

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Martin VAS504

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

2-page file

I to Certify that William Martin enlisted the Continental line in May 1779 and has continued in Service until this date – his having Enlisted for the War (November 28, 1783.

S/ Nath. Darby, Lt. [Nathaniel Derby, Lieutenant]

Copy

This to Certify that William Martin A soldier in the Virginia Continental line enlisted in May 1779 he having continued in service from that time having Enlisted for the War

June 30th, 1783

S/ N. Darby Lt.

in 11th [?] Viga Regt.

The image shows a handwritten military certificate on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. It certifies that William Martin enlisted in the Virginia Continental line in May 1779 and continued in service until June 30, 1783. The certificate is signed by Nathaniel Derby, Lieutenant, of the 11th Virginia Regiment. The handwriting is somewhat faded and the paper shows signs of age.

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Department of War

Bounty Land office September 3rd 1833

Sir

I here with return you the Papers containing your application for bounty land from the United States and have to inform you that, it appears by the records of this Office, Land Warrant No. 17m 351 for 100 acres issued on the 31st of December 1791 to Benjamin Mofflin, Assignees he of William Martin, who was a Private of Colonel John Gibson's Regiment Virginia line, and the only Soldier of that name, returned on the records of that Regiment as being entitled to bounty land from the United States.

Respectfully yours
S/ Wm Gordon

Mr. Wm Martin
Clarksburgh Virginia

State of Virginia Harrison County

I William Martin aged 70 years do upon oath testify and declare that I entered the service by enlistment in the year 1777 for the term of during the war in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson of the Virginia line and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the aforesaid Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson –

I furthermore declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Land promised to me on the part of the State of Virginia nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever therefore I request the Register of the Land office of the State of Virginia to issue a warrant for the Land [indecipherable words] State aforesaid and hand the said warrant over to Waldo P. Goff of the Senate of Virginia who is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

October 12, 1833

S/ William Martin, X his mark