

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Martin W1443

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District of west Tennessee

John Martin formerly a citizen of the State of Virginia in the county of Caroline now a citizen of the county of Wilson in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States agreeably to the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 18th of March 1818 herewith having inclosed his release of the pension heretofore allowed him and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a soldier in the revolutionary war under the command of Captain William Tallifero [sic: William Taliaferro] in September 1775 for one year in the 2^d Virginia Reg't. commanded by Colo. [William] Woodford, that he faithfully served out his time, and was discharged but that he has lost or mislaid it within a few days after he got it. Within a few days after he got home he again enlisted under the command of Captain Samuel Hawes in the said Reg't. then commanded by Colo. A. Spotswood [Alexander Spotswood], for three years and faithfully served said term and was discharged, and hath also lost the discharge; that he again enlisted for 18 months under the command of Lieut. Sam'l. Selden [Samuel Selden] in the same Reg't. Commanded by Colo. John Green and not long after [sic] was taken prisoner at ninety six in South Carolina [Siege of Ninety Six, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and was paroled and never again joined the service – that he is in his sixty third year and in very reduced circumstances and needs the aid of Government. That he has a pension from the United States as may be seen by the enclosed letter from G. Boyd, on which may be seen his relinquishment. that he is the same man named in said letter

[signed] John Martin

Sworn to & subscribed before me 21st July 1818. John McNairy District Judge

State of Tennessee }

Wilson County Court } November term 1820

On this 9th day of November 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record (made so by act of assembly) for said county John Martin aged sixty five years resident in Wilson County in said State who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows towit for the term of five years; that he enlisted originally in the company commanded by Capt Talefero in the second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Woodford, for one year, at the expiration of which term he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt Hawes in the same regiment for three years, and afterwards for eighteen months in the company commanded by Lieut Samuel Seldon in the same Regiment commanded by Colo. John Green. that he has already been placed on the revolutionary pension roll by certificate from the secretary of war dated the seventh day of August 1818 and numbered (2159) and he does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed towit one horse one mare two cows & calves twenty seven hogs of different sizes besides necessary bedding & clothes some few farming tools worth ten or fifteen dollars and some household furniture worth about the same sum. and that I owe fifty eight dollars

My family consists of myself & wife who is sixty one years of age my occupation is farming & I am too infirm to labor much.

[signed] John Martin

[On 28 Mar 1839 Mary Martin, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married John Martin on 7 Apr 1782, and he died 10 Apr 1837. She added the following: "at the time of the marriage he was then a Prisoner and on parole from the British authorities he was take at the battle of Ninety Six being severely wounded in the thigh, and when he got well he went to see the Surrender of Cornwallis at Little York [19 Oct 1781] and as well as this declarant is informed and believes was not exchanged at the date of the marriage."]

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Jn'o. Martin/ age 24/ height 5 4½/ planter/ born and residing in Caroline County/ dark-brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 29 May 1839 May Flippo deposed that his sister, Mary Flippo, married John Martin, and that they went to Tennessee, returned after awhile, then went back to Tennessee. With Mary Martin's application is an original family record transcribed as follows:

Daniel Coleman's Book

This Book was a present given me by Col. Daniel Coleman

John Martin his Book May 15th 1815

He was born February 8th 1756

Mary Martin was born August 18th 1760

We married April 7th 1782

John Martin departed this life April 10th 1837 – Aged 81 year 2 mo. 2 days

Maria M. Hornsby was born February 29th 1820

Elizabeth C. Hornsby was born March 8th 1822 and departed this life June 23 1828

Julia Hornsby was born October 9th 1824

Ruth Ann Hornsby was born May 8th 1826.

Albert B. Hornsby was born April 29th, 1828.