

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Martling R6983

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State of New York County of Rensselaer: SS

On this 8th day of October A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Rensselaer now sitting, Daniel Martling, a resident of the City of Troy, in said County and State, aged sixty-eight 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born at Tappan in the State of New York on the 4th day of October, 1763: He has no record of his age, except his own entry in his family Bible. In the month of June, 1775, while at Powle's Hook [Paulus Hook], he was taken prisoner by the British and retained under suspicion of being a spy. As such a prisoner, he remained with British Army: -- was taken to Brooklyn, & thence was taken on shipboard, with a force, under command of Col. Campbell [Archibald Campbell], to Savannah (Georgia). After arriving at Savannah General Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost] had command of the forces: With his Army, declarant remained a prisoner till after Charleston was taken by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780];<sup>1</sup> and was then transferred, a prisoner, to the Army of Lord Rawdon and remained with him till June 1781; and then, having been detained a prisoner for 5 years, and having made one ineffectual attempt to escape, he escaped, near the River Enoree in South Carolina; and immediately fell in with Major Lee's troop of horse,<sup>2</sup> and volunteered with them; and pursued the British, from whom he had escaped, to near Eutaw Springs, but was not personally present in the battle there fought [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]. After this, encamped, in company with Lee's Troop, with General Greene's Army, at the High Hills of Santee (South Carolina): In this service he remained two months; and then obtained a pass from General Greene, for one Isaac Lent, and himself to come on to State of New York: under this pass they came into North Carolina, near Hillsboro, where the State was raising a Regiment, to suppress and take Tories, and guard the deliberations of their assembly. The declarant & Lent both enlisted in this Regiment, under Col. Moore [William Moore] and Major Crafton [Bennett Crafton] in Capt. Jones's [Samuel Jones'] company; here deponent served, till about the last of May, and was then discharged, having served in this Regiment nine months: he had a written discharge signed by Major Crafton, but has since lost it. He then came home to Tappan. Since the Revolution, he has lived in the State of New York, and that the following towns: at Tarrytown

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

<sup>2</sup> Presumably this is a reference to then Lt. Col. Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee of Virginia.

5 years; then at Fishkill about two; then at Saratoga several years; then at Scipio about 5 years, then at Stillwater about two years; then at Fort Ann about 2 years; then at Troy 16 years. He has no documentary evidence to produce; and knows of no living witness whose testimony he could procure. He is well known to Clement S. Le Fevre, Lorenzo Cadwell, of the City of Troy; who can testify as to his character for veracity, and as to the reputation of his having served in the revolutionary war.

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

S/ Archibald Bull, Clerk

S/ Daniel Martling

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Martling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Daniel Martling".

[Clement F. LeFevre, a clergyman, and Lorenzo Cadwell gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

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Raleigh North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 13th May 1840

Sir: I have made careful search again on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, for the name of Daniel Martling but do not find it there. There was a Col. Moore and a Capt. Jones of the line aforesaid, but no Major Crafton or Craston; yet I believe there was such as Officer in the Army having heard him spoken of by some of the old soldiers.

Yours respectfully

S/ Wm Hill

W. H. Clarke, Esqr.

Raleigh North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 28th May 1840

Mr. W. H. Clarke

Sir: Your letter of the 20th instant was received yesterday, and on a re-examination of the Books of this Office, I find that Col. Moore served a very short time as Col. and that in the early part of the war. He was appointed some time in March or April 1776, Brig. General by the Continental Congress, and Thomas Clarke succeeded him as Col. of the 1st North Carolina Regiment. There was a Capt. Daniel Jones in the 3rd Regiment and a Capt. Samuel Jones in the 10th Regiment, but no Capt. Jones in the 1st Regiment. I cannot with any certainty name any one of the old soldiers that I ever heard speak of a Major Crafton, & as his name is not on the muster rolls of the line of this State, I am of opinion he did not belong to the North Carolina line. I am entitled to fees for searches, but as you said the Widow was for whom you are asking information I make no charge.

Yours respectfully,

S/ Wm Hill