

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Martin S5736

VA

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State of Virginia } to wit

Harrison County }

on the twentieth Day of July 1832 personally appeared before me Matthias Winters one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for the County and state aforesaid William Martin resident of Booths Creek Harrison County and State aforesaid aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

That he enlisted in the United States service in Pittsburg for during the war commanded by Capt Benjamin Biggs Col. — Gibson [John Gibson] Marched to Fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA] remained there twelve months or more during which time a number of Indians were killed while crossing the river from thence to Wheeling Virginia remained there one year or more then returned to Fort Pitt where he obtained an honorable discharge which discharge was given into the hands of a Merchant at that place whose name is not recollected and was never regained he recollects the names of the following officers Cpt Uriah Springer Cpt — Brady Lieut John Dent Leut Jacob Springer he was present at the burning of the old Keshochcton [sic: Coshocton, Apr 1781] town on Muskingum River his residence at the time of his enlistment was Hampshire County Virginia from thence he removed to Harrison County where he now resides he served untill the close of the war was in the service three years and upwards after his discharge and on his return home he was met by a party of Indians who fired upon him wounding him in both thighs both legs and one arm having received five balls which broke several bones and caused the Amputation of one leg just below the knee he hereby relinquishes all pretentions and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written

For the truth of the above declaration he refers to Peter Johnson [sic: Peter Johnston or Johnstone, pension application X403] and Anderson Corbin [W6739] whose testimony is hereunto annexed

William hisXmark Martin

Harrison County Va to wit

Peter Johnson personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that he entered the service of the U.S. in march 17th 1779 at Fort Pitt at which time William Martin (who now resides in this county & who is now an applicant for a pension) was a regular soldier stationed at Fort Pitt under the command of Col. Gibson that he continued in said service until deponent was discharged which was the 14 day of march 1782 [2 written over 3] that deponent served with him & was acquainted with him during the whole campaign. Saw him at Fort McIntosh Wheeling & other places. he understood that said Martin enlisted for for during the war. he further states that he is 81 years of age and is now drawing a pension

[signed] Peter Johnston

Sworn & subscribed before me this 13 Dec'r 1832

J. Johnson J.P.

personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for the county of Harrison Anderson Corbin who being duly sworn according to law states that he is will acquainted with Wm. Martin who has signed the above declaration and that he knows that he did serve as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. that he (Corbin) assisted to bring him home after he had been wounded by the Indians & that he obtained his certificate & drew his pay as a soldier Sworn under my hand this 14 Sept 1832

W. A. Rogers JP

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. On the cover of Martin's report Singleton wrote "Entitled."]

William Martin of Booths Creek. draws \$80—

on the 8th July William Martin made the following statement – is in his 72nd year of age. was raised in Hampshire County & lived there until within the last 43 years – about four years before the close of the war of the Revolution he was drafted in Hampshire county for six months – (there were twenty or thirty including himself drafted at the same time & place) they were marched from there under Capt Ashly to Fort Pitt. there joined the main army under Genls. [Daniel] Brodhead and Irwin. after getting to Fort Pitt was attached to Capt. Benjamin Biggs Company he with a part of the army went to Fort McIntosh remained there some time above a year and returned to Wheeling whilst at Fort McIntosh he enlisted during the war and was attached to Capt. Benjamin Biggs Company. Biggs was in the regular service. remained under Capt Biggs until the war closed – was nearly four and a half years in actual service Col. Gibson was Colonel of the Regt. to which he belonged. thinks the 13th Regt.

Col. Joseph Johnson wrote his Declaration made the same statement in substance he now makes he gave Johnson \$40— In witness that this statement is true I hereto subscribe my name.

Witness Nathan Goff.

William hisXmark Martin

Note this man had nine [sic] balls shot through different parts of his body. – has recently suffered the amputation of one of his legs. Considered necessary by reason of wounds recev'd. in the war. – and is worth[?] \$1.00000— and cant write his name

A copy. W. G Singleton

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia }

Harrison County }

I William Martin aged 70 years do upon oath testify and declare that I entered the service by enlistment in the year 1779 for the term of during the war in the regiment commanded by Col. Gibson of the Virginia line, and that I continued in the service aforesaid untill the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the aforesaid Regt commanded by Col. Gibson.

I further more declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Land promised to me on the part of the State of Virginia nor have I ever assigned or transfered my claim in any manner whatsoever therefore I request the register of the land office of the State of Virginia issue a warrant for the land so promised [one or more illegible words] state aforesaid and hand the said warrant over to Waldo P. Goff of the senate of Virginia who is hereby authorized to receive and accept for the same

Oct. 12th 1833

William hisXmark Martin

Keith hisXmark Tucker