

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Martin SC4¹

Martha Martin

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House of Representatives 26 December 1855

Dear Sir

I am writing to by a family of my Constituents, saying that they are the children of James Martin -- who served in the Revolutionary War. -- they have the original Discharge from service. A copy of which is here given with a copy from the family Bible of the marriage & death of their Parents -- the Records of the marriage in Georgia, having been destroyed in the burning of Sandersville in Washington County -- There are 5 living children.

(Copy)

Discharge

By Charles Cotesworth Pinckney Esquire Colonel of the first Regiment of South Carolina, on the Continental Establishment.

These are to certify, that the Bearer hereof, James Martin, has served in the said Regiment, and is discharged therefrom his term of service being expired -- And that he has received his pay, clothing of all sorts, and all other just demands from the said Regiment, from the time of his enlisting in the same, to this date of his discharge. And to prevent any ill use that may be made of this discharge, by its falling into the hands of any other Person -- here follows a description of the said__ aged__ years. __ Feet inches high, __ complexion, __ Hair, __ Eyes, Born __ by trade a __. Given under my Hand at Charleston, this the 8th day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1778.

S/ Charles Cotesworth Pinckney

Col. 1st Contl Regt. of S. Carolina

N. B. James Martin obtained permission for his Brother, John Martin, to serve in his stead during his time.

I John Martin, for James Martin, do acknowledge to have received all my Pay, Clothing Just demands from the day of my enlisting into the within mentioned Regiment, to this Day of my discharge.

S/ John Martin

Taken from the family record

Georgia, Washington County

James Martin and Martha Martin his wife, was married March the 25th 1794

= James Martin died July the 7th 1811

-- Martha Martin, wife of James Martin, died June the 9th 1849.

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Be so good as to inform me if such evidence is sufficient -- or what more would be required -- if the parties are included in any provision of law.

And oblige Sir,

Yours Respectfully,

S/ Jno. M. Sandidge²

Hon. Josiah Minoh, Com. of Pensions

² SANDIDGE, John Milton, a Representative from Louisiana; born near Carnesville, Franklin County, Ga., January 7, 1817; moved to Louisiana and became a planter; served as colonel in the Mexican War; member of the State house of representatives 1846-1855 and served two years as speaker; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1852; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1859); chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Thirty-fifth Congress); served throughout the Civil War as colonel of Bossier Cavalry; surrendered the archives of the State to the Federal authorities in the absence of Gov. Henry W. Allen; died in Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, La., on March 30, 1890; interment in Christ Church Cemetery.
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