

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Hudson Martin S7175 VA
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Virginia

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Nelson County at the Courthouse on the 26th day of November 1832.

State of Virginia and } to wit
County of Nelson }

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Nelson County now sitting Hudson Martin of the said County and State aged 71 years the 14th day of May last past 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States February the 15th he thinks 1779 as a Militia soldier under Lieutenant Goodwin of the County of Amherst and state of Virginia from whence they marched to the Barrax [sic: Albemarle Barracks] near Charlottesville Albemarle County Va where they were stationed as guard to the prisoners for sixty days when they were discharged. his Colonel was named [Francis] Taylor. other officers not recollected. And in the May following he returned to the same Barrax where he served another tour of sixty days as a Sargeant under the same Officers; In the year of 1780 November the 3rd he was commissioned Ensign and stated in a few days from the County of Amherst under Captain James McAlexander and Lieutenant Tilman Walton [W4373] from whence they marched to Richmond Va. where they were stationed at a Creek at the lower end of Town for three weeks, from thence they marched a few miles below Richmond where they were stationed the balance of that tour, which was two months; the next time he was drafted in the County of Fluvanna State of Virginia as a Militia man in the year of 1781 May the Nineteenth (he thinks) and marched through Louisa County Va. where they joined General Lafayette's army and from thence to the Burnt Ordinary and from thence to a large old field a few miles from Old James Town where an engagement took place near Old James Town in a few days after their arrival [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], which engagement was brought on by General [Anthony] Wayne (he thinks) in which there was smart loss sustained and the enemy maintained their ground. and after the engagement they marched to Bottoms Bridge where they were stationed until the expiration of that tour which was two months, the enemy after the engagement went on board their vessels. other Officers recollected while on that tour in addition to those mentioned was General [Daniel] Morgan and General Lawson [Robert Lawson VAS850]. he does not recollect the No. of any Regiment to which he was attached during his service; he has no documentary evidence of his service but he can prove a part of his service, the other part he knows of no person by whom he can prove it.

Questions by the Court. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. As I was told by my parents I was born the 14th day of May 1761 in the County of Albemarle Va.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have and it is in my possession.

3rd Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where are you now living?

Answer. I lived in Amherst County Va. when called into service the three first times and in Fluvanna when called the last time, in that part of old Amherst County which is now Nelson County since the revolutionary war, and am now living in Nelson County.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or was you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was drafted all except the second tour, and then I took the place of my brother William [William Martin] who had been drafted and was taken sick.

5th State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer The answers to those enquiries are set forth in the body of my declaration as full as my recollection would enable me to do it.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given?

Answer. I never received a written one to my recollection but was in each case informed by my officer that I was at liberty to go home.

7th State the names of persons in your present neighbourhood to whom you are known who can testify as to you character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution.

The Court will please enquire of John H Mosby and Joseph Matthews and any other of my neighbours who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the revolution. The Court will also please enquire of John H. Mosby and Joseph Matthews whether they believe me to be as old as I represent and whether I am reputed and believed in my neighbourhood to have been a soldier of the revolution and whether they concur in that opinion.

He hereby relinquishes 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 or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Hudson Martin

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County of Nelson } towit

On this 29th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me James Woods a Justice of the peace for the County of Nelson William Martin who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following statement. That Hudson Martin his brother served two tours as a Militia man in the revolutionary war at the barrax near Charlottesville in Albemarle County Va. that one of those tours was in his the said Williams place who was a Sergeant and he believes the said Hudson filled the same office, and he thinks the length of the said tours were two months each. he also knows that the said Hudson performed one other tour as an Ensign or in other words that he started on such tour and was absent two or three months and further he saith not. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Wm Martin

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

1779 D'r Hudson Martin Paymaster.
July 31 To a Warrant on the Treasury for £480.0.0
Cr nothing.
Extracted from Ledger of the War. page 3.

Richmond 8th October 1780.

Sundry Accts. D'r. To Gen'l Acct of Goods. Viz. Albemarle Guard. D'r.
For sundry Clothing Capt Hudson Martin for the use of Colo Taylor's Regiment. p roll. Viz.

981 yds Linen	£17.2.	
325½ " D'o		17.5.
42½ " D'o		17.2.
1359 yds for 430 Shirts		
3½ lbs thread		
753½ yds Oznaburgs for 215 hunting shirts		
6 lbs thread		

Extracted from Armistead's Journal. page 73

Tuesday 29th of April 1783.

A Warrant to Hudson Martin for one years Int. on a cert. No 501 dated. This day in full of the balance of his pay as Lieut of Infantry in the Continental Line £4.19.0

Extracted from Specie Waste[?] Book No. 4.

[Additional entries are dated 2 Apr 1779, 6 Oct 1780, 29 Mar 1781]

Augusta Virginia 23rd July 1834

on the application of one of the heirs of Hudson Martin deceased late of the County of Nelson, I do hereby certify that he the said H Martin was a Lieutenant & Paymaster to the 9th Virginia Regiment and altho I have not personal knowledge of the facts, was always under the impression that he continued in service until the end of the war of the revolution.

Given the above date

Ro. Porterfield Capt. [Robert Porterfield S8965]

& Aid De Camp, in

the Va. Line on Cont'l Establishment



I John Thomas of the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia now in the seventy Eighth year of his age do hereby Certify that in the Spring of the year 1776 that a Certain Capt. Thomas Walker living in the aforesaid County and state raised by enlistment for the Period of Eighteen Months or two years, under the Continental establishment a Company of Soldiers which he the said Walker Commanded, and at the same time a Certain Hudson Martin, of the aforesaid County & State was appointed Ensign in said Company and that soon after the said Company was raised & marched from Albemarle I believe to Norfolk and remained there and on the Eastern Shore of Virginia Perhaps until the Spring of 1777 when he understood that the said Company was ordered somewhere to the North, in and about Philadelphia, and served the full term of eighteen months or two years as the case may be, He thinks the said Company was attached to what was called the 9th Virginia Regiment, and he further thinks that the said Hudson Martin, before the Company left Virginia returned home as he Supposes on furlough for a little while, then he returned to the Company and afterward as he thinks the said Company was ordered to the North. After the expiration of the term of service for which said Company had enlisted for and the whole time of which Service he believes the said Hudson Martin served as Ensign – that the said Martin was appointed as Paymaster at the Barracks [undeciphered] near Charlottesville Albemarle County Va. and thinks & has always understood remained in said capacity of Paymaster & Performing the duties of the said office until after the Capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] when not long after the said capture the Barracks were broken up. After the Barracks were broken up the said Martin resided many years in Albemarle County, where he married a daughter of Colo. Nicholas Lewis of s'd County afterward & removed to Nelson County where he resided many years & died some twelve or Eighteen months ago. As given under my and & seal this 26th of July 1834.

John Thomas



To the Honorable Littleton W Tazewell, Gov. and the Executive council of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Petition of Hudson Martin, Jr. John M Martin, Nicholas J Martin, George W Martin, Jane L. Faber by her husband Welborne Faber, Mildred Carr Hudson M Dickenson, Frances Dickenson, by her husband John Duggins Mary Jane Sutherland by her husband Richard Sutherland, Mildred Rodes by her husband Thomas Rodes respectfully sheweth, that they are the children and grand children of the late Capt Hudson Martin, lately of the County of Nelson State of Virginia, and who departed this life in the year 1830. That their ancestor the said Hudson entered the Virginia continental line of the army of the Revolution in the Spring of the year 1776 in the character of Ensign or Leut. and attached to the 9th Va

Reg't commanded by Col. Fleming [Thomas Fleming BLWt409-400] that he served in the lower parts of the State of Virginia, and afterwards marched to the north with his Reg't where he did much service having taken part as they have been informed by himself in several of the memorable battles there fought. That he re'd whilst there and perhaps after his regt was cut off and nearly captured at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] a staff appointment of paymaster and some time afterward[?] waggon master, in which character he continued to act northwardly until the 22^d January 1779 when he was transferred to and appointed paymaster to the Reg't of Barrack Guards stationed at the Barracks near to Charlottesville Va and intended to guard the Saratoga prisoners otherwise called the convention Troops [surrendered on 17 Oct 1777]. That he faithfully performed the duties of that station so long as the said last mentioned post was maintained which appears to have been until very nigh the close of the war after which your petitioners do not believe that he performed any other active service, but was in all probability out of command or supernumerary. For proof of the foregoing statements they refer to his settled account existing in the first auditors office, the affidavit of John Thomas, the [undeciphered word] of Genl Porterfield and an extract from the Journal of the House of delegates of Va for the year 1781, herewith exhibited marked A B & C; that by reference to the 3^d Volume page 179 of the Journal of Congress for the year 1779 it will there [undeciphered word] by their resolution of the 9 July of that year that the Battalion of Barracks Guard was authorized by the Resolution of Congress and not as appears to be erroneously supposed in this state by Resolution of our assembly. True it is that on the 26 Dec 1778 our [illegible] did pass a resolution for that purpose, but never was acted upon or re'd the sanction of [undeciphered], doubtless because it was rendered unnecessary by the action of Congress. The resolution of Congress as will be seen authorised our Gov and council to [undeciphered] the corps out of those officers of the Virginia line who had been left out of the [undeciphered] arrangement of the continental army, as far as their number would reach. But the fact that the Regt of Barrack guard formed a part of our continental quota will not be doubted if reference is had to the 2 Vol of Mr Jeffersons correspondence page 70, there it will be seen, that he in a letter to Genl Washington expressly claims credit for it as a part of our quota.

Your petitioners state that their ancestor whilst in life was often solicited by his family and others to claim and receive the land bounty and commutation or half pay for his said services, which he well knew himself entitled to, but he would not do so, alledging that he did not need it, and that his services had been rendered from motives of patriotism and not the hope of gain but your petitioners are advised that their ancestor has executed no release to [undeciphered] of the compensation therefor promised by law, and that as some of his descendants, have been unfortunate in their pecuniary concerns, and all of them less comfortably situated [undeciphered word] regard to for [undeciphered], that it is no wise dishonourable in them to claim the compensation to which he was entitled

They therefore pray that an order may be granted them directed to the Register of the Land office authorising the grant to them by him of a military land warrant in right of the services of their said ancestor Hudson Martin did as a Leut of the VA Cont line for a service beginning in the sprig of 1776 & ending with the war or say seven years. [undeciphered] to entitled [undeciphered] for a service to the end of the War, or for three years service and your petitioner &c.

The claimants in this case are so [undeciphered] that the Gov [several undeciphered words] to the petition, but the [undeciphered] attorney from all [undecided] except one of the grand children is exhibited to shew the are [undeciphered] of presenting it. John Thompson Jr/ 11 June 1836.

NOTES:

The federal file includes a copy of Hudson Martin's commission as Ensign signed by Governor Thomas Jefferson on 3 Nov 1780.

The state bounty-land file includes an extract from the Journal of the Virginia House of Delegates dated 27 Nov 1787 reporting favorably on the petition by John Tuberville for compensation for the following: "It appears to your committee from the deposition of Capt George lee Tuberville [sic: George Lee Turberville BLWt2153-300] that some time in the year 1778, he impressed a waggon team

and negro driver, the property of the Petitioner for the purpose of attending[?] a party of drafted soldiers to the Cont'l. Army then in Pennsylvania; that the said waggon and driver were detained in the Cont'l service by Lieut Hudson Martin, the then waggon master at Lancaster, and a certificate given for them to this deponent; that by some accident the said certificate was lost or miscarried, and that the said waggon team and driver have never been returned to the Petitioner, nor any Compensation made him for them."

The state bounty-land file also includes a power of attorney by George W. Martin and Hudson M. Dickinson of Nicholas County dated 21 June 1834 for the purpose of obtaining benefits due for the service of Hudson Martin, the father of George W. Martin and the grandfather of Hudson M. Dickinson. There is also a power of attorney by Richard Sutherland and his wife, Mary Jane Sutherland, formerly Mary Jane Dickenson, granddaughter of Hudson Martin, dated 12 Nov 1834.

The state bounty-land file also contains a copy of the last will and testament of Hudson Martin dated 23 June 1828 in Nelson County with the following provisions: To son Hudson Martin property, bonds, and notes; to daughter Mary Dickenson land, slaves, and other property; to son John M. Martin land including part of "my land I live on on the East side of the road" in trust for son George W. Martin; to "my Loving wife" all the remaining land he lived on together with "any remaining patent of Mountain land" containing 270 acres; after the death of his wife to son Nicholas L. Martin the land on the west side of the main road and the 270-acre patent and to son John M. Martin the remaining land on the east side of the road. Also named in the will was daughter Mildred H. Carr. The will was proved on 27 December 1830.