

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Martin VAS496

vsl 9VA

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

At a Court held in Augusta County October 18th 1785

Alexander Martin appeared in Court and upon examination it is the Opinion of the Court that he is rendered unable to procure a Sustainance [sic, sustenance] by Labour in consequence of wounds received in the publick service & that he ought to be allowed a pension of 18 pounds per annum, which is ordered to be certified

A Copy

S/ J Lyle, Jr. D.C.

At a Court held for Augusta County March 27th 1786

Alexander Martin a pensioner proved to the satisfaction of the Court that he received his wounds at the Battle of Guilford in North Carolina March 15, 1781 in Captain Joseph Alexander's Company of Militia from Rockbridge County, he is aged twenty-seven years, resides in this County, & he also produced a Certificate from a surgeon of his inability – &c – which is ordered to be certified

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Teste

S/ J. Lyle Jr. DC

[Note: following damage is only partially visible as posted]

...was wounded at Guilford Battle Under the Command of General Stephenson [probably a mistaken reference to General Edward Stevens] is Rendered Un capable [sic] of Duty by a Wound which he Received in Right Side viz. the bullet went in & through the [indecipherable words] & out at the [indecipherable words] of the Lower abdomen and notwithstanding all the necessary Precautions of both External & internal Means He is rendered a proper invalid incapable of Duty. His place of residence and hath been at Captain Zachariah Johnston's Delegate in Augusta County Virginia. Given under my hand at Staunton this 21 December 1786

Hugh Michey [indecipherable word or name]

M. D.

I do, with the advice of Council, hereby certify that Alexander Martin of Augusta, aged about 27 years, late a Private in the Militia of Augusta County appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the United States as to entitle him to the sum of 15 pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence on the first day of January 1786

Given under my hand at Richmond, this 13th day of November 1786.

S/ Patrick Henry

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Notwithstanding all the Necessary
Precautions of Both External &
Internal Means he is Rendered
a proper Invalid for a ~~part~~ of Duty
His place of Residence ~~is~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~late~~
Beers at Capt Zachariah Johnstons
Delegate at the tenting Springs in
Augusta County, V. General Under
Maj. Genl at Staunton this is Bel Monte
1786
Capt. Mickey ~~Sturges~~
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