

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements**  
**Pension Application of Martin True S39867**  
**M-804 Roll No. 2416 p.940**

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**[Transcriber's Summary**

*Date and place of birth of Martin True and names of his parents are not shown.*

*Martin True enlisted in Halifax Co., Va., 22 Apr 1778, served as private in Capt. James Porter's Co., Col. Abraham Buford's Va. Regiment and in Capt Stewart's Co., Col. Davis' Va. Regiment; was in the battles of Savannah, Monck's Corner, Buford's Defeat, Hanging Rock and at the capture of Cornwallis and was discharged 30 Oct 1781.*

*He was allowed pension on his application executed 15 Feb 1822, at which time he was aged about sixty-six years and resided in Williamson Co., Tn; in 1835, he moved to Madison Co., Tn; and in 1838, returned to said Maury Co., Tn.*

*In 1822, he referred to his wife as aged about sixty-seven years but did not give her name or the date of their marriage.*

*Children were referred to: the only name given was that of a son, David H. True, who in 1838 resided in Maury Co., Tn; his age is not shown. A son-in-law resided in Carter's Creek, state not given, in 1822; his name and the name of his wife are not shown and there are no further data as to family.]*

Tennessee

Pleas at Franklin in the county of Williamson, before the Honorable Nathaniel W. Williams one of the Judges of the Judges of the circuit court of Law and Equity for the state of Tennessee at the February term of the said court for the year 1822.

This day appeared in open court Martin True and filed his declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension with a schedule of his estate thereto annexed, which being subscribed and sworn to in open court, and which said declaration is in the words and figures following (to wit)

District of West Tennessee, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1822, personally appeared in open court it being a court of record by Act of Assembly of the state of Tennessee and circuit court of Williamson County Martin True aged about sixty six years, a resident of Williamson county in said District of West Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law doth in his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 (to wit) That he said Martin True enlisted in the month of April in the year 1778, as well as he recollects on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the said month in Halifax County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Porter, in the regiment commanded Colonel Abraham Buford and Lt Colonel Samuel Hall in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment, that he said Martin continued to serve in the

said corps until Buford's defeat at the Hanging Rock waxhaw [sic Waxhaws] settlement when he was transferred to Captain Stewart's (company as well as he recollects) Col Davis then in command his former Col Buford having decamped at Buford's Defeat that he said Martin was discharged from said service in Richmond in the State of Virginia in the month of October 1781, he thinks about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of said month, but having lost his discharge some time since he is unable to ascertain the time exactly but is certain it was in October in said year 1781, says he was in the service as a regular soldier three years, and about two years as a volunteer, says he was in the battle of Savannah, Monk's [sic, Moncks] Corner, Buford's Defeat at Hanging Rock on Waxhaws settlement, and finally at the capture of Lord Cornwallis, said Martin says he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services other than his own oath. And in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1818, and that I have 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 to diminish it so 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> March 1818 and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property, securities, contracts or debts due me, nor have I any income other than that which is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and my me subscribed (To wit) One bed and house furniture worth about

	\$14.00
4 plates and 3 knives & forks	\$1.50
1 pot which contains about 6 gallons	<u>\$2.00</u>
	\$17.50

Martin his x mark True

And he said Martin True further states that he is not only an old but a very infirm man being often afflicted with Rheumatic pains in his hand and having recently had the misfortune to have his hip much injured, he cannot support himself by his labor, he has no other family except a wife about sixty seven years of age who is also very infirm, his children having left him some years since, says he lives a part of his time with a son in law on Carter's Creek, a part with his son on Snow Creek near the Maury County line, and a part of his time with Allen Hill on Little Warpath, He is by occupation a farmer but is not now able to pursue it

Martin his x mark True

Declared and sworn to in open court this 15<sup>th</sup> Feby 1822. W Smith? Clerk, which being heard and by the \_\_\_ is considered by the court that the total amount of value of property exhibited in said schedule is worth the sum of seventeen Dollars and fifty cents and no more and the declarant is worthy of credit.

State of Tennessee

Williamson County

I William Smith clerk of the circuit court for the county of Williamson in said State do certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the record in my office of the Declaration of Martin True for the purpose of \_\_\_ a pension.

In testimony whereof I this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1822 set my hand and affix my personal seal there being no seal of office provided.

W. Smith

Application for a Transfer  
State of Tennessee  
County of Maury

On this fifteenth day of October 1838, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Maury aforesaid personally appeared Martin True who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain James Porter in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bluford in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Tennessee at Jackson from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State (District, or Territory,) of Maury County, Tennessee, where e intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable at Nashville, in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Madison County to Maury Tennessee, were that he was old and desired to live with his son David H. True.

His  
Martin x True  
Mark

Sworn and subscribed to, before me, }  
15 the day and year aforesaid }  
James Canphran JP

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State of Tennessee  
Maury County

Before the subscribed a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid personally appeared David H. True and Elijah Charles, and made oath in due form of law that Martin True who has appeared before me to take the oath of \_\_\_nty is the same person mentioned in a pension certificate given at the War Office of the United States the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1822 and numbered 18653, and signed by J.C. Calhoren Secretary of War.

Sworn to & subscribed D. H. True  
Before me this 15<sup>th</sup> E. Hanks  
Day of October  
1838

James Taughron Justice of the Peace  
State of Tennessee }  
Maury County }

I James Cauhorn a justice of the peace & for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that David H. True and

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Martin True  
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Elijah Hanks who has appeared before me to prove the identity of Martin True are persons of veracity.

James Tanghron Justice of the peace

State of Tennessee Maury County  
I William E. Erwin Clerk of the County Court of said Maury County hereby certify that Caughron is a Justice of the Peace as above; and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine.  
In testimony whereof I hve hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1838.

Wm. E. Erwin Clerk  
Of the County Court of Maury County.

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Treasury Department  
Second Comptroller's Office  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1839

Sir:

Under the act of the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," Martin True a Pensioner on the Roll of the Nashville, Ten: Agency, at the rate of eight Dollars per monty, under the law of the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1818, has been paid at this Department, from the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1838, to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1838.

Respectfully, yours,  
Alioz? K. Parris  
Comptroller

To: the Commissioner of Pensions,  
Present.

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State of Tennessee }}  
Madison county }

On the 31<sup>st</sup> day October 1835 before me th subscriber, a Justice of the peace for said County of Madison, personally appeared Martin True, who o his oath, declared that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Capt. James Porter in the Regiment commanded by colonel buford in the service of the United

