

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Martin S36070

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
Clarke County, Sct.

On this 28th day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared William Martin aged about 62 years;— who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law of Congress entitled, “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United states in the Revolutionary war;” that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the county of Clarke; and that he was enlisted for two years in Albermarle [sic: Albemarle County] in the state of Virginia on or about the 16th day of February 1776 by one Leonard Thompson and served in the company commanded by captain Mathew Dewitt [sic: Matthew Jouett, BLWt1126-300] of the Seventh Regiment Virginia line on continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, in the continental army, against the common enemy, until about the 16th day of February 1778 when he was honorably discharged from service at the Valley Forge in the state of Pennsylvania; that he was in service two years and was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and divers small engagements and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Declaration, in order to be continued on the Pension List, under the Act of May 1st, 1820.
State of Ky.

County of Clarke SS.

On this sixth day of July 1832, personally appeared before the subscriber Judge of the Clarke Circuit Court, being a court of record for the circuit of the County aforesaid William Martin resident in said county, aged seventy five years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820; that he, the said William Martin enlisted for the term of two years on the Sixteenth day of February in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by captain Matt Jouett in the regiment commanded by Colonel Wm. Dangerfield in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 16th day of February 1778 when he was discharged from the service in the State of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the number of his pension certificate is 11,472; and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property, because he was informed and verily believed Congress had discontinued his pension because he was a Land holder

And, in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled, “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. That, since the 18th of March, 1818, the following changes have been made in my property (see Schedule)

Schedule

I have Seventy two acres and an half of land one work horse worth about thirty dollars. The land land is in quality about third rate and worth about five five dollars per acre. Owns but one Cow

worth about six dollars no hogs. Holds a note on Thomas Lindsay for thirteen dollars and twenty cents. that the foregoing constitutes the whole of his Estate real and personal except necessary bedding and clothing. that he owes no debts or securityships. that since the 18th March 1818 to wit in the Spring of the year 1831 he sold to Philip B. Winn three sters for thir[page torn] dollars and that he has sold no other property since the 18th March 1818 to his recollection. his Occupation is that of a farmer he is wholly unable to work being very much afflicted with the gravil and otherwise infirm. has three in family towit himself his wife about seventy five years of age and verry helpless and a single daughter between thirty five and forty years old. and that his said Daughter is the only one able in any degree to contribute towards the support of the family. And owing to her having had the white swelling which renders her an invalide
[signed] Wm Martin

State of Kentucky
Clarke County Sct

On this 30th day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Fielding Bush one of the Justices of the County Court for Clarke County aforesaid, William Martin a resident of said County, aged seventy six 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 provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he is the same William Martin who was on the Pension Roll of the united states by virtue of the Act of 18th March 1818 and was stricken therefrom on account of property that he herewith transmitt to the war Department his certificate of said Pension and that in July last he made a declaration before the Hon'ble Richard French the Judge of the Clarke Circuit Court (to wit on 6th day of July 1832) that owing to age and consequent infirmity he cannot with convenience or safty attend in open Court to make the declarations and for the time of his service in the Revolutionary war he refers to his two former declarations which he believes now to be on file in the war Department and he states that he served in said Revolutionary War not less than two years. that he now resides in Clarke County aforesaid and resided in said County where he made his said former declaration and has resided in said County the last forty years and upwards, — that he enlisted as a private solder in the Revolutionary War on the 16th day of Febuary 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Matt Jouitt, in the Redgiment commanded by Colo. William Dangerfield in the line of the state of Virginia on Continental establishment, and that he continued to serve in said Corps untill the 16th day of Febuary 1778 when he was discharged from service in the state of Pennsylvania that at the time of his enlistment he resided in said State of Virginia He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state except on the Pension Roll of the agency of the State of Kentucky, in virtue of his declaration aforesaid made on 6th July 1832 as signified by a letter form the Secretary of War to him under date of the 28th December 1832, which is also herewith transmited.

Sworn and subscribed on the 30th day of January 1833

[signed] Wm Martin

NOTE: William Martin's 1818 application was supported by his brother, Austin Martin, who stated that he saw his brother enlist, and that he was away from home two years.