

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Martin Delaney S39425

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[Capitalization partly corrected]

Virginia Greenbrier County (towit)

At a Court held for the County of Greenbrier on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1818

Personally appeared before the County Court of Record Martin Delany aged fifty seven years Resident in the County of Greenbrier & State of Virginia who being Duly Sworn according to Law on his Oath makes 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War That he the said Martin Delany enlisted in Chester County in the State of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Capt. John Christy [sic: John Christie] of the 5<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Col. [Francis] Johnston on the 1 day of March 1777 that he continued to serve in the said corpse or in the service of the US untill the [blank] day of August 1783 when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia That he was in the Battles of Shorthills [Short Hills NJ, 26 Jun 1777] Couches Bridge [sic: Cooch's Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777] Brandywine [PA, 11 Sep 1777] German Town [Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777] James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown VA, 6 Jul 1781] & Little York [siege of Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. that he is in reduced circumstances & 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 which is ordered to be certified

Virginia

At a court held for the County of Nicholas on the seventh day of November 1820 before the County[?] Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid being a Court of record constituted by the General assembly of the state of Virginia aforesaid

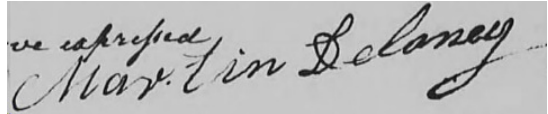
Be it remembered that on the day & year afores'd the following declaration was made by Martin Delany in the words & figures following to wit

Virginia Nicholas County (to wit) on this the seventh day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record constituted as such by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia for the said County Martin Delany aged 61 years resident in said county who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in the Company commanded by Capt. John Christy in the fifth Pennsylvania Reg't commanded by Colo. Francis Johnson in the Pennsylvania line commanded by Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne. That on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 he made his original declaration before the County Court of Greenbrier which was transmitted to the department of war whereupon he received a pension certificate No. 6381 bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – all the property that I own is as follows 3 Cows one of which I am now indebted for – one Calf, 1 Horse for which I owe – 3 Yearling hogs & 7 shoats 6 Tin Cups – 7 knives & forks – 5 or 6 Cups & Saucers, few Earthen plates – one Coffee pot one Tea pot one pot & one oven. I am a Farmer but through old age & infirmity am unable to do much. I have no family except a wife who is 50 years age, she has been a sickly woman for twenty five years & less able than myself in contributing any thing to our support.

signed Martin Delany

State of Virginia        }  
County of Nicholas    }                [9 Oct 1822]

I Martin Delany aged Sixty Two years and upwards, a Citizen of the united states, do upon Oath testify and declare, that in the year one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy seven I inlisted in the army of the revolution, against the common enemy of my Country for the term of three years or during the war and served in the Company commanded by Capt John Christy and in the ridgement No. 5 under Command of Colo. Francis Johnson of the Pennsylvania line, and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the Close of the War, in Seventeen hundred and Eighty three when I returned from Charlestown in South Carolina with the pensilvania to philadelphia where the troops rendevoused where I obtained my discharge. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty Land promised to me in the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever [power of attorney follows]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "we captured Martin Delaney". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: The file includes a letter dated 27 July 1844 stating that Martin Delaney died in 1827, and his widow, Hannah Delaney, was the only heir.