

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Martin S38164

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State of Georgia Jackson County:

On this 3rd day of July 1827 personally appeared in open Court, it being the Inferior Court of the County aforesaid, a Court of Record, it being made so by the Constitution & laws of the State aforesaid, James Martin resident in said County, aged 67 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 of March 1818, & the first of May 1820.

That he enlisted in the Revolutionary service on the 4th day of May in the year 1777 for the term of three years in the County of Dobbs in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Abraham Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard, Jr.], in the Regiment commanded by Col. Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard, Sr.] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Continental service during the term for which he enlisted, at the expiration of which term he was shut up in Charlestown South Carolina & there taken prisoner by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780],¹ a few days after his term of service expired, after remaining a prisoner about 2 months he made his escape; sometime after he fell in with Major Hardy Murphey [sic Hardy Murfree] under whom he had served, who gave him a discharge. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina, & that the following all the reasons for his not making earlier application for a pension (to wit) That he had a small tract of land from which he received some benefit, which was wrested from him by law, on account of his being bail for his him, as will more fully appear by sundry certificates & affidavits are hereto annexed. And in pursuance of the act of the first of 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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

Property owned at this time except bedding & clothing

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

1 Cow & calf	\$12.00	Amt brot. up	\$22.00
2 Potts	2.00	6 pewter Plates	2.00
1 Small Oven	1.00	6 Earthen Do	0.50
1 pine Chest	1.50	6 Spoons	0.75
6 split bottom chairs	3.00	2 Axes	2.00
2 Pails or piggins	0.75	1 Mallock	1.50
1 Washing tub	1.00	1 shovel plough	0.50
1 Set knives & forks	0.75	1 pair trace chairs	0.75
	22.00		30.00

S/ James Martin, X his mark

Property owned since the 18th March 1818 & changed or been disposed of except bedding, clothing & sometimes a small supplies of provisions &c.

1 Tract Land first Tuesday Sold by the Sheriff
1 Mare in February for one hundred
1822 & forty five dollars

And I further solemnly swear that my occupation as a former, & that I am unable to pursue it, that the number of my family is to besides myself, a wife by the name of Milly Martin 57 years of age very unable to labor, & a daughter by the name of Polly Martin 41 years of age very sickly & not able to labor but little.

Sworn in open Court this 3rd day of July 1827

S/ David Witt, JIC

S/ James Martin, E his mark

S/ William D. Martin, JIC

S/ Tandy Key, JIC

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Martin Senior a private Soldier in Capt. Sheppard's company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 4th of May 1777 for three years, nothing more is said of him on said rolls, but from his having drawn a Warrant for the quantity of land allowed by this State to a Soldier for three years services, I am of opinion he served out the term for which he enlisted.

Given under my hand this 7th February 1827

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 11, 1827, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]