

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Martin R6949

NC

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State of North Carolina }

Gates County }

August County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

Jesse Martin on the 18th day of August 1824 Personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, resident of said County aged Sixty eight years, who being duly sworn according to law on his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st of May 1820. that he the said Jesse Martin enlisted for the term of nine months in the State of North Carolina in the Company Commanded by Captain Arthur Gasling [Arthur Gatling] in the Regiment by Colo. [James] Armstrong in the line of the state of North Carolina in the Carolina Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps ten months which closed the said Revolutionary Service and was discharged from the said service in the Continental line of the State of North Carolina.

That I was in the Battle of Stono in South Carolina [Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779] and in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any wise disposed of my property or in any part thereof with 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 pass'd on the 18th 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

Jesse hisXmark Martin

A Schedule of all the goods chatels rights and credits belonging to Jesse Martin. I have nothing saving my wearing apparel and some few farming tools and live upon land not my own.

Sworn to in open Court/ J. Sumner Clk.

Jesse hisXmark Martin

Further said Jesse Martin says that he has no family except his wife who is a very old infirm Woman.

State of North Carolina }

Gates County }

At a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held for the County of Gates at the Court House in Gates on the third Monday in August 1824.

Personally appeared before the Court Matthias Morgan and maketh Oath that he was in the Revolutionary service with Jesse Martin under the Command of Colo. John Armstrong [sic] in the North Carolina line, that he served in the Battle of Stono in South Carolina with said Martin.

Sworn to in open Court/ J. Sumner Clk.

Matthias hisXmark Morgan

State of North Carolina

At a court of Pleas & Quarter sessions, held for the County of Gates – it being a court of record present the worshipful Justices. On this 15th day of August 1825 personally appeared in open court Jesse Martin a resident citizen in said County aged sixty nine years of age who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & 1st May 1820. That he the said Jesse Martin enlisted for the Term of Nine months on the — day — in in the year of 1780, in the State of No. Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Arthur Gasting in the Regiment commanded by Col. Armstrong in the line of the state of North Carolina on the North Carolina Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the latter part of the year 1781. when he was discharged from the service at Stono in the State of South Carolina. that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the Roll of any State except the said State of North Carolina & that the

following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – that he knew nothing about the mode of obtaining a pension & being very poor had no money to employ any person until informed by H Gilliam Esqr who has assisted me in having my application filled up. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed.

A scedule of all the Estate of Jesse Martin (viz) his waring apparel some few articles of farming tools of little value that he follows the occupation of a Farmer, but very infirm – that he has no family but his wife Sarah Martin aged sixty years old nor had he on the 18th of March 1818 or since that time any property but what is contained in the sd schedule Jesse hisXmark Martin

NOTES:

Martin's claim for a pension was rejected for no stated reason.

In the 1820 federal census of Gates County NC Jesse Martin is listed as head of a household of seven "free colored persons."