

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Nathaniel Martin R6948

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State of Tennessee Franklin County: May Sessions 1821

This day personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Pleas and quarter sessions and a Court of Record for the County of Franklin aforesaid James N. Martin aged sixty-six years in July next occupation a Farmer who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by an act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 Entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War and the said James Nathaniel Martin who is now an inhabitant of Laurence Count State of Allaba [sic, Lawrence County State of Alabama] states that early in the year 1780 he had obtained a Capt.'s commission in the State of North Carolina in the 2nd Regiment of the Continental establishment and was ordered to join General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the State of South Carolina and served under Col. William Polk and he saith his commission was burned in the house in which this declarant lived and he further states that he continued in the service of the United States until the year 1782 and in the month of October of that year this declarant was wounded a second time in the right arm and the war ended before this wound was cured and he states that he was in the Battles of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]<sup>1</sup> and also the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]<sup>2</sup> in the State of South Carolina and was wounded in the left thigh at that battle and that he was in the battle at Moncks Corner and also in several skirmishes that after this declarant was wounded the last time he removed to his father's in the Western country and never received any pay for his services from the United States he says he was promised a section of Land but never got any that he is now in very low circumstances has a wife named Ruth in a very weakly state of body and about 60 years of age and he has one daughter named Polly about 26 years of age and very unhealthy this declarant states that he is unable to work any through his wounds, infirmity and bodily weakness and quite unable to support either him or his family, and the members of his family are able to give him but very little help or rather none at all and he further states that he has no real or personal property but as to borrow a creature to ride and has been furnished by his neighbors with money to undertake his journey to get some relief from the United States.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income nor any real or personal property whatever  
May 29th 1821

S/ James N. Martin, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court this 29th day of May 1821  
S/ E. Russell, Clerk

James N. Martin not mustered; -- from reading his Declaration, I have no doubt he belonged to the South Carolina line.

Given under my hand this 4th July 1821

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State of North Carolina

Raleigh 7th of July 1821

Sir: I have detained the declaration herewith returned a few days for the purpose of conversing with Col. Polk on the subject of Capt. Martin's application previous to returning his papers. An opportunity of doing so occurred last evening and he said he well recollects Capt. Nathaniel Martin and "a more brave man never drew Sword," that he himself appointed him a Capt. and that he (Martin) was wounded in the thigh at the Eutaw Springs, but unfortunate for Martin, the Col. says it was not in the regular service, and he further says James was not then attached to his name.

Respectfully your most Obedient Serve out  
S/ Wm Hill

Jas. L. Edwards, Esqr.

State of Tennessee Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid  
October Term 1820

On this 18th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Alexander Berryhill<sup>3</sup> aged 60 years who being duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declaration. That he is well acquainted with Capt. James N. Martin that he the said Martin was a Capt. in the revolutionary war against the common enemy, that this affiant served under him about ten months during which time they were engaged in two battles with him to wit the Battle of the Eutaw Springs and of Moncks Corner and on several other scouting parties under the said Capt. Martin. In one of which battles to wit the Eutaw Springs he said Martin was severely wounded by a shot through the thigh. This affiant states as well as he recollects the aforesaid services were rendered in the year 1781 in the Regiment commanded by Col. William Polk of North Carolina afterwards transferred to the Brigade commanded by General Sumter of South Carolina that he Capt. Martin as this affiant is informed & believes this in Lawrence County State of Alabama; this affiant is aged about 60 years.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 18th day of October 1820  
S/ Brice M. Garner, Clk

S/ Alexander Berryhill

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<sup>3</sup> [Alexander Berryhill S16639](#)

*Alexander Berryhill*

State of Tennessee Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid  
October Term 1820

On this 18th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County aforesaid James Evans<sup>4</sup> aged sixty-four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration.

That he is well acquainted with Capt. James N. Martin the applicant, That he was a Capt. in the Revolutionary war against the Common Enemy of the United States. In the State of North Carolina the town of Charlotte in Mecklenburg County this affiant enlisted under the said James N. Martin in the Continental Establishment in the year 1780 -- That said Martin, who was in the Regiment commanded by Col. William Pope [sic, William Polk] of North Carolina, was transferred, together with this affiant to South Carolina under the Command of General Sumter, that he was with the said Martin his Capt. in the battles to wit, the Battle at the Cowpens, at the Eutaw Springs, & Moncks Corner, that said Martin received a wound by a ball or shot through the thigh on the 8th day of September 1781, as well as he recollects, in the engagement at Eutaw Springs, that this affiant served under him for ten months the time of his Enlistment, that this affiant believes & is informed that this applicant resides in the County of Lawrence & State of Alabama. This affiant is aged 64 years.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 18th day of October 1820

S/ Brice M. Garner, Clk

S/ James Evans

*James Evans*

[Note: The pension act under which this veteran applied for a pension applied only to men who had served in the Continental Army for 9 months or more. The veteran's service was rendered in the militia and consequently he did not qualify under pension act as applicable at the time he applied.]

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<sup>4</sup> There is no evidence that this veteran filed for a pension for his services, so this affidavit may be the only record of his service.