

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Martin S18104

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State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 20th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the court of the County aforesaid now sitting John Martin Sr. a resident of the said County and State, aged eighty-three 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 when the first draft was made from the Goochland Militia – he was called out – marched in the later part of the summer (the year not recollected) as private in the company from that County under Captain Massie to Williamsburg thence to York and then back to Williamsburg where he was discharged having served two months. Morris was Colonel, Nelson was General, and he sometimes stood Guard at his quarters -- saw no regular troops or militia regiments and was in no battle. That he was again drafted he thinks in the following spring from the militia of the same County and marched as private under Captain Duke from that County to the eastern part of the state – served about Carter Church, the Mobbing hills [Malvern Hills], New Kent court house and Richmond two months and was discharged – Matthews was Colonel and he recollects no other Regiment nor was he in any battle – That in the following fall he served again as a private in the militia, being drafted from the same County, in the same part of the country, he thinks under Captain Brite, two months and was discharged but of this tour he can recollect no particulars. That he again served he thinks in the spring of the following year, when he was again drafted from the same County and marched as private in the militia down James River to Sandy Point, thence to Cabin Point and from there discharged having served two months. Cannot remember his Captain but Fleming was Colonel and there was no other Regiment in service. That his next service was at the Barracks in Albemarle when he was again drafted in the fall season of the year from the same County and marched as private in the Company of Militia under Captain Parrish – served two months at the Barracks in guarding the prisoners of war captured under Burgoyne and was discharged. Taylor [Francis Taylor] commanded and there were some regular troops there. That in the following year being the year '80 he thinks he served two tours of two months each as private in the Militia of the same County and was drafted, but he cannot recollect the particulars with distinctness – he thinks Massie was Captain in one and Duke in the other, and Morris and Richardson the Colonels and in one of them Armistead was Major – he recollects no regulars, but several Militia regiments and Nelson was General – near New Kent Court House, the militia were drawn up for a sham fight, and Major Armistead saying that the men behaved better than the officers he was arrested by Richardson and was broke or resigned as he left the Army and was not seen again – that in the spring of the following year when Cornwallis invaded the state he was again drafted from the militia of the same County and marched as private in the company of Captain Miller [William Miller] he thinks to Richmond

thence to Bottom's bridge and four mile Creek and in that neighborhood, a British vessel having run aground, Major Morris called for volunteers to attack it. They marched down and fired on it and the other troops followed. After they had fired for some time on both sides the vessel got off and retired and the party returned, and one of the neighbors named Poor [Thomas Poor] was wounded – Served in that neighborhood two months and was discharged – Morris he thinks commanded and he recollects no other officers – save General Lafayette' Cavalry at Richmond – while at Richmond the enemy came up to Manchester, remained there some days and burned the Tobacco warehouses. That in the summer of the same year he was again drafted from the militia of the same County but being a lame, Colonel Payne who commanded the Goochland Militia gave him a furlough, and in about 10 days he followed and joined the Army and Gloucester, and was a private in the company of Captain Miller he thinks, Brite Lieutenant – The enemy was then in York and Gloucester town, and he frequently saw the British cavalry and they once had a skirmish with the American horse – Does not recollect the Colonel or Major, but soon after he joined the Army General Weedon [George Weedon] also joined, and took command – served two months and was discharged the day before Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] – That his memory is very obscure on the events of the Revolution and he will be compelled to make the affidavit in such cases provided – That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively 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 eighteen months I served as private in the Militia and for such service I claim a pension. That he never had a written discharge and gave up his furlough and has no documentary evidence. That he can prove some part of his service by Aaron Parrish, Thomas Poor,¹ John Richards² and John Gilbert, and to the rest can procure no testimony and that he refers to the Reverend Lewis Chandoin and James Underwood Esquire for his character and reputation of his being a Revolutionary Soldier:

To Question 1st he replies, I was born in Goochland County about the year 1750

To Question 2nd, I have no record of my age

To Question 3rd, I have always lived in Goochland County. –

To question 4th, I was always drafted.

To Question 5th. Answer to the satisfaction of the court –

to Question 6th I never received a written discharge –

to Question 7th Reverend Lewis Chandoin & John Underwood Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Martin



[Lewis Chandoin, a clergyman, and John Underwood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Louisa County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid John Gilbert Senior a resident of the County of Louisa and State of Virginia, aged in his eighty ninth year, and as appears to me a credible person, and being duly sworn Deposeth and says, that

¹ [Thomas Poor S11254](#)

² FPA S15967

in the time of the Revolutionary war that he this Deponent served two tours of duty of two months each in the militia with John Martin Senior now of Goochland County. The first Tour we were carried down James River some thing like as low as Williamsburg we were then crossed over the River at Sandy Point and marched from thence to Cabin Point where we were discharged: This tour we served under Captain William Fleming: the second, we served, we were marched down James River to where the British were engaged in taking some of our vessels loaded with Tob: [tobacco] and with them we had a sharp engagement – and in due time we were discharged. This tour we served under Colonel Morris, his Christian name not known at this time.

S/ John Gilbert Senior

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gilbert Senior". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name above it.

Sworn to and subscribed this 16th day of July 1833
S/ Thos. Poindexter

State of Virginia in Goochland County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Aaron Parrish a resident of the County aforesaid and state aforesaid aged about 88 years and as appears to me a credible person and being duly sworn deposes that John Martin served three tours of duty two months each as a militia man in the revolutionary war, two under the command of Captain Nat Massie one under the command of Captain Dukes stationed at Williamsburg little York and Sandy Point below Richmond.

S/ Aaron Parrish, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed to the 9th day of August 1833
S/ H. Massie, JP

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Thomas Poor a resident of the County of Goochland and State of Virginia aged about 78 years and is a credible person and being duly sworn deposes – That he served a tower [tour] of duty of two months with John Martin as a militia man in the revolutionary war at Cedar Point on James River below Richmond at which time we attacked a British vessel and was forced to retreat from that place – field officer Colonel Pleasants Major Mosby Major Morris and Captain Miller.

S/ Thomas Poor, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me H. Massie a Justice of the Peace for said County this 15 day of August 1833
S/ H. Massie, JP

State of Virginia Goochland County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County John Richards aged about 76 years and is a credible person being duly sworn deposes – That he served a tower of duty of two months with John Martin of the County of Goochland as a militia man in the Revolutionary War, below Richmond near Farina [?] on James River –Off's Colonel N. Morris, Major Mosby, Captain Miller & Captain Toles.

S/ John Richards, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me Henry Massie a Justice of the Peace for said County this 15

day of August 1833

S/ Henry Massie, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]