

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Martindale S8878

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State of North Carolina Moore County: SS

On this 21st Day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in the open Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County and State aforesaid now sitting Samuel Martindale a resident citizen of the aforesaid County and State aged Eighty 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a volunteer minute man in the month of April 1776 in the County of Kent in the State of Delaware under Captain William Morriss for the Term of Twelve months, that immediately after Joining the Company he marched to Lewes Town in Sussex County in the state aforesaid, where there were a considerable number of militia embodied under the command of Colonel Roads and Major Hutchingson for the purpose of making resistance to the British who at that time were in the Jerseys, he remained at that place a considerable time under close Training, but as the state appeared not to be threatened with immediate invasion by the British, who shortly after withdrew to New York, Captain Morriss' Company was ordered back to the County of Kent to keep in constant training, and always ready to repel an invasion at a moment's warning. In this situation I lived devoting my time in service to the military Tactics, the whole time for which I had volunteered, and received my discharge from my Captain at the end of the year. Immediately after this event he together with a number of others emigrated [sic] to Augusta County in New Virginia, where he remained until the fall 1777, when he removed into Duplin County North Carolina. In October following viz. 1778 he was drafted to serve a Tower [tour] of five months to go to South Carolina against the British, he was attached to Captain Hardy Holmes' Company of the aforesaid County. Colonel Philip Alston commanded the Regiment, he was marched to Elizabeth Town on Cape Fear River where the militia aforesaid were joined by the pay Body of Nine Months men called State Troops under the command of General Ash [John Ashe] who together with the militia formed an army of about five Thousand men, we marched into South Carolina, crossed Pedee River at or near Long Bluff, Crossed the Wateree and Congaree rivers above their confluence and moved on to Savannah River below Augusta where we arrived the latter part of December or first of January 1779. The winter being cold, we were principally employed in providing for our Comfort, but while there General Ashe with the State Troops and a part of the militia crossed over into the Georgia side and at a place called Brier Creek [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779], had an engagement with the British and suffered a defeat. Shortly after the term of service of the North Carolina Militia

having expired, they were discharged by General Ashe. In March 1779 he reached home. In the fall of the same year, he moved to Anson County, where he remained until the spring 1781 without being called on, the Militia of that County were then called on to stand a draft, for the purpose of raising a strong body of men to check the operations of the Tories under the command of Fannin [David Fanning], Elrod [John Elrod] and Ray who with their several parties were widely razing the Section of country & spreading terror & deprivation in their paths, he was drafted to serve a Tour of three months, belonged to Captain Thompson's Company and was under the immediate command of Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade], who in conjunction with Colonels Crawford [Thomas Crawford] & Williams formed a body of mounted men. We were finding our own Horses, we ranged the Country in every direction. We took several Trips into South Carolina, Captured many Tories in the neighborhood of the Cheraw Hill, passed in the North Carolina on Raft & Gum Swamps, routed the Tories in every direction, had no regular engagement with them, Took a great many prisoners in small detached parties, and at the end of the three months Tour as aforesaid was discharged by Colonel Wade, not long after this event he moved back into Duplin County, where he remained without being again called on by his Country to the end of the war, having served at Three several times as aforesaid, in all twenty months & knows of no person living who can prove any part of this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatsoever.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Martindale, X his mark

State of North Carolina Moore County: August Term 1832

On this day Samuel Martindale appeared in open court and was duly sworn and subscribed to the within Declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 whereupon the Court propounded the following interrogatories in conformity to the directions prescribed by the Secretary of War

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Kent County in the State of Delaware on the 14th of January in the year 1752

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

Ans. I had my age Transcribed from the family record into my own Bible. The original is still in the possession of my Brother in Duplin County, where the record is still plain to be seen

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Kent County in the State of Delaware when first called into service. Move from there to Virginia in the spring of 1777 in the fall of the same year moved into Duplin County in North Carolina in the fall 1779 moved into Anson County, in the fall 1781 moved back to Duplin County where I remained until the spring 1792 when I moved to Deep River in Moore County where I now live

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

Ans. I entered the service a volunteer minute man

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.

Ans. I don't know that I ever served with the regulars, my understanding was that General Ashe

commanded State Troops, was well acquainted with him, and the captains under him viz. Daniel Williams & Theophilus Williams, I recollect a Colonels who were along at the same time but forbear to name them for fear I do not recollect the line of service they were attached to. I can't recollect the name or number of any particular Regiment. The general Circumstances of my service are embodied in my declaration.

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

Ans. I have received a written Discharge at 3 Different times first in the state of Delaware from Captain William Morris, 2nd from General – on this side of the Savannah River in the State of South Carolina, & Thirdly from Colonel Wade in Anson County, I lost all my papers in attempting to cross Cape Fear River in moving the last time by accidentally having my wagon sunk in the River

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

Ans. I am well acquainted with & known to many reputable persons in my County amongst whom hard James Gaines, Bryan Boroughs, Archibald Shealds, Neill Shealds, Daniel McNeill and many others, all of whom will testify to my character as a man of Truth and veracity and that I am reputed a soldier of the Revolution in my neighborhood.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Martindale, X his mark

[Jesse Seawell, a clergyman, and John Check gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Moore County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid Samuel Martindale who being duly sworn according to law makes the following Amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: He states that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of Memory he is unable to give a precise account of his service as to Dates &c but that the following is substantially true to the best of his recollection. He states that in the first tour of service when he lived in the County of Kent in the State of Delaware, He volunteered as a minute man for a term of Twelve months – that he immediately marched to Lewes Town in Sussex County in said State where he was actually engaged in For two months during which time of two months he followed no civil business – that the residue of the twelve months he was not employed in military service but merely kept himself in readiness in case his services should be called for – as stated in his former Declaration – His next Service was for a term of five months under Captain Hardy Holmes and Colonel Philip Alston when he was marched into South Carolina near the place where the battle was fought at Brier Creek – as stated more particularly in his former Declaration. He performed this tour of five months and was discharged – His third tour of service was for three months when he lived in Anson County in this state when he was drafted under Captain Thompson and commanded by Colonel Wade. That he served the whole of this tour and was discharged as stated in his first Declaration – This deponent states that his services in all amounted to ten months of actual service during which time he was engaged in no civil pursuit, for which service of ten months he claims a pension: further this Deponent saith not

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 28th day of August 1833

Attest S/ Anderson B Smith, JP

S/ Samuel Martindale, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Delaware and North Carolina service.]