

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Martin R6944

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State of North Carolina, County of Caswell: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County and State aforesaid, James Rainey, John R. Harrison and James McMullion [sic, McMullin?] the Justices presiding – Richard Martin a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, aged Seventy Seven years on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1832; who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain Moore; (thinks his name was Roger Moore, perhaps some other name) and served in the fourth Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers; -- That at the time of this applicants first enlistment \_\_ Polk [Thomas Polk] was the Commanding Colonel, James Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] was the Lieutenant Colonel, \_\_ Davis was the Major<sup>1</sup> and \_\_ Moore was the Captain – That some time after the troops were ordered to the northern states: and this applicant with them was accordingly marched to Georgetown in the State of Maryland. The officers under whom this applicant marched was Colonel James Thackston, and as he now thinks, Major George Polk and Captain Goodman [William Goodman]– they were stationed in Georgetown for some short time and while there the troops were inoculated with the smallpox and remained until they recovered their health. That at the time of his enlistment he resided in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina – and as he understood it he enlisted for a term of eighteen months, But he was held and retained in service for the space of two years and six months and so reported by his officers – and after serving the time of two years and six months as before stated, this applicant was discharged – his discharge he held until some time subsequent to the revolution when he sent it to the Commissioners who sat in Hillsboro to enable this applicant to draw a land warrant and he has never seen it since. It is impossible for this applicant at this distant day to recollect all the officers under whom he served during the space of the two years and six months as before stated; There were too many changes, and the Regiment being reduced placed this applicant under different officers; -- From Georgetown the troops with whom the applicant served were marched into the State of Pennsylvania, in this State this applicant was at the Battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777]; he was also at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and afterwards in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. These are all the engagements in which this applicant was; -- This applicant was marched through, and in the several States in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. This applicant entered the United States Army some time in the Spring of the year 1776 and left the same sometime in the fall of the year 1778, perhaps in the month of October. This applicant would state that at the several Battles where he was that General Washington was the Commanding Officer; When the regiments were reduced and other regiments were filled up, this

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, at the time referenced by applicant, William Lee Davidson and Charles McLean were the majors of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

applicant fell in the first Regiment under Col. Thomas Clark; this applicant's Company being commanded by Captain John Scull [John Gambier Scull]. This applicant was discharged by Col. Clark at a place called Kings ferry on North River.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State and if any he has no knowledge of it.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clk

S/ Richard Martin



State of North Carolina, Caswell County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

Personally appeared in open Court the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County and State aforesaid on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832, it being October Term of said Court, 1832, Robert Martin<sup>2</sup> of lawful age and being first duly sworn, doth on his oath, Declare as follows, to wit: That some time in the year 1776 in the spring of the year Richard Martin enlisted a Soldier in the United States Army, and joined the Army and troops in the town of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina. This affiant being at that time a regular Soldier, and in the same Army and at the same place where the said Richard Martin joined the Army. That the said Richard Martin continued in and with the Army of the United States troops for and during the space of two years and six months. That he was at the Battles of Germantown, Brandywine and Monmouth, was a brave active and faithful Soldier ever willing and present, when and where his duty called him.

That the said Richard Martin belonged to the North Carolina regular troops: in which said line this affiant was also. Then finally after the term of Service of the said Richard Martin expired, to wit two years and six months, he was discharged by his regular officers. This affiant belonging to the troops of the North Carolina line all the time, and at the time of the Discharge of the said Richard Martin.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S Robt Martin



State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the Musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Richard Martin a private Soldier in Captain Goodman's Company of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1776 for 2 ½ years and was discharged on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1778.

Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1844

S/ Wm Hill

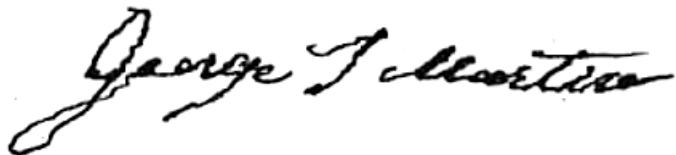
State of North Carolina, Caswell County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term 1842

Be it Remembered that at April Term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Caswell County it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court now here sitting, by the oath of

Thomas W. Graves that Richard Martin late of the County aforesaid a Revolutionary Pensioner died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1841 – That said deceased is the Same who is Inscribed in the Pension Certificate now Exhibited to this Court bearing date of the war office of the United States the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1833 – signed by Lewis Cass Secretary of War and Numbered 4514 and that said Martin was at the time of his death the owner of the above described Certificate and that he left a widow him surviving by the name of Francis.

Attested by Abisha Slade, Clerk

[On October 4, 1843 in Caswell County North Carolina, George T Martin, a resident of said County, aged 59, made application for a pension on the half of his mother under the 1838 act granting pensions to certain Widows; he states that his father Richard Martin was a resident of Caswell County and a pensioner of the United States; that his father died December 15, 1841 leaving surviving him a widow, Frances; that his parents were married in Caswell County in 1781 that his mother died May 13, 1842 in Caswell County; that she was survived by 5 children, namely George T Martin, Lewis Martin, James Martin, Henry Martin & Richard Martin; and that his parents were married after his father's last service in the revolution.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George T. Martin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a closing bracket.

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[On October 5, 1843 in Caswell County North Carolina, Martha Slade a resident of said County, aged 78, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with the late Richard Martin and his widow Frances; that affiant has always understood that Richard Martin and Frances Turner were lawfully married in 1781; that affiant lived a neighbor to the couple; and that they lived together as man and wife. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]