

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Obediah Martin R6976

Winneford Martin

f41NC

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[p 3: marriage license dated September 19, 1785, issued for the marriage of Obediah Martin to Winneford Cook in Surry County, NC

State of North-Carolina,
Surry county. }
To any regular Minister of the Gospel, having the care of
Souls, or any Justice of the Peace. *As said Society*
YOU, or either of you, are hereby authorized and im-
powered to solemnize the rites of matrimony between
Obediah Martin and *Winneford Cook*
agreeable to the directions of the act
of the General Assembly, in that case made and pro-
vided.
Given at the clerk's office, in *Surry* the
19th day of *Septemr* Anno Dom. 1785
J. Williams

[p 5: Marriage Bond dated September 10, 1785 and issued to Obadiah Martin & Joseph Williams conditioned on the marriage of Martin to Winnefred Cook.

State of North-Carolina:
Surry County
KNOW all Men by these Presents, That we
Obediah Martin & Joseph Williams
are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency *Richard Caswell*
Esq. Governor, Captain-General, and Commander
in Chief, and his successors, in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds.
For the true payment thereof, we bind ourselves, and each of our
heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by
these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this *10th*
day of *September* Anno Dom. 1785
THE CONDITION of this OBLIGATION is such, That ~~if~~ the
above-bounden *Obediah Martin*
hath, the day and date of these presents, prayed and obtained a licence
to solemnize the rites of matrimony between him and *Winneford*
Cook. Now if there shall not hereafter appear any law-
ful cause to obstruct the marriage, then this Obligation to be void,
or else to remain in full force and virtue.
Signed, sealed, and delivered }
in the presence of }
Obediah Martin }
Joseph Williams }
J. Williams

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State of North Carolina Surry County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1840

On this the 11th day of May 1840, personally appeared in open Court Winneford Martin, who, after being duly sworn on her oath deposeseth & saith that she is the widow of Obediah Martin who died in the County of Surry some fifteen or sixteen years ago, -- that she has never been married since -- that she will be Eighty years of age on 25th of March 1841 -- that she and said Obediah were married as nearly as she can recollect on the 26th day of September A.D. 1785 by Salathiel Martin Esquire who was then acting Justice of the peace in & for the County of Surry, but who is now dead -- that she has in her possession the license by & under the authority of which said marriage was solemnized -- and she is informed that the bond given by her husband for procuring the license aforesaid is on file among the records of Surry County Court & can be had -- that she had ten children by the said Obadiah Martin, to wit, Polly Martin intermarried with Barrett Martin -- Sarah intermarried with James Spencer, Jezeab Martin (dead), David, Alfred, William C. (dead), Viena intermarried with John McMeib [?], Joseph W., Elizabeth, Tennessee intermarried with Jesse Cochran -- that she was well acquainted with her husband before their marriage, having been raised in the same neighborhood with her said husband -- that he went out on frequent tours as a soldier in the revolutionary war that she can only speak of his starting & leaving home as it was said on service and afterwards returning home when it was said by him & others that he had been out on service -- that he was out some four or five tours on service and spent a large portion of his time in the Army in the revolution war -- that she had often heard him say that he was in the battle at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]¹ -- and at many other places and that it was always understood, spoken & believed in the neighborhood where he resided that he had served a long time in the revolutionary war and was a faithful soldier, that she has no documentary Evidence of his services, and no other witness to prove the actual service than that which accompanies this declaration, which is made in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, and the act Explanatory of said act, passed March 3rd 1837 -- that at this late day she cannot give the dates of his several tours, nor the officers under which he served -- the battles in which he was engaged, roll of the Country through which he was marched but from the abundant service and the time that he served she can with great confidence say to the best of her knowledge & believe that he was a soldier in the actual service not less than two years -- that he served in the militia and as she understood had the commission of Lieutenant that he served as a volunteer mostly as she always understood & believes -- that she is now a widow and was a widow on the 4th of July 1836 as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed --

Subscribed & sworn to in Open Court

Test: S/ F. K. Armstrong, Clk

S/ Winneford Martin, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Surry County:

Be it remembered that on this twenty third day of April A.D. 1840 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Elihu Ayers,² who after being duly sworn according to law, on his oath, says that he is about Eighty years of age, that he was well acquainted with Obediah Martin, that about the year 1779 he

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

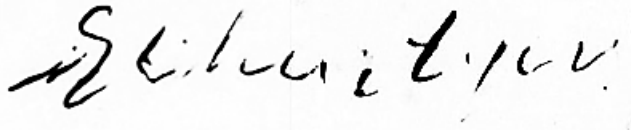
² [Elihu Ayers \(Ayres\) R335](#)

affiant served a tour of one year the most of the time with Obediah Martin that he affiant and said Martin were marched from the County of Surry to Wilkes Court House and after remaining there for some time, were marched from there to Kings Mountain, this affiant and the said Martin were in the Battle at that place, and after remaining there for some time, was marched to the old Moravian town this affiant as well as he can recollect left the said Martin at Kings Mountain. This affiant further states that the said Obadiah Martin served as a Lieutenant -- and that he was a good and faithful officer and that he believes he served his term of service out, that they were marched first under Capt. Lewis [William Terrell Lewis] & Salathiel Martin & at Kings Mountain under Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], that they belonged to the Militia. Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written.

Attest:

S/ H. M. Waugh, JP

S/ Elihu Ayers



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State of North Carolina Surry County:

Be it remembered that on this the 13th day of May A.D. 1840 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County of Surry Daniel Cochram [sic, Daniel Cockerham]³ who after being duly sworn on his oath deposeseth & saith as follows to wit -- that he is about Seventy Eight years of age -- that he was well acquainted with Obadiah Martin, lived in our County of Surry some fifteen or sixteen years ago, that he was in actual service with the said Obediah Martin in the Revolutionary War in a tour of three months under the command of Capt. Lewis that he is unable to state the date of this service, but recollects that they were marched first to the County of Wilkes, & thence to Kings Mountain -- & that it was at a time that includes the date of that Battle -- commencing before & terminating thereafter -- that he lived a neighbor to Martin ever since the Revolutionary War -- that he knew him well -- & that although he is unable to testify from personal knowledge as to other services, yet he knows that he served other tours, & much in and during that war -- & that he could not have been actual service in all a less period than twelve months, if not more -- that he is well acquainted with his widow Winneford Martin that he lived in the neighborhood where they were married -- that they lived together until the death of said Obadiah -- & that she is still a widow -- that they had many children some of whom must now be at least 50 years of age -- that there is no question but she is the lawful widow of said Obadiah Martin & is a highly respectable woman and entitled to full faith & credit.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ Jere Marion, JP

S/ Daniel Cockerham, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Surry County: County Court August Term A.D. 1840

Be it remembered that on this the 12th day of August A.D. 1840 personally appeared in

³ [Daniel Cockerham S8241](#)

open Court, Morris Richards⁴ aged 79 years, who after being duly sworn deposes and saith that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War & that he is now in the receipt of a pension and therefore from the United States -- that he was well acquainted with Obediah Martin from Surry County, who was a Lieut. under his brother Salathiel Martin -- that he & his brother were very tall [?] men and in consequence thereof so attracted the attention of this affiant, that this affiant served under Capt. James Trousdale, and was commanded by Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle] with the said Obediah Martin -- that he served at least six months with the said Obediah Martin in the latter part of the year 1779 and the first of the year 1780 -- that he marched into the State of South Carolina, that they were some time stationed in the high hills of Santee, & were thence marched into Georgia, & then back to Charleston where they were stationed some 3 or 4 months & were discharged -- that it was the latter part of affiant service that he served with the said Obediah Martin, that his memory has become weak & frail, but for particulars refers to his declaration on file in the War Department made out when he had these things better fixed in his mind, the particulars as to his this affiant's own latter services which were as aforesaid performed with the said Obediah Martin.

Sworn to in open Court August 12th 1840

S/ Morris Richards, X his mark

Test: S/ F. K. Armstrong, Clerk

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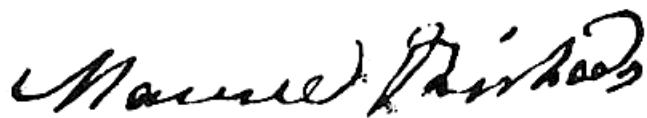
State of North Carolina Surry County: In relation to the application of Winnefred Martin heretofore sent to the War Department:

Be it remembered that on this the 12th day of November A.D. 1840 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Surry aforesaid Morris Richards, who being duly sworn on his oath saith that the four discharges mentioned in the letter of J L Edwards Commissioner of pensions as being required of him are not in his possession -- that when he sent on his declaration for his own pension, he conceived he had sent on three of the discharges when he sent on his declaration & has always supposed they must be on file in the Pension Office of the War Department -- that if they are not there he knows not where they are -- that the 4th one is lost -- was so lost before he sent on his declaration & he conceives he so mentioned in his declaration -- that he does not believe he can give a better detail of his revolutionary services than that given in his declaration aforesaid.

Inscribed & sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jeremiah Marion, JP

S/ Maurice Richards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maurice Richards". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. To the right of the signature is a small vertical bracket-like mark.

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State of North Carolina Surry County: In Relation to the application of Winnefred Martin heretofore Sent to the War Department

Be it Remembered on this the 11 day of December A.D. 1840 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Surry aforesaid Benjamin

⁴ [Maurice \(Morris\) Richards W26383](#)

Kidd after being duly sworn on his oath depose and saith that he is about Eighty Five or Six years of age and that about the year 1779 he the affiant was Commanded by Captain Salathial Martin [Salathiel Martin] and his Brother Obediah was Lieutenant and they was marched from Ritchmond [Richmond] Surry old Court House towards the West crossing the alagany [Allegheny] mountains and after a short time Joined Coral Campeles [Colonel Campbell] and remained with him sometime and he says that he was Six months under Captain Martin and Lieutenant Obadiah [2 illegible words].

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and year above Ritten [written] Before me
S/ Jeremiah Marion, JP

S/ Benjamin Kidd,⁵ X his mark

⁵ This MAY be the same man as [Benjamin Kidd R5906](#) but Kidd did not claim service in the NC militia under either of the Martin brothers. It is possible Kidd simply overlooked claiming such service or that he is not the same resident of Surry County, NC. as the affiant whose affidavit appears in this file.