

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Martindale R6979
Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

Mary Martindale f76SC
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Ohio, County of Gallia: SS

On this thirteenth day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas for Gallia County now in session, James Martindale, a resident of Addison Township in Gallia County, State of Ohio, aged Seventy Eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the U. S. under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered as a private soldier in the South Carolina militia for one year, does not recollect the year. Officers: Colonel Thomas Branon [sic, Thomas Brandon] – Lieutenant Colonel Wm Lure [sic, McClure?], Captain William Young;¹ that he was occupied mostly against the Tories in that State – was at the attack on the Fort at 96.² That he recollects Colonel Thomas' Regiment of Militia being there, and that General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] of the regular service commanded the whole attack. That at this time he was resident in Union County State of South Carolina.

2nd: That he afterwards volunteered again in the same company and Regiment, as a lieutenant having as before for his Captain William Young, Colonel Thomas Brandon. He at this time was mostly engaged in putting and keeping down the Tories, was in numerous encounters with the Tories but cannot recollect particulars. He was at the attack on Colonel Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] on Kings Mountain who was there defeated.³ He has no documentary proof. At this time he was resident in Union County South Carolina. He does not recollect the length of time, but knows was more than two years that he was out on this last service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

S/ James Martindale, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid August term 1832.

S/ Francis LeCleriq [?], Clk. C. C. P. G. C.

We James Guy 2nd and Adam Fillmore residing in the said township of Addison hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Martindale, who has subscribed the above

¹ [William Young W10008](#)

² Siege of Ninety Six, May 22-June 19, 1781
http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

³ The Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780.
http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

declaration; that we believe him to be 78 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he lives to have been a soldier of the revolution who above declares; and that we concur in this opinion.

S/ James Guy, 2nd
S/ Adam Fillmore

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid --

August Term 1832

S/ Francis LeCleriq, Clk, C. C. P., G. C.

Interrogatories:

1st Where and in what year were you born? 1754 [?] in Pennsylvania, Bucks County

2nd Have you any record of your age? Have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service, where [have you lived] since the revolutionary war, and where do you live now? When I entered [I lived] in Union County – State of South Carolina – from thence after the war removed to Bedford County Virginia – thence to Greenbrier County Virginia – thence about twenty-three years ago I removed to this State into Addison Township in Gallia County – where I now reside.

4th How called into service? I volunteered.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served etc.? I recollect only General Greene of the regulars who was at Ninety Six with our Regiment and Colonel Thomas' Regiment of South Carolina militia. We had but very little intercourse with the regulars.

6th As a soldier did you receive a discharge from the service? I did not

7th As an officer did you ever receive a commission; and if so by whom was it signed, and what has become of it? I had a commission, it was signed by General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] he thinks, after the war I considered it of no account and it was lost.

8th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character and veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution? I am known to John Switser [?], Philip Switser [?], James Guy. He knows not whether any are living in his present neighborhood who are alive to testify. General Lewis Newsom of Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio knew him when in Bedford Virginia.

And the court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies that it appears to them that James Guy, 2nd and Adam Fillmore who have signed the same are resident in the same township and are creditable persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.
[Attested by Francis LeClercq, Clerk]

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An additional affidavit in the matter of James Martindale application for a pension
State of Ohio Gallia County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for said County, James Martindale, who being first duly sworn, deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades:

For one year, I served as a private, as stated more at-large in first application.

For 2 years and 6 months, I served as Lieutenant, as set forth more at-large in the first original paper.

And for this service I claim a pension.

S/ James Martindale, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the 24th day of December 1832

S/ P. R. Bureau, JP

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The State of Ohio, Warren County: SS

On this fourth day of June 1833 personally came before me an Acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid William Martindale⁴ a resident of said County who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is upwards of eighty years of age, that his brother James Martindale who has, or is about making application for a pension is now about eighty-two years; that some time during the progress of the revolutionary War the said James was duly elected and served as a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain William Young in Union County South Carolina; that this deponent was at the election, but does not know that he ever saw his commission, but knows that he performed at least one tour of duty in actual service; that this deponent served in the same Company with him which was commanded by Captain William Young in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Brandon; does not recollect the precise time or date. That he knows from information that his brother served several other tours in the capacity of Lieutenant, some of which were by a voluntary offer of his services and others by a regular draft – deponent also recollects that said James Martindale performed several tours in actual service previous to his election to the office of Lieutenant.

That he does not now recollect the length of those tours, but that the one which was the last tour was two months (the one particular above referred to) but that he served several other tours in the same Company with him previous to his election and further deponent saith not.

S/ William Martindale



Sworn to & subscribed before me date above written.

S/ W. Sellers, J. P.\

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The State of Ohio Warren County: SS

On this 4th day of June 1833 personally appeared James Martindale who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is the identical person named in the preceding deposition of William Martindale and that he was elected and duly commissioned a Lieutenant in a company of militia in Union County in the State of South Carolina in a company commanded by Captain Young that he does not now recollect the precise date, but thinks it was rising 2 years before the termination of the Revolutionary War. That he held his commission in the same company after the termination of the War until he removed from the neighborhood which was about two years. At which he deemed the Commission of no importance and that it was lost or mislaid and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the date above written.

S/ W. Sellers, JP

S/ James Martindale, X his mark

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State of Ohio Miami County: SS

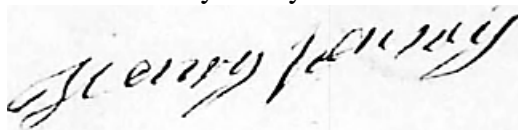
⁴ [William Martindale R6980](#)

On this Eleventh day of June 1833 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid Henry Penny⁵ a Resident of said County who being duly a firm but according to law deposeth and saith that he is upwards of seventy Six years of age that James Martindale who is about making application for a pension is now about Eighty two years of age that some time during the Revolutionary war the said James Martindale was Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain William Young in the Union County South Carolina deponent saith that said Martindale served one tour of duty in actual service with him in the Company of George Avery in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Brannon [Thomas Brandon] at the siege of Ninety Six does not recollect the precise time or date and further this deponent saith not.

Affirmed to & subscribed before me the date above written.

S/ Jno. B. Kesler, JP

S/ Henry Penny



[p 14: On August 26, 1844 in Gallia County Ohio, Mary Martindale filed a claim stating that she was the widow of James Martindale, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$365 per annum; that he died on July 7, 1840; that she resides in Gallia County of Ohio and has resided there about 21 years and prior to that lived in the state of Virginia.]

[Facts in file: Veteran's first wife died in Gallia County, her name is not set forth in the file; his 2nd wife, Mary Gilmour, was living in North Carolina when she married him; the date of Mary's marriage to the veteran is not set forth in the file; her claim was not approved.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant in the South Carolina militia for 2 years.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to James Martindale
Audited Account No. 4817

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[No. 3040]

No. 112

[Book] X

14 June 86 [1786]

James Martindale, for Militia duty, since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Brandon's regiment Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]

[old South Carolina] Currency

£76

Stg. [Sterling]

£10.17.1 ½

Ex^d J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

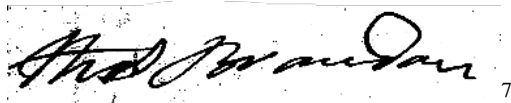
⁵ [Henry Penney W26501](#)

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[p 5: Restatement of the veteran's Service as set forth above except in a slightly different format]

Rec'd 19 January 1790 full satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 3040 Book X by me a member of the House of Representatives

Thos. Brandon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos. Brandon", enclosed in a rectangular box. A small number "7" is visible at the bottom right corner of the box.

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 3040 Book X]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Thomas Brandon and others]

⁷ This is the signature of Colonel Thomas Brandon of the South Carolina militia