

Washington 20th May 1804
Comptrolers Office
Dear Sir
Immediately upon receiving your letter I called at the
Department of War, and after some inquiry left your letter in the hands
of Mr. Gentry again called and received your letter with an informed
person as the result of the inquiry in the following words "It appears by the
minutes of the 8th Regt of Foot that Edward Swain enlisted
in Capt. McCoin's Comp^y for the war - he enlisted the 7th July 1777 as
a Corporal, was appointed sergeant in August 1777, was raised to a Captain
September 1777 and in Jan^y 1778 appointed a Major. There is no
evidence what time he was discharged or how long he continued in service
Yours
Capt. of War Accounts Office
May 20th 1804

Edward Swain
Donation Land
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