

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Martin W21740

Sabra Martin

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State of South Carolina York District

On this 16th day of October personally appeared in open court before William D. Martin Judge of the Court of General sessions and Common Pleas now sitting Thomas Martin a resident of York District in the State aforesaid aged Seventy Six 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.

1st Was born in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia on the 11th of May 1756.

2. He has a copy of his Father's record of his age now in his possession.

3. Was living in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina at the time he entered the service of the United States -- removed thence to Lincoln County in North Carolina about the year 1781 & thence across the line into York District immediately after the close of the war where he now lives.

4. He entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer.

5. He enumerated several regular officers, viz. -- General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Capt. Jones [Tract William Jones], & Col. Thomas Wade [Anson County militia regiment]. He does not recollect any of the Continental or militia regiments of which transpired during his service he recollects as being upon scouting parties & after General Greene removed his Army: which he says was after the battle of Cow-Penns [sic, Cowpens, January 17, 1781], he was employed under Col. Thomas Wade gathering Cattle & hogs for General Greene's Army --after being discharged from the service of Capt. Jones he again volunteered in the service of the United States under the Command of Capt. Shuford, in Lincoln County, and proceeded from thence to the pleasant Gardens & from thence to the Cherokee Nation, & there burnt their towns and destroyed their Corn. The principal Commander being General McDowell [Charles McDowell], Col. McDowell [Joseph McDowell] & went on committing depredations as far as the middle settlements in the Cherokee Nation & soon after was dismissed, the whole of his service was volunteer in the United States Army amounting to about six months.

6. He says he received a discharge from service & says that it was given by Capt. William Jones & says that it has been misplaced or lost which he cannot find.

7. He mentioned the names of Rev. George Wilkie, Capt. James Fulkerson, Major Bird, as persons with whom he was acquainted in his immediate neighborhood, & who can testify that he is a man of veracity & also believe him to be a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed to October 16th 1832 in open Court

S/ A. McWhorter, CCCC

S/ Thos. Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos. Martin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[George Wilkie, a clergyman, and James Fulton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina York District

On this the 29th day of March 1833, personally appeared Thomas Martin and for answer to objections made to his application for a pension made before Hon. William D. Martin, at the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas for York District October Term 1832, which said application has been returned as defective & the objections thereto marked in red ink on a paper of accompanying the same, deposes & says

1st In answer to the First objection, made viz: "Has [?] the Declarant mentioned the period or periods of war when he served." -- He says he thinks it was in the year 1780 at all events it was during the time the Battle of the Cowpens was fought -- and he remembers distinctly that he had returned home but a short time previous to the battle which took place at Guilford, North Carolina [March 15, 1781] he further says that he is old and cannot remember dates as distinctly as he wants could.

2nd In answer to Second objection viz. "Has [?] he mentioned with precision the length of his service & the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension that he is entitled." -- He says as follows. He served six months in the militia horse as a private.

3rd He hereby relinquishes every a other claim to a pension, except the one under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

4th He now has no documentary evidence, but once had a discharge given by Capt. William Jones which he has lost -- there is no living witness of his service & such proof cannot now be had by him.

Sworn to & subscribed March 29th 1833

S/ A. Akin, JP

S/ Thos. Martin

[p 12: On October 1, 1840, in York district South Carolina Sabra Martin, 81, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Thomas Martin a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him in March 1776 and that he died May 13 1835; that she knows of no record of her marriage except as may be proven by the record in her husband's handwriting of the births dates of their children which he gave as follows:

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Thos. Martin was born May the 11 1756, Sabra Martin was born May the 13: 1759

William Martin born December 17th 1776

Thomas Martin born December 12th 1778

John Martin born August 24th 1781, died March 16th 1783

John Martin born February 27, 1784

Elisabeth Martin born January 20, 1787

Valentine Martin born March 15, 1790

Tho^s Martin was born May the
 11: 1756 Sabra Martin was
 born May the ~~13~~ 13: 1759
 The ages of these Children
 Wm Martin was born December
 the 17: 1776 on monday
 Tho^s Martin was born December
 the 12: 1778 on Sater
 John Martin was born August
 the 24 1781 and Dyed March
 the 16 1783
 John Martin was born February
 27 1784 on Thursday
 Elisabeth Martin was born
 January 20 1787 on Sater
 Valentine Martin was born
 March the 15: 1790

[p 5: in addition, the following names and birth dates are given in the original record but there is no indication of the relationship to the veteran and his wife:

Jinney Martin, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth, born December 7, 1825 on wensday

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 of Josiah and Elizabeth
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 on wensday

Sarah Martin was Born Febuary the 8th day 1800 in Snow

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February the 8th day 1800
in S. M. P.

Absalom Martin's children:

- Joab Martin born December 10th, 1819
- Poley S. Martin born May 28th, 1821
- Valentine Martin born December 16th, 1822
- Josiah Martin born February the 22, 1824
- Sabra H. Martin born November the 30th, 1825
- Syrene B. Martin born February the __, __

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[Facts in file: Sabra, wife of the veteran was born May 13, 1759; her maiden name is not given.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia (cavalry); his widow was pensioned in a like amount to commence on May 14, 1835.]