

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Martin S38165

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State of Georgia Richmond County:

John Martin being duly sworn saith that he served during the whole of the Revolutionary War as a private under Captain Donaldson [John Donaldson] of the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Rangers commanded by Colonel Thompson [William Thomson] & that he was a prisoner at the close of the war & obtained no regular discharge. The deponent saith that he is in reduced circumstances & is in need of that assistance which the United States have determined to afford to indigent soldiers of the Revolution.

Sworn before made this 29th of August 1818

S/ John Martin, X his mark

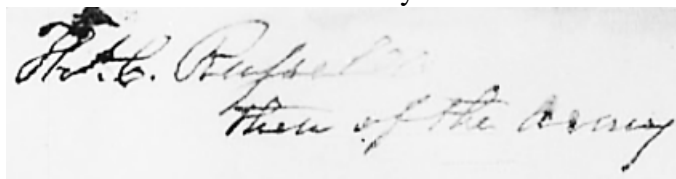
S/ Robert Raymond Reid, Judge

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I have been acquainted with John Martin for many years. I am well satisfied that he was a regular Soldier three years in our revolutionary War in the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina line of the Continental Army, this belief I have from various sources but particularly from men and officers who served in the same Regiment with him but I do not recollect him myself.

August 29th August 1818

S/ Thos. C. Russell¹
then of the Army

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Thos. C. Russell" on the top line and "then of the Army" on the bottom line. The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

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Georgia Richmond County:

This is to Certify that John Martin of the State & County aforesaid came personally before me ___ & after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposeth & saith, that he the said John Martin, in the year 1776 in the month of July or August of the same year he was enlisted a soldier and Colonel William Thompson's [William Thomson's] Regiment called

¹ [Thomas C. Russell S38343](#)

Rangers at that time by Lieutenant William Thompson [William Thomson] and William Fitzpatrick, in the service of the United States, and that he continued from that period in the said service of the United States until the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [Cornwallis] at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] in the year 1783 when Peace was proclaimed between the United States & Great Britain. -- And the said John Martin further deposes & saith that he has never received any bounty in land nor his pay while a prisoner in Charleston about fourteen months after the siege & surrender of that place [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]² when he was taken a prisoner by the British, and that he is now advanced in years & is unable to undergo fatigue & hard labor & in indigent circumstances he therefore solicits from the Government which he contributed his utmost efforts to defend his portion of pay & bounty as has been already bestowed of many of his companions in arms.

Sworn to before me this 25th May 1819

S/ R. Bush, JP

S/ John Martin, X his mark

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Georgia

On the thirtieth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court the same being a Court of Record to wit the Mayor's Court for the City of Augusta in the County of Richmond & State aforesaid John Martin aged sixty-nine years resident in the State of Georgia & City aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as will appear by reference to this deponent's Affidavit & application for a Pension now in the Office of the Department of War in Washington City & under which the deponent has hitherto received a Pension.

And 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

Sworn to & declared in Open Court 30th day of August 1820 before me.

S/ Nicholas Ware, Mayor

S/ John Martin, X his mark

Schedule

Three Negroes

One horse

One cow

One cart

a few Articles of household furniture

And he in passion [sic, possession?] of a Lot in the City of Augusta which was valued at \$100 upon which he has paid \$10 and on the balance he pays 5% per annum.

S/ John Martin, X his mark

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² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

Georgia Richmond County

I do certify that the bearer John Martin has undergone an examination before me and it evidently appears that he is afflicted with hernia or rupture on both sides, which disables him from hard labor or violent exercise of any kind. Given under my hand at Augusta the 26th day of February 1807.

S/ Anderson Watkins
Surgeons Mate 10th Regiment

Georgia Richmond County: Elisha Chavers being sworn saith that he knew John Martin for 5 or 6 years while he was in the United States service during the Revolutionary War.

Sworn before made this 29th August 1818
S/ Robert Raymond Reid, Judge Ordinary Court
S/ Elisha Chavers, X his mark

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Georgia Richmond County

On the 3rd day of November 1828, personally appeared in open Court, being the Inferior Court for the County aforesaid and a Court of Record, John Martin a resident in said County aged eighty-seven years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1820; that he the said John Martin enlisted for the term of 3 years on the ___ day of ___ in the year not recollected in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Donaldson, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson, in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment; and that he continued to serve in the said corps until he was taken prisoner in Charleston in the State of South Carolina, that his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropped on account of his property –

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 -- one chest of drawers, 4 pine tables, ½ dozen common chairs, some articles of kitchen furniture, one Lot in possession ¾ of an acre not paid for, one cart, one pair of andirons, sundry other articles, as plates, dishes &c the whole appraised at \$33.50 -- Bob, Jim & Nancy her male child - - the two first are freed, the last & child are mine until my death and all worth \$350 -- I have no trade and if I had, am entirely unable to pursue it.

Since the exhibition of my first schedule, the following changes have been made in my property -- 3 cows -- two have died and I have killed one -- one horse sold to a traveler name unknown January 1, 1823 [for] \$60.00 the money arising from the sale of the horse appropriated to a Doctor Cunningham's bill for a attention in sickness.

Sworn to and declared on the 3rd day of November 1828 before us
S/ John Martin, X his mark

S/Dabney Berry JIC
S/ Val Walker, JIC
S/ John S. Holt, JIC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 29, 1818, for service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line. His pension was subsequently suspended based on the fact that he possessed property the value of which exceeded the amount permitted under the 1820 act.]