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Pension Application of John Martin R6954

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State of Virginia } SS

County of Greenbrier }

On this 7th day of Nov 1834 personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for the aforesaid county and as such a member of the County Court of said Greenbrier County which is a court of record John Martin a resident of said County and state of Virginia aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he enlisted in the army of the United States on or about the 10th day of January 1781 during the pendency of the revolutionary war. He enlisted under Captain William Adams a recruiting officer and served in the 71st Virginia Regiment [sic: there was no such regiment] of the line under the following named officers. After he enlisted as aforesaid he was transferred to Captain Samuel Finly or Fanly's [sic: Samuel Finley's] command. He resided at the time of his said enlistment in the County of Fluvanna Va. and enlisted at Fluvanna C. H. Virginia. He joined the Regiment at Albemarle C. H. and was march to Pointy or Piny Fork [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers]. Col. William Gaskins [sic: Thomas Gaskins] had the command of the Regiment and General or Barron Stuban [sic: Gen. Baron von Steuben] had the Supreme Command. He was marched from Pointy fork to Norfolk Va. where they remained stationed some time and were again marched back to Pointy or Piny fork and kept stationed until some time in May 1783 when he received his discharge from the army. His discharge was written but it has been lost or mislaid so that he cannot now produce it. He enlisted during the war but the fighting being pretty much over before his enlistment he was in no battles.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] John martin

[Job Martin stated that he had seen John Martin's discharge.]

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: John Martin, age 16/ height 5' 7³/₄" / dark hair/ black eyes/ fair complexion/ freckled/ planter/ born and residing in Fluvanna County where he enlisted on 6 Apr 1781 for the duration of the war. Sized on 25 May 1781.

Martin's claim was rejected for lack of proof of his services. On 30 May 1851 Nicholas Tincher, one of the heirs of John Martin, assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension for which Martin had applied. This application was witnessed by a John Martin.