

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Martin BLWt1524-400

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State of South Carolina Kershaw District

James K. Douglas and Mary Douglas his wife personally appeared before me David Schrock, Judge of the Court of Ordinary of the said District and ex officio Justice of the Peace and Quorum, who severally made oath that to the best of their knowledge and belief, Dr James Martin did enter the service of the United States in the South Carolina line, prior to the year 1779, and acted in the capacity of Surgeon, in the Third Regiment of said line, commanded by Colonel William Thompson, and continued to act in such capacity, in the said service, to the close of the Revolutionary War -- and they further make oath that neither they nor to their belief the other heirs of said James Martin have ever received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to him the said James Martin on the part of the United States, nor do they believe that he ever received it or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever.

Sworn to before me this 7th day of July A.D. 1829.

S/ J. K. Douglas

S/ Mary Douglas

South Carolina Kershaw District

I David Schrock, Judge of the Court of Ordinary of the District of Kershaw in the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been produced to me to prove that Sarah Calhoun, wife of James Calhoun, Mary Douglas, wife of James K. Douglas, Frances C. Desaussure, wife of Daniel L. Desaussure, are the Children now surviving of James Martin, a Regimental Surgeon in the Third Regiment of the South Carolina line during the Revolutionary war, and that Abram Blanding married Elizabeth P. Martin daughter of the said James Martin by whom he had one daughter, that the said Elizabeth departed this life, and after her, the said daughter whereby the share of the said Elizabeth has descended to the said Abram Blanding, and that the said Sarah Calhoun, Mary Douglas, Frances C. Desaussure and Abram Blanding are the only surviving heirs of the said James Martin.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of the said Court of Ordinary at Camden in the District and State aforesaid, the 12th day of May in the year of our Lord 1829, and in the 53rd year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

S/ David Schrock

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

[Note: These documents were found filed under the name "James Martin" in the State Library of Virginia's online collection]

South Carolina Kershaw District: In the Court of Ordinary

I David Schrock Judge of the Court of Ordinary of the District & State aforesaid, do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been adduced to me to prove that Sarah Calhoun, wife of James Calhoun, Mary Douglas, wife of James K Douglas, Frances C DeSaussure wife of Daniel Louis DeSaussure are the children now surviving of James Martin, a regimental Surgeon in the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina Line, during the Revolutionary War, and that Abram Blanding married Elizabeth P Martin daughter of the said James Martin, by whom he had one daughter that the said Elizabeth P departed this life, and soon after her the said daughter, whereby the share of the said Elizabeth has descended to the said Abram Blanding, and that the said Sarah Calhoun, Mary Douglas, Frances C DeSaussure and Abram Blanding of the only surviving heirs of the said James Martin.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office, dated at Camden 12th May 1829 and of the Sov. & Independence of the US the 53rd

S/ David Schrock

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James Murdaugh, Esq.

Camden South Carolina 10th March 1846

Dear Sir,

The Honorable J C Calhoun has enclosed me 2 letters from you to him making inquiry respecting Doctor James Martin, a Surgeon in the South Carolina Line 3rd Regiment during the Revolutionary War –

There is no doubt but there were two persons of that name, both in the same office, although, attached to different regiments. Our Doctor Martin was a native of Pennsylvania & died at this place in the year 1798.

I beg leave to send you a copy of a Document which will satisfy you of the fact that there were 2 Doctor James Martins –

Mr. Calhoun's brother, and myself married sisters, and he is well acquainted with the heirs of Doctor James Martin.

When you compare notes, I shall be gratified to hear the result of your inquiries – The US granted 400 acres bounty land in the State of Ohio, to the heirs of Doctor James Martin and no doubt your doctor Martin's heirs are entitled to the same quantity. I remained very respectfully

Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

S/J. K. Douglas