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Pension Application of George Martin W4543 Mary Martin VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 13 June 2014.

State of Virginia Patrick County (SS)

The Affidavit of Martha Martin of Lawful age taken before the Subscriber Thomas J. Penn a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid on the 12th day of August 1841 who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and sayeth that she is the sister of Mary Martin a resident of Pittsylvania County in the State aforesaid who is now an applicant for a Pension under the Act of July the 4th 1836. That she was present and saw her sister the said Mary, Married to George Martin by Parson Lee Massie in the County of Fairfax. Virginia. on the 15 day of January 1775. That about three years after their Marriage her Husband the said George Martin enlisted with (to the best of her recollection) Lieut. Vaughn or Capt. Smith, and Marched to the South, that he was in the Army upwards of Eighteen Months, that he was severely wounded in the Battle near Charleston when Blueford was defeated [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780], that her sister with two Children William & George, stayed at her Fathers Joseph Bailey, while he said George Martin was in the Service. That she was at her Fathers House when said Martin returned from the army and saw that he was wounded on the Head in several places and also had a severe wound in his side of which he never did entirely recover, that he died about Thirty three years ago and that the said Mary Martin his wife has remained a widow ever since —

Martha herXmark Martin

[Patsy Martin also made a similar deposition in Stokes County NC on 25 Sep 1843.]

I Stephen Martin [resident of Patrick County VA] aged Sixty two years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with my Uncle George Martin the Husband of Mary Martin who is an applicant for a Pension, now living in Pittsylvania County Virginia. and know that he had on his Head several large scars and frequently heard him say that they proceeded from wounds he received in the Army of the Revolution when Bluford was defeated in South Carolina. Given under my hand this 12th day of August 1841.

[signed] Stephen Martin]

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 12th day of August 1841 [signed] Thomas J. Penn J.P.
[Susan Hancock, niece of George Martin and resident of Patrick County, made a similar affidavit on the same day.]

State of Virginia Halifax County (SS)

The Deposition of Thomas Bailey a Resident of the County aforesaid & a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, taken before Richard Thornton a Justice of the Peace for said County, on the 30th day of August 1841 who being duly sworn according to Law, sayeth that he is the Brother of Mary Martin who now resides in the County of Pittsylvania and is an applicant for a Pension, that she was the daughter of Joseph H. Bailey of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County State of Virginia. That she was married to George Martin by Parson Lee Masee in the County of Fairfax in the month of January seventeen hundred and seventy five, that some time in the year 1778 the said George Martin did enlist in the Army of the Revolution, that he was stationed for some time at Alexandria, and marched from that place to the South, that he was severely wounded in the head and side in the Battle when Blueford was defeated in South Carolina in the year 1780. after which he returned to the County of Loudon, and met with his wife and two Children, William & George at his Fathers House, that the said George Martin & wife moved to the County of Halifax some time after the war ended that said George Martin died in the County of Pittsylvania in the year 1805 and left his Sister the said Mary Martin, who has remained a Widow ever since his death.

[signed] Thomas Bailey

NOTES:

Mary Bailey Martin's application is not in the file. Her pension certificate states that George martin died 1 Dec 1805. On back of the certificate is the following:

Reputed Only Surviving Children, viz Bailey Martin/ James Martin/ Rebecca Martin/ & Sally Willis

Another document in the file states that Mary Martin died a widow on 22 Oct 1843 in Pittsylvania County VA, leaving the following children: Baily Martin, James Martin, Rebecca Martin, and Sally Willis, wife of James M. Willis.

The following memorandum is in the file:

"File No 4543/ Mary Martin Widow of George/ Private Va Line/ Rev War

In 1841 – 3 Application for pension was made in behalf of Widow through Hon. Walter Coles M. C.

[Member of Congress]

Names of Children mentioned by Mr. Coles are Joel, Wm. Rebecca, James & Bailey. names found in old bible are Joel, Tilly, Mary and the marriage of Geo & Mary Martin

P.O.U. Pittsylvania and Aspen Grove Va

Letter sent to Pittsylvania Va June 7. 1878.

Record taken from Bible & filed June 7, 1878.

Sct.[?] Aug 11, 1879. Evans Clk"

The file contains an original family record that is now almost illegible, but an attempt at transcription follows:

[On title page of New Testament]

Sarah [one or two illegible words] deceased year of our lord 1795 the 28 day of october

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Joel Martin son of George Martin and Mary his wife was born the 22 day of June the 22 1787

Patsy[?] Jinkins daughter [one or two illegible words] Jinkins was born the 16 day of december 1775

[?]lley Martin daughter to George Martin and Mary his wife was born the 24 day of may 1791

Mary Martin daughter to george Martin and Mary his wife was born the 11 day of July 1793

[upside down] Baley Martin

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betty an enes the daughter of John eanes and paty his wife was born the 6th day of february in the yare of our lord 1811

James Martin

Baley martIn [several illegible words]

Mary Martin

[upside down]george Martin and Mary Balay his Wife was married January 15th 1775