

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John March R6900

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State of Virginia County of Nansemond: SS:

On this 12th day of May 1834 personally appeared before Joshua Reddick, Samuel Corbell, Burwell Riddick and Hamlin Eppes the court of Nansemond now sitting, John A. March a resident of the aforesaid County and State, aged 38 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. – That in the year 1777 or 1778, his father John March, as he has often heard him say, enlisted in the Army of the United States, under Captain John Washington, and served two years under that officer in the Continental line; that he has frequently heard his father speak of General Washington and General Lafayette; that he has heard his father say he enlisted under Captain John Washington, as a private, for the term of two years, at Suffolk, Virginia, and that he served out the term of two years on the Continental line and was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment – that his father resided in the County of Nansemond and State of Virginia when he entered the service, as he has heard him say – that he has heard his father speak of being in several battles, but does not now recollect the names – that he has heard him speak of being engaged in a battle in the State of New Jersey and that he performed the principal part of this term of service at the North – that when he returned from the North, having served two years in the Continental line, he again entered the service of the United States, he thinks, in the militia and served until the capture of Cornwallis at little York [October 19, 1781], and was at or near the place at the time the battle was fought.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, on account of his father's services, during the revolution, except the present, and declares that his father's name was not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. A. March

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that John March, the father of the above named applicant, was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as the said applicant states.

And the said Court do hereby certify upon satisfactory evidence, that the said John March died on the 22nd day of April 1832.

In Nansemond County Court 13th of January A.D. 1834.

The Court certify that John A. March, David Howell Senior, John Langstun, Sally Babb, Susan Babb, Mariah Babb and John Babb are the only heirs at law of John March deceased who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, upon the evidence of Elijah Jones, sworn in court.

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

Nansemond County State of Virginia, to wit:

This day came before me William Summer Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Henry Harrison Esquire: presiding justice of the County of Nansemond, aged 77 years, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he well knew John March who was a soldier in the Continental line in the war of the revolution, that the said John March of the aforesaid County & state enlisted as a private for 3 years in the revolutionary war and served out the term, after which time was out, he, the said March, again entered the Army and served to the end of the War. Given under my hand & seal as a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid this 14th day of June 1833.

S/ William Summer

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Addendum to John March R6900

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 5 May 2020.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

Nansemond County }
State of Virginia, to wit: }

This day, came before me, Wm. Summer justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Henry Harrison [W748] Esqr: presiding justice for the County of Nansemond, aged 77 years, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and sayeth, that he well knew John March who was a soldier in the continental line in the war of the revolution, that the said John March of the aforesaid County & state enlisted as a private for three years in the revolutionary war and served out the term, after which term was out, he, the said March, again entered the army and served to the end of the war.

Given under my hand & seal, as a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, this 14th day of June 1833.

Wm. Summer

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file indexed as Herren, William.]

Affidavit of Henry Harrison of Nansemond County, Virginia. [24 Sep 1833]

The affiant being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he is now Seventy-eight years of age, that he lived in the County of Nansemond during the whole period of the revolutionary war; that he was well acquainted with Timothy Langston [VAS3836], and John March, and Martin Redmon [VAS3837], and William Herren [VAS3835] – and that all four of them enlisted as privates in the Virginia Continental line for three years nearly about the commencement of the revolutionary war, and went from this county, he thinks, to the north and served their time of three years out as he has heard them say – that they came home about 1780 or '81 and again enlisted for during the war; that they then went off to the north and did not return home until after peace had been declared; and that the above named Langston, and March, and Redmon, and Herren were neighbours of the affiant which enables him the more readily to remember, and thus to certify to their services.



Timothy Langston }
Jno March } have been allowed
Martin Redmon }
Wm Herren [illegible]
1834 May 20 Herren's claim rejection