island and White Plains. He then served two months as teamster, officers not stated. He enlisted in 1777 and served five months as private in Captain John Jackson's Company, Colonel Nichols' New York Regiment. He continued to serve at various times until the British evacuated New York, amounting to two years in all, under Captains John Jackson and Wood and Colonel Nichols; he was in the battle of Beaver Brook.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 16, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Wayne, Steuben County, New York. He died October 11, 1842.

He married in 1778 Elizabeth (her maiden name not stated) who was born October 17, 1758. She died January 10, 1843.

Children of Anthony and Elizabeth Swarthout:

Catharine born March 9, 1779.

Anna born January 4, 1781.

Ezekiel born August 29, 1782.

John L. born October 30, 1784.

Caleb born December 24, 1786.

Elizabeth born October 13, 1788.

Henry born April 13, 1790.

Lovina born April 9, 1793.

Mary born April 10, 1795.

George F. born October 28, 1796.

Andrew D. born January 16, 1800.

Asa born October 3, 1802.

The above noted is the only Anthony Swarthout found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.