

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Martin S7172

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State of North Carolina, Buncombe County: SS

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October one thousand Eight-hundred & forty three before me James Sharp one of the Acting Magistrates and a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in & for the County & State aforesaid personally appeared Jacob Martin a resident of the County of Buncombe & State aforesaid aged Eighty four years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832 Granting pensions to Soldiers of the War of the Revolution.

That he lived in the County [of] Lincoln, North Carolina and was drafted into service from that County the first was a tour of three months under Captain Henry Whitener for which he was drafted & was placed under Captain McDowell [sic, Major Joseph McDowell] we were marched on to Monk's [sic, Moncks Corner?] in South Carolina where we spent some time & his term of service expired & which he thinks was in the year of Seventeen hundred & seventy nine.

The next was a Tour of six months he was drafted under Captain Whitener & was placed under Captain McDowell by order of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] who had the Command the [forces] were marched on to South Carolina again with the intention of joining the Main Army and going against the British at Charleston, but before they reached Charleston they were met by the American Army who had been defeated at the Battle of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]<sup>1</sup> & they turned their Course towards North Carolina and was at the Battle at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780]<sup>2</sup> against the Tories at which time Captain Falls [both Gilbraith Falls & William Falls died in the engagement at Ramseur's Mill] was killed which was in the year of seventeen hundred & Eighty sometime in the summer of that year & soon after which he was discharged from that Tour of duty – after having served six months.

The next and third Tour was for three months, he substituted himself in the place of Jacob Wetzell and was placed under Captain John Sigman, Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and Campbell [William Campbell] & others he was scouting about in different parts of the Country & was in the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]<sup>3</sup> which was the fall of the year

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

of seventeen hundred & Eighty and soon after that Battle his time of service expired & he was discharged.

The fourth & last Tour was for three months he was drafted he was marched down to Fayetteville by order of General Rutherford & at the time they arrived at the aforesaid place peace was declared & they were soon discharged which was soon after the taking of Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] at York Town in the year of seventeen hundred & Eighty one [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], which was the last of his service in the War of the Revolution.

He also declared that he has not seen either [sic] does he know of any documentary Evidence, in Support of his services that from old age and the loss of memory he cannot give all the particulars of his service that he knows and very well recollects that he served in all to fifteen months as set forth in the foregoing declaration. That he knows of no one now living that was in service with him.

He further declares that by reason of old age and bodily infirmity he is unable to go to the Court House to make his declaration. Furthermore I do hereby relinquish all and every claim to a pension or annuity except the present whatever and declare my name is not on the pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first-above written.

Before: S/ Jas. Sharp, J P

S/ Jacob Martin, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Catawba County

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1843 this day appeared Martin Coulter<sup>4</sup> before me George P. Shuford one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County and was qualified upon the Holy Evangelist Almighty God and saith that he was acquainted with Jacob Martin and that the same Jacob Martin was married to Polly Flemmons [sic, Fleming?] and he believes he now lives in Buncombe County and he saith that he believes that said Jacob Martin was drafted at the same time he said Coulter was to under Captain Henry Whitner in the year 1780 in the Revolutionary War and he saith that he said Joseph Martin, George Martin & John Martin with some others under Captain John Wilson on a scouting party in search of Delinquents and out liers [sic] he also recollects that Jacob Martin was Employed as a Substitute for Jacob Wetzel he further saith that Jacob Martin was a tolerable dark complexed man about 6 feet high tolerable Filesey [?] he further saith that he said Coulter is near Eighty five years old and that said Jacob Martin is about Eighty four years old and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me the day and year above written.

S/ M Coulter



G. P. Shuford, J.P.

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State of North Carolina Catawba County: September 6th 1843

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<sup>4</sup> [Martin Coulter R2363](#)

This day appeared Hannah Conrad before me George P. Shuford one of the Justices of the peace for and in said County and after being qualified upon the Holy Evangelist [of] Almighty God saith that she recollects about Ramsour's battle and that she also recollects of the boys George, John and Jacob Martin coming home after said Battle and understood that the [sic, they] was in the Battle and She also Saith that She cannot recollect of any more Service of the said Jacob Martin more than reports and his absences. Said Hannah Conrad Saith that she believes this Jacob Martin now living in Buncombe County is the same man before spoken of and that said Jacob Martin is her Brother.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.  
S/ G. P. Shuford, JP

S/ Hannah Conrad, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Burke County: September 8th 1843

This day appeared Easter Stamy before me C. Hildebrand one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after being first duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God doth on her oath say as follows to wit: that she was well acquainted with Jacob Martin of Buncombe County NC the applicant in the case she saith that she recollects that the said Jacob Martin was drafted by Capt. Henry Whitner as a Soldier of the old Revolutionary war and she thinks the said Martin joined Capt. McDowell's Company and went into service under said Capt. McDowell and was absent from home a considerable length of time and she further saith that she recollects the Battle of Ramsour's Mill and that said Martin was in that said Battle and she thinks this Battle was in the year 1780 She also Saith upon oath that the said Jacob Martin was in the Battle of King's Mountain she thinks under Capt. John Sigmon and Colonels Cleveland and Campbell was Commander of the said Kings Mountain Battle. She also Saith upon oath that the said Jacob Martin served in the Revolution war as a substitute for Jacob Wetzell place she further states that she saw the said Jacob Martin divers times with others and John Wilson called the Capt. Serving as searchers of Delinquents and outliers She also saith that said Jacob Martin was marched down to Munks [sic, Moncks Corner] in the State of South Carolina under Capt. McDowell. She also saith that after the he returned back to Lincoln County from Moncks Corner that he was again drafted by Capt. Henry Whitner and joined Capt. McDowell's company again her acquaintance with said Jacob Martin was in Lincoln County NC before and in the Revolutionary war but he has since the war removed to Buncombe County where he now resides and further the deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me the year and date above written.

S/ C. Hildebrand, JP

S/ Esther Stamy, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

On this 27th day of April 1844 personally appeared before me James Sharpe, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Jacob Martin a resident of the County and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law to the following statements to wit: That he has lately applied for a pension on the account of his Revolutionary Services, and the reason why it does not appear that he has never before applied for a pension before this late date is as follows. That at the time others were applying affiant employed an Agent to obtain his pension and said Agent about this

time was prosecuted by the Government for some violation of the pension law which was at the time said Agent had in his possession affiant's papers, that soon after those charges were settled with the government, affiant called on said Agent to know what was the result of his application and the Agent put affiant off from time to time and never gave any satisfaction as to what had been done or whether anything could be done, thus his claim has remained until this late day and would not have been prosecuted now but from actual necessity that affiant is old unable to work poor and destitute.

This affiant also states on his oath, that he knows of no person now living that was in the service with him that he has sent an Agent to Lincoln County in pursuit of evidence of his services, and what has been forwarded to the Department is the result of those researches for evidence.

This affiant further states that from old age and loss of memory he is not capable of giving a more minute history of his services that was given in his declaration further this affiant saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me  
S/ Jas. Sharpe, JP

S/ Jacob Martin, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia.]