

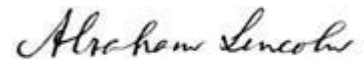
*Pardoned.*- James C. Aiken, U.S. Marshal for Delaware, has furnished us with a copy of the pardon of Wm. Sweeney, convicted at the June term of the U.S. District Court of purchasing a pistol from a soldier in the service, and sentenced to seven months imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$100. The pardon sets forth the reasons for the executive clemency. Sweeney was released on Monday morning by Marshal Aikin, immediately on receipt of the official document.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States of America. To all whom these presents shall come greeting:

WHEREAS, at the June term, 1863, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, one William Sweeney was convicted of purchasing a pistol, the property of the Government from a soldier of the United States, and sentenced to imprisonment for seven months and to pay a fine of one hundred dollars; and whereas, it appears that said Sweeney has three brothers now serving in the Army of the United States, and is the sole remaining support of aged and helpless parents; and whereas many respectable citizens of Delaware represent that the offence was omitted in entire ignorance of the law, and earnestly petition for the pardon of said Sweeney; Now, therefore, be it known, that I Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, have granted and do hereby grant unto him, the said William Sweeney, a full and unconditional pardon.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this fifth day of November, A.D. 1863,  
and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.



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