

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Martin S38930

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South Carolina District of Edgefield: SS

On this twenty ninth day of September 1819 before me the subscriber judge of the court of Ordinary for said district personally appeared William Martin aged sixty-five years resident on Penn Creek in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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 That he the said William Martin enlisted shortly before the Declaration of Independence on Thompson's Creek on the Pedee River South Carolina, above Cheraw Hills in the company commanded by John Dallison or Dollison [John Donaldson] of the infantry in (he believes) the 3rd Regiment of the Continental troops commanded by Colonel John Thompson [sic, William Thomson], that he served in this Corps fifteen months and nine months besides under Captain Mills of the __ Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Ramsay at the end of which he was discharged in Charleston South Carolina that he was in the battles at Sullivan's Island [Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776],¹ at Stono [Stono ferry, June 20, 1779],² and at Savannah [Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 9, 1779]³ when it was attacked by the Americans being in possession of the British. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the date above.

S Jno. Simkins, O.E.D.

S/ William Martin, X his mark

State of South Carolina Edgefield District:

On this third day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the district aforesaid William Martin aged about sixty-five years resident on the waters of Big Creek in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows (viz.) in the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina line commanded by Colonel John Thompson [sic, William Thomson] in a company commanded by Captain John Dolison [John Donaldson] that he is now on the pension roll of virtue of the act of the 18th of March 1818 that his certificate for a pension is dated the 10th day

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

of November 1819 that his pension commenced on the 29th day of September 1819 and that he has already received \$41.25 of his said pension and he does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income or estate real or personal or mixed except his clothes of which to law does not require a schedule that he is old & so infirm that he cannot support himself by his formal occupation of a farmer or planter that he has no wife or children and no one on whom he can depend and to whom he can look for support.

Sworn to and declared in Open Court the day and year above written

S/ M. Mims, CCP

S/ William Martin, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing September 29, 1819, for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]