

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Martin S31833

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The State of Alabama Greene County

On this day personally appeared before the Honorable Thomas F. Moody Judge of the County Court James Martin a resident of the County of Greene and State of Alabama aged seventy-two years who being 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 entered the service as a drafted soldier in the year, he cannot recollect, under Colonel John Pearson the only field officer and Captain Edward Martin all from Camden District in the State of South Carolina now called Fairfield District -- in the State of South Carolina. The first Tour of duty was performed on the Congaree River and thereabouts --

The second Tour of duty was under Colonel Gooden [sic, Lt. Col. Robert Goodwin] the only Field officer and Lieutenant William Gray all from Camden District in the State of South Carolina now called Fairfield District in the State of South Carolina by being on scouting parties after Tories marched to Orangeburg in the State of South Carolina.

The third Tour of duty was under Captain Thomas Shannon as a substitute in causing the defaulters to join their respective Companies all this service was done in what is now called Camden District in the State of South Carolina.

The fourth Tour of duty was under Colonel Richard Winn. The other officers' names not recollected at the four holes near a bridge of the same name low down in the State of South Carolina.

The fifth Tour of duty was under Captain Richard Winn on Edisto River in the State of South Carolina and there dismissed without any written discharge whole time of service he believes to be at least twelve months.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

Attest: S/ J. C. Snedecor, Clerk

S/ James Martin, X his mark

[Burwell Holbrook, a clergyman, and Hugh Lavender gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following interrogatories were propounded by the court to the applicant

1st Where and in what year were you born?

1st answer I was born in Ireland in the year 1760

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

2nd answer I have no perfect record of my age though believe I was born in the year above stated

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

3rd answer I was living in the State of South Carolina in what is now called Fairfield District in said State when called into service I have lived since Revolutionary [war] in Fairfield District State of South Carolina and in Greene County in the State of Alabama where I now live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

4th answer -- I entered the service as a drafted soldier and continued to serve as such except my 3rd tour of duty I served as a substitute for one Jones

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

This I have in my declaration

This applicant states that "he is known in his present neighborhood by David Campbell¹ who can testify to his services and by Burwell Holbrook & Hugh Lavender who can testify as to his reputation for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

The State of Alabama Greene County Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Greene aforesaid, James 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 precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned and in the following grade: for twelve months I served as a private soldier, and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ James Martin, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24th day of June 1833

S/ H. L. Kennon, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ [David Campbell R1637](#)