

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Martin S32395

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State of Alabama Montgomery County

The application of William Martin made on this the 20th of January A.D. 1833 before Benjah S. Bibb Judge of this County Court for the County aforesaid on oath in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress approved July 3rd 1832 the said application being made in open Court -- I am seventy years of age -- according to my father's register -- that register is in the possession of Walter Ross<sup>1</sup> of Autauga County<sup>2</sup> -- I entered the service of the United States during the revolution in my 17th year -- my Capt. was John DeJornette [sic, John DeJarnette] my Col. was Thomas Wade my Major was Jonathan Jackson. This was in Anson County North Carolina. I remained in service about 2 years in the militia as a volunteer -- I was in one engagement against old Col. McNeil [Hector McNeil] a Tory Col. at a place called Bettes Bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge]<sup>3</sup> and drowning Creek. My service was in Richmond and Anson Counties in North Carolina. Walter Ross of Autauga County those of my services. Jonathan Jackson of Anson County probably is living. He knows of my services. I was in great number of skirmishes but was in no engagements as I before stated. My officers were as before mentioned & our services was principally against the Tories I never received a regular discharge -- my name is not on the pension roll of any State & I do hereby expressly relinquish any claim that I have to any except the present --

Sworn & subscribed in open Court

S/ William Martin, X his mark

S/ Benajah S. Bibb,

[John Goldthwaite and Peyton Bibb, a clergyman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Alabama Montgomery County

The supplemental declaration of William Martin made on oath in Montgomery County Before me Judge of the County & Orphans Court of said County in open Court this 3rd day of May A.D. 1834 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- Applicant states that he was born in Caroline County Virginia & in 1774 his father moved to North Carolina. Applicant states that he is now near 72 years of age, that his father's Register is

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<sup>1</sup> [Walter Ross W5723](#)

<sup>2</sup> Alabama

<sup>3</sup> August 4, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_beattis\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html)

in the hands of Walter Ross of Autauga County in this State I entered the service of the United States in my 17th year which was in 1777. This was in Anson County North Carolina. I was drafted as a militia man & in my first tour I served three months -- The principal engagement in which I was was at Beatti's Bridge in the year 78 or 1779. I was engaged in the service during the whole war at short intervals -- whenever it was found necessary to raise a scouting party or to go Tory driving I was called on. Some time we were engaged to -- 3 -- 4 & 8 weeks at a time I think I may say with safety that I was in actual service for more than two years. Our business was to prevent the gathering of the Tories in any strength in Richmond & Anson Counties. I stated before that I could not tell the active & specific periods when I was in the service. The periods of service were short & at short intervals & all I can say with any degree of propriety is that I was engaged more than half my time from the year 1777 to 1781. My officers I have before mentioned. The grandsons & family of Dejarnette now live in Autauga County in this State and are all acquainted with me they can state that it was the current report among them that knew me that I was always passed as a good Whig. He was my Capt. off & on for more than four years. My name is not on the pension roll of any State and I relinquish all claim to any pension but this. That he has lived in this County 4 years & in this state 17 years. He lived in Autauga County therefore removing to this.

Sworn to and Open Court

S/ Wm Martin , X his mark

State of Alabama Montgomery County

Before me Thomas Durden [?] a Justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared William Martin who maketh oath & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise term of service that he performed in the war of the Revolution but according to the best of his recollection he was engaged for more than two years from the year 1778 till 1783 when peace was made. The different tours of service were short sometimes for a week and occasionally for 3 months as the exigencies of the case required. I know that almost if not fully half my time was employed in this manner. Our object was to prevent the gathering of Tories in the counties & there neighborhood as specified in my declaration. In every expedition except one I was under the command of Capt. Dejarnette. In the excepted case I was under the command of Capt. George Wilson to guard provisions that had been collected for the use of the Army of General Gates. I was thus employed for 2 weeks. The provisions were removed & the company of Wilson disbanded. After this I was called out under Dejarnette to go after the Tories under Col. McNeil. The British never were in any part of the country our only service was performed against the Tories. Our Col. was Col. Thomas Wade & he caused us to be called out whenever the country required our aid. To state with precision when I was called out is more than I can do I went whenever my officers said it was necessary & when our duty was done he dismissed us. If this statement will get me a pension I shall be thankful I have never received any pay for my duty performed by me. If it is not sufficient I have no other I cannot remember every little particular that may now be necessary.

Sworn to before me 1 August 1834

S/ Th. Durden, JP

S/ William Martin, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as

a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

[Those interested in this man and his family should also read the application of Walter Ross W5723 because Ross' file contains the original family register relating in part to this veteran. Ross evidently married Margaret Williams, the sister of this veteran.]