

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Martin S11032

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 28th day of January 1833 Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting Zachariah Martin a resident of Halifax County and the State of Virginia aged seventy-one 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 the 7th 1832, that he was drafted in the Militia Service of the Revolution in the month of July 1781 and marched from the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina in a company which was commanded by Capt. Alexander Gordon & Lieut. David Witherspoon and went through Salisbury & Charlotte entered the State of South Carolina was stationed at the Wax saws [sic, Waxhaws] old field, a few days, at that place a French Col. Melbeda [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne], took the command of us, from there we marched through the town of Camden and was stationed in an old field about four miles from the said town, when General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army came up and we there joined him, and marched back through Camden, crossed Santee River opposite the town and followed Lord Rawdon's Army and fell in with them at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]¹ and had a severe battle at that place the 8th of September and took many prisoners. I left General Greene's Army at that place and marched with the prisoners under the command of the same Company officers and Col. Malmedy crossed. Col. Francis Lock [sic, Francis Locke] then took command and marched us to Bell's Branch near the Brush Mountain where we were stationed as a guard to the said Prisoners, about two months about two months [sic], when we were relieved by a new guard and I was discharged by Col. Locke in the month of November 1781, the whole time of service rendered on this tour was about four months my discharge is lost and I do not know any person living that was in service with me on that tour.

As soon as I was discharged from the above Service I was again drafted for twelve months in the State troops of North Carolina, and was attached to Col. Charles Gordon's company in the Regiment commanded by Col. Joel Lewis and stationed at Salisbury to guard the jail and public Stores during the winter of 1782 in the spring following we left Salisbury and marched to Doud's [sic, Dowd's ?] Fort on Deep River from thence to Drowning Creek, from thence to the Raft Swamp near Wilmington in pursuit of Tories, our men became sick with the ague and fever, and we were marched back to Cocks [sic, Cox's Mill] on deep river from thence

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

we were marching in various directions still in search of Tories, and were not stationed long in any one place until November: we were then marched to Hillsboro put up our arms in the magazine and discharged at that place in the month of November 1782, having served in that tour 12 months, the discharge given to me at that time by Col. Lewis is lost and cannot be found and I do not know any person living that was in service with me in that Tour. I was born in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia in the year 1761 the 4th of October. My age is recorded in a testament that is now in my possession. I lived in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina when I entered the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. I lived in the said County when the War ended I lived in the said County ten years after the War ended then moved to the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia and have lived in that County ever since.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Zachariah Martin

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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State of Virginia to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia Zachariah Martin who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the day when he entered the service or the day on which he left the service, but feels confident that he did serve on one tour four months That on the other tour twelve months, that his whole Service as a private in the War of the Revolution was not less than one year and four months and for such Service he claims a Pension, that he served both tours with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority that he was either in the field or in Garrison, and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of July 1833

S/ Rich'd Thornton, Seal

I do hereby certify, that I have put the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to Zachariah Martin who is an applicant for a pension under the Act of the 7th of June 1833 and find that his answers to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Questions are annexed to his declaration made before the Court of Halifax County on the 28th day of January 1833, and that his answers to the 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th Questions are as follows (to wit)

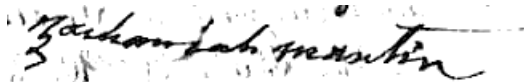
4th. I was drafted twice.

5th. Col. Malmedy, General Greene & Col. Francis Locke. I was with on the first tour, the No. of the Regiments I do not remembered now Col. Joel Lewis was with me on the 2nd tour, the general circumstances of my Service are stated in my declaration.

6th. I received 2 discharges the first was given to me by Col. Locke and the 2nd was given to me by Col. Lewis both of them are lost or destroyed.

7th. Capt. Joel L. Jennings, Capt. William Jennings, William Davis, John Collins and many others can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Zachariah Martin

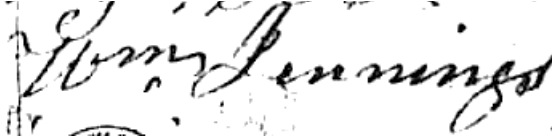


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I William Jennings do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Zachariah Martin who is now a candidate for a Pension for perhaps thirty or forty years and that the said Martin mustered many years in the company in which I served as Lieut. I found said Martin to be well acquainted with the Military Exercise and have heard much said about his serving as a Revolutionary Soldier, and I always did believe he did serve as such. Given under my hand this 26th day of January 1833

The above certificate is duly sworn to before me this 26th day of January 1833
S/ John L. Jennings, JP

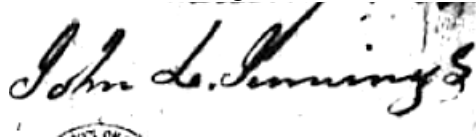
S/ Wm Jennings

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I John L. Jennings do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Zachariah Martin for perhaps thirty or forty years and that the said Martin for many years mustered in the company under my command I found the said Martin who is now an applicant for a pension a very active man with respect to the Military tactics, I heard much said about his being a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and always did believe that he was.

Given under my hand this 26th January 1833
The above certificate duly sworn to before me the 26th day of January 1833
S/ Richard Thornton

S/ John L. Jennings

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[Facts in file: Veteran died July 1833.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the North Carolina militia.]