

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Martin R6941

Elizabeth Martin

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State of Virginia Corporation of Lynchburg to wit

On this 22nd day of December 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Hastings Court of the Corporation aforesaid now sitting George Martin a resident of said Corporation in the County of Campbell and State of Virginia aged seventy years on the 14th day of October last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he was born in the County of Orange in the State of Virginia on the 14th day of October in the year 1763 as he has always understood from his Parents there being now no register of his birth in existence that he knows of. That he removed from said County of Orange to the County of Albemarle in the same State where he lived about fourteen years and then removed to the County of Campbell where he has chiefly resided ever since being about thirty years –

That he served the United States at two different periods during the War of the Revolution under the following named officers as herein after stated.

In the year 1778 as well as he remembers he became the substitute of a certain William More [William Moore?] of said County of Orange and served as such in a detachment of Virginia Militia which was drafted for the purpose of guarding some of the British Troops who surrendered as prisoners at the time of Burgoyne's capitulation this detachment rendezvoused at the Court House of said County of Orange where the deponent joined it and was marched from thence to the County of Fauquier as well as he remembers he being then but about fifteen or sixteen years of age, they there met the prisoners whom they guarded to the County of Albemarle where the detachment continued to serve fully three months if not longer at the Barracks assigned to the prisoners. This deponent served as the substitute of said More his full Term, at the end of which he received his regular discharge, whether it was written he does not now remember if it was, it is either lost or mislaid. The company in which he performed this tour of service was commanded by Captain Benjamin Johnson. He does not distinctly remember the name of the Field Officers of this detachment but thinks his Regiment was commanded by a Colonel Crockett.

In the month of March in the year 1781 he enlisted under Major Richard Claiborne who was at that time assistant Quarter Master General for the Continental department in the State of Virginia, as an express rider and continued to serve in that capacity, until the latter part of October in that year, nearly 8 months, his pay during this Term of service was for shillings per day, he riding his own horse, his services during this Tour consisted in riding express from Richmond to various points in the State of Virginia has Staunton, Charlottesville and many other places, Late in the month of October 1781, a few days after the surrender of the British Army at

Yorktown, he received a regular discharge at that place in writing, which is now either lost or mislaid, in a few days afterwards was paid off at Richmond. He knows of no person now living by whom his services aforesaid can be proven.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Geo. Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo. Martin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Geo. Martin".

[Frederick Kabler, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit. Dorcas Moorman gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

The following queries were propounded to the deponent in open Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in the County of Orange State of Virginia in the year 1763

2nd. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I know of none in existence

3rd. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. I lived in the County of Orange when I entered the service on both occasions. I after the War removed to the County of Albemarle where I lived about 14 years and thence to this County (Campbell) where I have resided ever since.

4th Question. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer. My first tour of service was performed as a Substitute for William More of the County of Orange and the last term under an enlistment in the Continental service as an Express Rider

5th Question. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I served more than 3 months as substitute for said More in a company under the command of Captain Benjamin Johnson. The number of the regiments I do not remember but think it was commanded by Colonel Crockett. My last tour was in the service of the Quarter Master's Department under Major Richard Claiborne the assistant Quarter Master General for this State.

6th question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer. I received a regular discharge in both instances which are now lost or mislaid.

7th Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Frederick Kabler and Dorcas Moorman

[p 7: On July 2nd, 1844 in Bedford County Virginia, Elizabeth Martin, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Martin; that she was married to him June 16, 1782 by the Reverend Matthew Mary in Orange County Virginia; that her husband died in Campbell County February 7, 1834 [?, 3rd digit written over and unclear]; that

her maiden name was Jones; that Austin Webb, Cleo Smith and John Jonas all also road express during the revolution; that the name of her husband's horse was Yorrick and was a dark chestnut Sorrell color. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Of the widow was the daughter of Thomas Jones of Orange County Virginia; the veteran and his wife had children but the only child named in the file is their eldest son Thomas, who in 1844 was aged between 60 and 61 years.]