

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Martin W1907

Elizabeth Martin

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State of North Carolina, County of Caswell: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July 1818

On this 14th day of July 1818 before me the Presiding Justice of the peace of the County Court aforesaid, which is a Court of Record, personally appeared Robert Martin of the said County aged about Sixty-two years, who being duly sworn by me according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War," That he the said Robert Martin enlisted in the County of Caswell, in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Henry Dixon & was enlisted by the said Dixon of the first Regiment of North Carolina troops: that he continued to serve in said Corps & in the Service of the United States until the year 1780, having served a continued & uninterrupted tour of duty of about four years & a half as well as he now recollects, when he was discharged from service in the County of Halifax, North Carolina: that he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], ~~Gates defeat~~ & in several skirmishes; after his discharge in the Continental service, he was in the militia service at ~~Gates defeat~~ [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and that he is in reduced circumstances, has a large family, is an infirm & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services; except what appears attached to this declaration:

S/ Robert Martin



I Richard Martin¹ of the County of Caswell, North Carolina, do duly declare on oath, that I am well acquainted with Robert Martin, was myself a soldier of the Revolutionary War & know of his serving the Country in the capacity of a soldier for two years and a half, having been for that time in service with him & that he continued in the service when I was discharged, & I have reason to believe continued the time he states in his declaration:

S/ Richard Martin



1 [Richard Martin R6944](#)

I Solomon Graves Presiding Justice of the peace for the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Caswell, North Carolina, which is a Court of Record, do hereby certify in open Court, that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Robert Martin, served in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of four years & a half or thereabouts on the Continental establishment: that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support: and I now transmit the proceedings & testimony had before me, to the Secretary of the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid act of Congress:

S/ Solomon Graves, P. M.

Attested by S/ Azariah Graves, Clk

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 9th April 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Line in the Revolutionary war, that Robert Martin a Corporal in Captain Dixon's Company of the 1st Regiment was in the service of the United States in the line aforesaid for the term of three years on the 13th December 1776 and was discharged on the first day of February 1780.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina, County of Caswell: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1820

On this 9th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court aforesaid (which is a Court of record) for the County & State aforesaid, Robert Martin, aged about Sixty-four years, resident in the said State & County, who being first sworn duly according to law doth on his Oath state that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Dixon, first Regiment of North Carolina in Continental establishment, that he has obtained a pension Certificate, on a declaration heretofore made in Caswell County Court, as well as he recollects July Term 1818 & that he has rec'd in pay as well as he now recollects \$157 and that the number of said Certificate is No. 9434 as he supposes.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto attached and by him subscribed

Schedule of the property of Robert Martin

194 acres of poor land 1 dollar pr acre	194
8 Head of Cattle/3 Cows & five of the small ones	40
9 Head of Hogs:/one sow & 8 shoats	9
2 Small Horses/each about six years old	70
3 old ploughs; one coultle [?] one axe & two old ones	
some old hoes	<u>5</u>
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The said Robert Martin further declares, that he has a family 10 persons: that three of those, his wife, the brother of his wife & himself are all infirm: one daughter Nancy about 20 years old – son, Robert about 18 years old, James, about 16 years old: Franky a daughter 14 years; George

about 12: Howard about nine years & Allen about seven years old: that his occupation is that of tilling his poor land, which he has little ability to pursue from his ill health & property.

S/ Robert Martin

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North Carolina, Caswell County

On this fifth day of November 1828 personally appeared in the Superior Court of Law held for the County of Caswell the same being a Court of record Robert Martin Senior a resident in said County aged about seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first of May 1820: and that he the said Robert Martin as well as he now recollects first entered for the term of six months in the year 1775 in the State of North Carolina Caswell County in the Company Commanded by Captain Henry Dixon in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Clark, that at the expiration of the service aforesaid he again enlisted for 12 months & at the end of that term he enlisted for the period of three years that the two last mentioned enlistments were also in the Company commanded by the said Captain Henry Dixon of the Regiment commanded by the said Col. Thomas Clark in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps until (as well as he now recollects) sometime in the year 1780, when he was discharged from the service in the County of Halifax State of North Carolina that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropped therefrom on the account of his property.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

1 mare & colt	\$40
3 cows & 2 calves	15
3 sows & six shoats	6
3 pots	4
1 Dutch oven	1
3 old hoes	.75
3 old urs [?] & 1 mallock	2.30
1 carry all	20.00
2 ploughs hoes	1.50
1 shoe hammer & keppers	.37
2 augers & 1 Drawing knife	<u>1.50</u>
	\$94.62

S/ Robert Martin

That since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property to wit

194 acres of land sold on the 7th day of July 1828 to George A Conally by virtue of a writ of execution, that the same sold for the sum of \$111, all of which some, has been applied to the payment of my debts except the sum of \$15

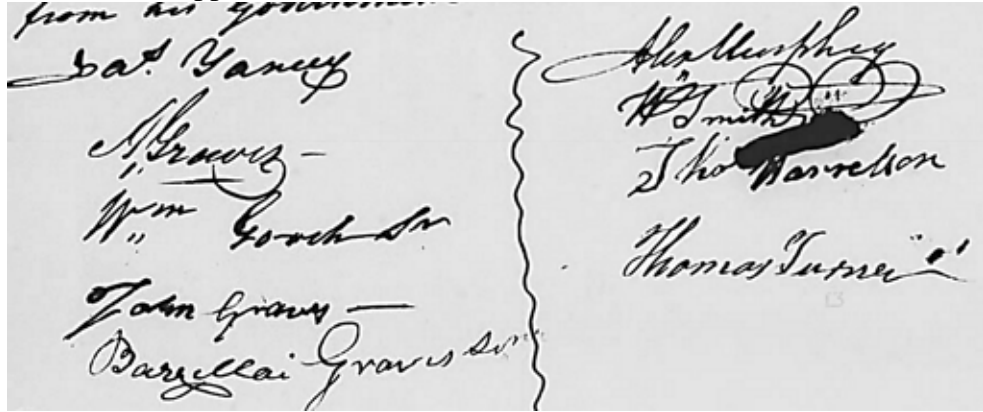
The said Robert states that he is a farmer by profession that from old age and infirmity he is unable to make for himself a subsistence that his family consists of a wife aged about 60 who

is feeble & unable to labor but very little one son aged about 18 and one of her son about 14 years of age.

Sworn to and Open Court
Test: S/ Jeremiah Graves, Clk

S/ Robert Martin

[p 31: James Yancey, A. Graves, Wm. Gouch, Sr., John Graves, Barzillai Graves, Sr., Alex Murphey, W. Smith, Thomas Harelson, Thomas Turner signed a petition in 1829 in Caswell County affirming their belief of Robert Martin's entitlement to a pension from his country and his need for support.



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Jas. Yancey
A. Graves -
Wm. Gouch Sr.
John Graves -
Barzillai Graves Sr.
Alex Murphey
W. Smith
Thomas Harelson
Thomas Turner

[Facts in file: Veteran died May 29, 1837 in Caswell County; survived by widow, Elizabeth, who he married on January 4, 1799; she was 77 as of June 8, 1849 when she applied in Caswell for a widow's pension under the Act of July 29, 1848. The file contains several documents relating to the debts of the veteran and execution on his property to satisfy those debts; one of these documents contains reference to a son named Elijah Martin who holds \$15 of the veteran's property. The file also contains the marriage bond of Robert Martin to Betsy Ballard, Groves Howard, bondsman. Elizabeth Martin signed her application for a widow's pension with her mark.]

[p 14: Copy of a marriage bond dated January 2, 1798 issued in Caswell County North Carolina to Robert Martin and Groves Howard condition upon the marriage of Robert Martin to Betsy Ballard.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 14, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]