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Pension application of Robert Martin S2732

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State of Tennessee Marion County: County Court August Session 1832

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Marion County and State of Tennessee now sitting being a court of record, Robert Martin a resident of Marion County in the State of Tennessee aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth 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 after stated to wit. That he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer some time as well as he recollects in the summer of the year 1775 in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina under the following named officers to wit Capt. Caleb Fifer [sic, Caleb Phifer] and Col. John Fifer [sic, John Phifer], he marched to the head of the Catawby [sic, Catawba] River and there joined the troops from Roan [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina and then marched into the Cherokee Nation¹ to a place called the Near Towns and from there returned to Mecklenburg County and was dismissed by Col. John Fifer -- Some time in the fall of 1775 after having served three months he got no discharge.

Sometime in February he believes in the year 1776 he volunteered in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina and was Lieut. of a company but got no commission his officers were Col. John Fifer and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] who had the Command of the troops from Mecklenburg and Rowan counties, he marched to Cross Creek which is since he believes called Fayetteville in North Carolina. The troops under General Rutherford marched to Cross Creek for the purpose of joining Gov. Caswell [Richard Caswell] but he had left there before that they arrived he remained at Cross Creek some time and then marched back to Mecklenburg County and was dismissed by Col. John Fifer some time in May 1776 after having been in service 3 months but got no discharge.

About the 25th of December 1779 he was drafted in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and belonged to the North Carolina militia his officer was Capt. William Alexander, marched under him to Charleston South Carolina and joined the troops under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] while at Charleston he recollects a skirmish that took place between the American and British shipping about the rebuilding of Fort Johnson he was discharged by his Capt. William Alexander by the order of General Lincoln at Charleston on the 27th day of March 1780 after having served three months his discharge he has lost or mislaid not knowing that it would be of any advantage to him.

In either June or July 1780 he volunteered in Mecklenburg County North Carolina his

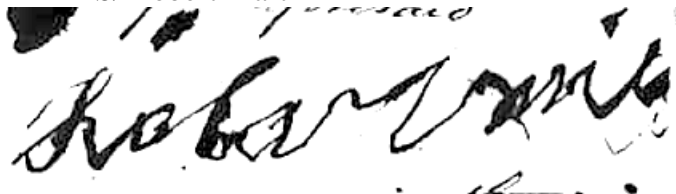
¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

Capt.'s name he does not recollect his other officers were Major James White Col. Caleb Fifer and Gen. Rutherford marched to join General Gates [Horatio Gates], but before they arrived at General Gates camp he together with about 100 men under Col. Fifer were sent down below Pedee River after the Tories and to get horses and saddles and guns to furnish the Army when he joined General Davis and ranged back up through the Country he was in a skirmish with the Tories at the mouth of little Pedee [River] was dismissed by his officers after having been in the service three weeks he got no discharge.

In the winter of 1781 he was drafted in Mecklenburg County North Carolina belonged to the North Carolina Militia his officers were Lieut. William Ross and Col. Caleb Fifer he was ordered by Col. Fifer to remain in Mecklenburg County and make cartridge boxes for the use of the Army he remained accordingly and performed the services as ordered and was dismissed by Col. Martin Fifer [Martin Phifer] in the spring of 1781 after having served three months he got no discharge. Sometime in the year 1781 was drafted in Mecklenburg County his officers were Capt. James Rease [sic, James Reese] And Col. Francis Lock [sic, Francis Locke] he marched to the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River and from there to Salem in North Carolina returned from and was dismissed by Col. Locke some time before Lord Cornwallis was taken [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] after having been in service three months he got no discharge. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services. He was acquainted with Generals Rutherford, Lincoln and Davis besides other officers whose names he does not recollect. He was born within 14 miles of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania on the 10th day of April 1755 and lived there until he was three years old as he was informed by his Father from whom he removed to Rowan County in the State of North Carolina remained there two years and removed to Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina where he remained about forty years and was his place of residence during the revolutionary war from there he removed to Washington County in the State of Tennessee remained there six years and removed to Buncombe County in the State of North Carolina remained about fifteen years and from there he removed to Marion County in the State of Tennessee where he now lives and has lived about eleven years. He has no record of his age he recollects seeing a record in his Father's Bible but that is lost. Declarant also states that he is known to Amanual Rogers a clergyman and John S. Martin & Samuel Gott Esquire Jos. M. Rogers residence of the County of Marion and State of Tennessee who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes any 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Martin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Amanual Rogers, a clergyman and John S. Martin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died July 20, 1840.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and 21 days in the North Carolina militia.]