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REPORT
UPON AN APPLICATION FOR THE

PARDON
of William D. Swan
Dist. Columbia
Record P, Page 532

1896.

Case filed March 12, 1896.

Case filed _____, 189 .

To the President,

July 27, 1896.

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Executive Mansion,

July 29, 1896
Domic

The representations concerning the health of this Comrade are hardly sufficient in my opinion to justify his removal on the basis of the character of his offense and the brief duration of his sentence. He has such a bad health should be considered in his case
G. C.

UNITED STATES) S. Jail, dated July 21, 1896.
)
vs. Physician) PETITION FOR PARDON. July 20, 1896.
)
WILLIAM D. SWAN.) S. Jail, dated July 25, 1896.
9. Report Physician) Docket Entries. July 28, 1896.

Police Court of the District of Columbia.

<u>January 1, 1896.</u>	Informed against for keeping disorderly house.
<u>January 3, 1896.</u>	Pleaded not guilty.
<u>January 3, 1896.</u>	Tried and convicted.
<u>January 3, 1896.</u>	Sentenced to three hundred days in jail; which term of imprisonment, with good time allowance, will expire September 19, 1896.

Enclosures.

1. Petition.
2. Report A. A. Birney, U. S. Attorney. (Very adverse.--Trial Judge concurring).
3. Docket entries.
4. Report Warden U. S. Jail D. C., dated March 16, 1896.
5. Report Physician U. S. Jail D. C.

6. Report Warden U. S. Jail, dated July 21, 1896.

7. Report Physician U. S. Jail, dated July 20, 1896.

8. Report Warden U. S. Jail, dated July 25, 1896.

9. Report Physician U. S. Jail, dated July 25, 1896.

POLICE COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

United States) Offense: Keeping disorderly house, and
vs.) Sentenced on January 3, 1896, three hundred days
William D. Swan,)

The petitioner, William D. Swan, in the Police Court of the District of Columbia, was informed against for keeping a disorderly house, pleaded not guilty to the charge, was tried, convicted and sentenced on January 3, 1896, to imprisonment for three hundred days in the U. S. Jail D. C.; which term of imprisonment, with good time allowance, will expire September 19, 1896.

The petition, endorsed by numerous citizens of the District of Columbia, asks that pardon may be granted for the following reasons: "1st. Because he has always been a hard working and in-

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

J. M.

In correspondence on this subject quote
the above initials and file number.

WASHINGTON, D. C. the fact of his contin-
ous employment by General Dudley, July 27, 1896. known citizens
of the District of Columbia.

POLICE COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. the sentence imposed in
petitioner's case.

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The President,

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District of Columbia, was informed against for keeping a disorder-
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and sentenced on January 3, 1896, to imprisonment for three hun-
dred days in the U. S. Jail D. C.; which term of imprisonment, most
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The petition, endorsed by numerous citizens of the District
of Columbia, asks that pardon may be granted for the following
reasons:- "1st. Because he has always been a hard working and in-

"dustrious man, as is best evidenced by the fact of his continuous employment by General Dudley, one of the well known citizens of the District of Columbia.

"2d. Because of the unusual severity of the sentence imposed in petitioner's case.

"3d. Because if pardoned he will hereafter live a proper and law abiding life."

On March 14, 1896, A. A. Birney, U. S. Attorney, made the following report in regard to the case:—"This petition is wholly without merit. While the charge of keeping a disorderly house does not on its face differ from other cases in which milder sentences have been imposed, the prisoner was in fact convicted of one of the most horrible and disgusting offences known to the law; an offense so disgusting that it is unnamed. This is not the first time that the prisoner has been convicted of this crime, and his evil example in the community must have been most corrupting. In my opinion, he should have been sentenced, had it been possible, to so long a period in the penitentiary that his presence in the community could never again pollute it. I therefore recommend that the petition be denied."

Yours respectfully,

William C. Dudley
Warden Attorney.

Hon. T. F. Miller, U. S. Judge, in an endorsement states that he thoroughly endorses the report made by the District Attorney.

Friends of Swan have recently called at this office and stated that his health was in such a precarious condition that further confinement will endanger not only his health but his life. It has also been stated by these friends that it was recently thought several times that Swan was dying.

On March 16, 1896, the Physician of the U. S. Jail certifies that after a careful examination he finds that William D. Swan is in very good health.

On July 20, 1896, the Physician of the U. S. Jail D. C. certifies that he has examined Swan, who he finds is affected with a disease of the heart, and the confinement in jail is seriously impairing his health.

On July 25, 1896, the Physician of the Jail reports that after a careful and continued examination of William D. Swan he is of the opinion that further confinement will endanger his life and health.

The papers are herewith enclosed.

Yours respectfully,

William C. Rudick Jr.
Pardon Attorney.

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Petition

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William D. Swan

PARDON FILE

MAR 12 1896

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To His Excellency

The President of the United States.

The petition of William Doysey Swan, respectfully represents:

That he is a resident of Washington City, District of Columbia, and has resided therein all his life; that by occupation he has been a house servant in the home of General Dudley, for the last eleven years.; that he was tried, and convicted in the Police Court of the District of Columbia, on the 15th day of January A.D. 1896, for being the keeper of a disorderly house, and was sentenced to ten months in jail; the Honorable Thomas F. Miller, being the presiding Justice at said trial, and the United States, being represented by Alexander Mallowney Esq; and petitioner earnestly prays that a pardon may be granted him for the following ~~reasons~~: *reasons*:

1st. Because he has always been a hard working, and industrious man, as is best evidenced by the fact, of his continuouse employment by general Dudley, one of the well known citizens of the District of Columbia.

2nd. Because of the unusual severity of the sentence imposed in petitioner 's case.

3rd. Because if pardoned he will hereafter live a proper and law abiding life; wherefore he prays that executive clemency may be extended to him, and in duty bound he will ever pray &c.,.

W. D. Swan
District Jail -

We the undersigned citizens of the District of Columbia, do respectfully ask that a pardon may be granted the above petitioner .

Richard B. Bunting

William B. Talbert
B. B. Eschridge
Oscar Fiddling

Jane Brown

Jack Geary

Robert L. Mott

Jim Smith

Edward Cooper

Anna Wilson

J. W. Carter

John Green

Jas. H. Scott

Carrie Watkins

Robert Short

James Brown

J. C. Lyons 14 20 K & L
N. W.

William H. Scott
Simon S. Washington.

Robert Harris

W. E. Hayes

Chas E. Talliferro.

Joseph B. Davis

Benjamin Proctor

David D. Brown

Wm A. Hean King

Nathan Puffer

Henry W. Duckett

Henry Johnson

William H. Bell

March 14. 1896

No 2.

Report A. A. Birney
U.S. Attorney.

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William D. Swan

PARLON FILES

MAR 16 1896

DEPT. OF JUSTICE.

ARTHUR A. BIRNEY,
U. S. ATTORNEY.

HUGH T. TAGGART,
ASST. U. S. ATTORNEY.

CHARLES H. ARMES,
ASST. U. S. ATTORNEY.

TRACY L. JEFFORDS,
ASST. U. S. ATTORNEY.

ALEXANDER R. MULLOWNY,
ASST. U. S. ATTORNEY.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 14, 1896.

Sir:-

I return herewith the petition of William Dorsey Swan for executive clemency, and have the honor to make the following report.

(This petition is wholly without merit. While the charge of keeping a disorderly house does not on its face differ from other cases in which milder sentences have been imposed, the prisoner was in fact convicted of one of the most horrible and disgusting offences known to the law; an offence so disgusting that it is unnamed. This is not the first time that the prisoner has been convicted of this crime, and his evil example in the community must have been most corrupting. In my opinion, he should have been sentenced, had it been possible, to so long a period in the penitentiary that his presence in the community could never again pollute it. I therefore recommend that the petition be denied.)

Very respectfully,

A. A. Birney

U. S. Attorney, D. C.

The Attorney General.

*This application having been
referred to me I have only to say that I thoroughly endorse
the above report of the District Atty.
The A. G. Clerk*

*March 14/1896
J. F. Miller (Judge Police Court D.C.)*

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U.S. { D.C.
v. {
William D. Swan }

PARDON FILES

MAR 16 1896

DEPT. OF JUSTICE.

Case of *William J. Swan*

Number of inclosures sent U. S. Attorney *one*

DOCKET ENTRIES.

Fill out the following and return at once:

Court: *Police Court, District of Columbia*

Offence: *Disorderly house*

Date of ^{information} indictment: *January 1, 1896.*

Plea: *not guilty*

Date of trial: *January 3, 1896.*

Date of conviction: *" " "*

Date of sentence: *" 13, 1896*

Place of imprisonment: *District jail*

Sentence: *Three hundred days in jail.*

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March 16, 1896.

Report of Warden

to S. J. D. C.

William D. Swan

PARDON FILES

MAR 17 1896

DEPT. OF JUSTICE.

United States Jail,

Washington, D. C., March 16TH, 1896

William C. Endicott Jr.

Pardon Attorney

Department of Justice

Sir

In response to your request for information regarding William W. Swan a prisoner serving sentence in this jail. I give the following

- 1- His Conduct has been good.
- 2- He was committed January 13TH 1896 for 300 days and with good time conduct allowance his time will expire September 19TH 1896.
- 3- I enclose herewith report of the Jail Physician regarding his physical condition.

Very respectfully
John R. Leonard
Warden

No 5

March 16, 1896.

Report of Physician

Chas. E. D.C.

William D. Swan

PARDON FILES

MAR 17 1896

DEPT. OF JUSTICE

D. K. SHUTE, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN.

United States Jail,

PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16th, 1896.

Capt. John R. Leonard,
Warden U. S. Jail, D.C.,

Dear Sir: I certify that after
a careful examination of William D. Swan,
I find that he is in very good health.

Respectfully Yours,

D. K. Shute, M. D.
Physician to U. S. J.

No 6

July 21, 1896

Report of Warden

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-to ~~W~~ D.C.

William D. Swan

PARDON FILES

JUL 22 1896

DEPT. OF JUSTICE.

United States Jail,

Washington, D. C., July 21st, 1896

William. C. Endicott Jr.

Pardon Attorney
Dept of Justice

Sir

In response to your request for information regarding William. W. Swan a prisoner serving sentence in this jail. I give the following

- 1st - His. Conduct has. been good
2. He was Committed Jan. 13th 1896 for 300. days and with good conduct allowance his time will expire Sept 19th 1896.
3. I enclose herewith report of jail Physician regarding his physical condition.

Very respectfully
John R. Leonard
Warden

No 7

July 20, 1896

Report of Physician

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Wm. J. Swan

PARDON FILES

JUL 22 1896

DEPT. OF JUSTICE.

D. K. SHUTE, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN.

United States Jail,

PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE.

Washington, D. C., July 20th, 1896.

Capt. Geo. R. Leonard,
Warden U. S. Jail, D.C.,

Dear Sir: I certify that William
D. Swann is affected with a disease of
his heart & that confinement in jail
is seriously impairing his health.

Respectfully,

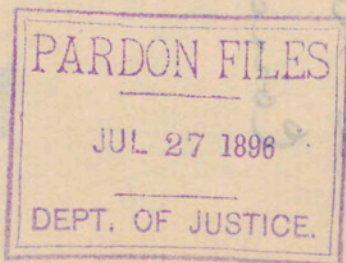
D. K. Shute,

No 8

July 25. 1896.

Report Warden
U.S. Jail D.C.

U.S. } D.C.
Wm D. Swan }



JOHN R. LEONARD,
WARDEN.

BENTON RUSS,
DEPUTY WARDEN.

United States Jail,

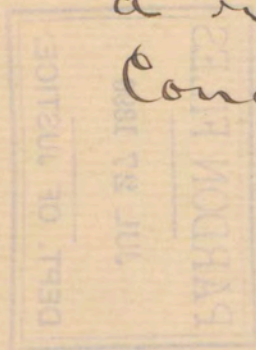
Washington, D. C., July 25, 1896

William C. Endicott Jr.
Barren Attorney

Sir

In response to your
letter of 23.10 inst. I enclose herewith
a report of the Jail Physician on the
Condition of William W. Swan

Very respectfully
John R. Leonard
Warden



July 25. 1896. No 9

Report Physician
U.S. Jail D.C.

U.S. { D.C.
Wm D. Swan }

PARDON FILES

JUL 27 1896

DEPT. OF JUSTICE.

D. K. SHUTE, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN.

United States Jail,

PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE.

Washington, D. C., July 25th, 1896.

Capt. Geo. R. Leonard,
Warden U. S. Jail, D.C.,

Dear Sir: After careful
and continued examination of
William D. Swan, I am of the
opinion that further confinement
will endanger his life and health.

Very Respectfully Yours,

D. K. Shute.