

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Martin W18485

Sarah Martin

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State of Virginia, King & Queen County SS

On this 29 day of November 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace aforesaid, Sarah Martin, aged seventy-eight years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Josiah Martin a revolutionary soldier regularly and enlisted in the Army in the revolutionary War for five years & sent to the South & served to the end of the war: She further declares that she was married to the before mentioned Josiah Martin in the month of December 1786 that she was not married to the said Martin prior to his leaving the service but our marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated – She further declares that she has no record proof of her marriage – She further declares that her husband Josiah Martin never received a pension before his death nor has she received any pension for his services since.

S/ Sarah Martin, X her mark

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1784, in the name of Josiah Martin, as a Soldier of Infantry for £25.15.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1838.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1784, in the name of Josiah Martin, as a Soldier of Infantry for £23.15.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1839.

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S/ A. Wm Morton 1<sup>st</sup> Clk  
Auditor Absent

I further certify that there is no other Soldier on the Army Registers of the name of Josiah Martin.

S/ A. W. Morton

[p 12: Clara Cook, 74 (in February, 1839), gave testimony on June 18, 1839 in King and Queen County Virginia that she was present at the marriage of Josiah Martin and Sarah Martin; that they were married by an ordained minister of the gospel prior to 1794.]

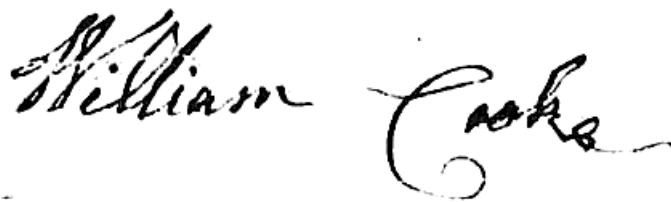
[p 14: Catharine Brooks of Essex County, 83 years old on October 27 1839 gave testimony in Essex County Virginia on June 19, 1839 that she was well acquainted with Josiah Martin; that he was lawfully married to Sarah Martin now his widow soon after the revolutionary war.]

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The affidavit of William Cooke,<sup>1</sup> a revolutionary Pensioner of the County of King & Queen taken before me Alexander Fleet a Justice of the peace in said County this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833

This affiant being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth & saith that he is now in his 72<sup>nd</sup> year & is inscribed on the Pension list as a soldier of the Revolutionary war – That he will was well acquainted with Josiah Martin late of King & Queen County that the said Josiah Martin was about the same age of this affiant and entered the Army of the Revolution about the same time in the year 1779 or '80 that he believes the said Martin was drafted into the service for eighteen months & served a part of the time with this affiant, that at the Barracks in the County of Chesterfield the said Martin and this affiant were separated Martin was sent on to the South & this affiant retained in this state as an artificer to make clothing for the soldiers – that this affiant verily believes the said Martin served the whole or nearly the whole of his time & then reenlisted in the Cavalry for the balance of the war & served under Colonel William Washington, this information this affiant had from said Martin after his return from the Army, after the close of the war & he states that Martin was a man of the stoutest veracity & has frequently told him of the battles he was in after his second enlistment & he has no manner of doubt of the truth of his statements & further this affiant saith not.

S/ William Cooke

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Cooke". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 20: Ann Broach, 74, gave testimony on November 28, 1838 in King & Queen County Virginia that she was intimately acquainted with Josiah and Sarah Martin; that they were lawfully married by Parson Carter a regularly ordained minister of the gospel and a resident of King & Queen County; that they were married in the fall of 1786; that Josiah Martin died March 6, 1814 and

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<sup>1</sup> [William Cook W6708](#)

that his widow has remained his widow ever since.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 18 months.]

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

I do Certify that Josiah Martin private in first Regiment of Lt. Dragoons enlisted in said Regiment for the War – 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1781 & served during that Period. Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> May 1784

S/ Will. Parsons, Jr. [William Parsons]  
Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. L. D.

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