

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Martin S2728

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State of Tennessee Hardeman County: SS

On this 4th day of November [1839] personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting Samuel Martin a resident of Hardeman County State of Tennessee aged seventy-nine 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. Was called out one month in November 1776 under Captain Todd of King and Queen County Virginia where he then lived, and marched towards Williamsburg when Lord Dunmore evacuated from thence. In 1781 volunteered under Captain Toles from the County of Spotsylvania for two months. Colonel Oliver Toles [Oliver Towles] was our commander, was not in any battle or skirmish but watching the enemy. After this Tour while in Orange County Virginia served under Captain Webb this was about the 15 of May 1781 and joined the Marquis de Lafayette at Richmond Virginia, was under the command of Colonel Long said Regiment. Was in the retreat from before Lord Cornwallis to the Cross Roads Culpeper County Virginia – Was afterwards in the advance in Fluvanna County and was taken sick, and got a permit to go in the Country for my health. – Again joined the Army about the 15 of July at the Mobbing Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River and then our Regiment was called off to the North side of the York River to keep the British from far June – Received a discharge in Middlesex County from our Colonel John Taylor, this was about the 3rd of October 1781. Declarant has no documentary evidence in his possession as to these facts. Having lost his discharge from Colonel Taylor, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services at this late day. That he had hoped not to apply for a pension, but in his old age he feels the necessity of it and is constrained to call on his Country for relief. 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 the Agency of any State or if any on that of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Saml Martin



[William Johnson, a clergyman, and Benjamin Franklin & H W Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Attested November 4, 1839 in Hardeman County Tennessee.]

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State of Tennessee Hardeman County: SS

On this 4th day of May __ personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of said County now sitting Samuel Martin a resident of Hardeman County State of Tennessee aged eighty 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. Was called out and served one month in November 1776 under Captain W Todd of King and Queen County Virginia where he was born, from there we marched to Williamsburg, before we reached Williamsburg we heard of Lord Dunmore's having evacuated the place and taken shelter on board the British man of war *Roebuck*. We remained some time in Williamsburg and were then marched back to Queen & King [sic] making a tour of duty of one month. Declarant afterwards moved into Spotsylvania where his father and family resided, he having served out his apprenticeship with Thomas Martin of King and Queen with whom he learned the Card making business. In Feby [February] 1781 this Declarant then living in Spotsylvania was in the service under the command of Captain Toles and Lightfoot as Lieutenant, there was another Company with us we were all under the command of Colonel Oliver Toles. We were marched to Richmond in Virginia. We remained in Richmond a short time and were then marched to Fredericksburg to guard that place, and we there continued for some time and discharged. This tour of duty lasted two months. In May 1781 this declarant went into Orange County Virginia and entered the Company of Captain Webb and under his command marched to Richmond Virginia on our arrival at Richmond Captain Webb's Company was put in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia Militia under the command of Colonel Long, and was attached to the forces commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette. Shortly afterward Lord Cornwallis crossed James River at four mile Creek between Petersburg & Richmond on learning this the Marquis de Lafayette left Richmond and retreated North to the Cross Roads Culpeper County Virginia. After reaching the Cross roads we were commanded to halt and advance in a direction to Charlottesville which place this affiant is impressed was then a part of Fluvanna County. Our troops advanced towards Richmond, and when within about a day's march of that place I was taken sick, and obtained leave to retire for my health. This declarant says that from the time he entered the service in this tour to the day he was taken sick, he served fifty days to the best of his belief and remembrance.

This Declarant says that having recovered his health, he joined the Army about the 15 July 1781 at the Mobbing Hills in James River, and was attached to the Company of Captain Shackelford of King William County. We were then ordered off to the North side of York River with the Companies under the Command of Colonel John Taylor of Caroline [County?] to keep the British from foraging through Gloucester County. The other Regiment who served with us was commanded by Colonel Innis. We then marched to Middlesex County adjoining King & Queen where we joined by Colonel Innis and on the 2nd of October 1781 this declarant received his discharge from Colonel Taylor, this was about 2 weeks before Lord Cornwallis' surrenders. On this duty this declarant served 2 months and 8 days making in all 7 months and 8 days. This declarant has lost or mislaid his said discharge from Colonel Taylor and as he never thought of asking for a pension, he did not take the pains to preserve it he otherwise should have done. This Declarant has once before presented his claims to the Department for a pension but being greatly

advanced in years he did not make it as full as he is now advised he should do. So great a time has elapsed as he is now so far from the theater of his services that he is unable to bring witnesses to prove them.

He hereby relinquishes every claim for a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Agency in any State.

Sworn to in open Court this 4th day of May 1840

S/ Saml. McDowell, Clerk

S/ Samuel Martin

[William Johnson, a clergyman and Robert Forbush gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: there are several affidavits from individuals who gave testimony that they knew the veteran in Pickens district South Carolina;

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]