

Pension Application for Teunis Swart

R.10342

Letter in file dated January 6, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Teunis Swart (name variously spelled) who served as Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War and led the troops at the battle of West Canada Creek and who died prior to October, 1832.

The record of Teunis Swart follows as found in pension claim, R. 10342, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth, age and names of the parents of Teunis Swart are not shown.

Teunis Swart was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in Captain John VanPatten's company, Colonel Abraham Wemples's New York Regiment June 20, 1778, served from Albany County, New York, in all the principal expeditions up the Mohawk River, and while serving in one expedition in 1781, commanded the advance guard under Colonel Willett in the battle of West Canada Creek in which the British Colonel Butler was killed, many wounded and fourteen of the British taken prisoners. Lieutenant Teunis Swart's dwelling-house was used during this expedition as a fort. He served to the close of the war.

Teunis Swart married prior to the Revolutionary War, date not stated, Margaret Mynderse who died several years prior to February 21 or 24, 1830, when he died.

The only children of Teunis Swart and his wife, Margaret, whose names were designated in the claim were Jacob Swart and Barney Swart.

Jacob Swart, of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York, and Barney Swart, of Charlton, Saratoga County, that state, applied June 15, 1848, for pension which might have been due them as the children and only surviving heirs at law of Teunis Swart, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. Their ages were not stated.

The claim for pension was not allowed as there was no provision of law under which children of soldiers of the Revolutionary War were entitled to pension

Reference was made in the claim to Harmon Mynderse, brother of Lieutenant Swart's wife, Margaret, but no details given in regard to him.