

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Martin W5327

Letitia Martin

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State of Kentucky Franklin County Sct.

On this 20th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Lewis P Major, Alexander Wilson, Francis Graham, Isaac Wingate, John Morris, John McKee & David Waits Justices of the peace Composing the County Court of Franklin William Martin – who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. –

That in the year 1779, this affiant came to the State of District of Kentucky – and in the spring of the year 1780 was drafted as a private in the Revolutionary war and served in the Fort at Lexington under the command of Captain John Morrison until the fall of the that year. That in the month of November said Morrison left the command and William McConnell took the command as Captain in said Fort in said month of November 1780 and continued to command as such until 1782, and this affiant remained in the service guarding said Fort under the orders & direction of said Captain McConnell against the Indians Spying at all times their movements – that said service was continual and unceasing – that said Captain John Morrison & William McConnell were in Colonel John Todd's Regiment of Militia – that in June 1782 this affiant was drafted among others to leave said Fort and spying to go up the River Ohio to build a Fort at someplace that in this tour he marched from Lexington under the command of Captain Robert Patterson that said Patterson's Company was placed on board of a Row Galley boat which was commanded by Captains Piatt & Captain George that they landed at Big Bone and then made their way home again the Captain not having a sufficient force to effect the object of building the Fort at the place appointed. That he came home after being gone about forty-five days. That he still continued in the service in the Fort at Lexington spying under Captain Patterson as aforesaid and in guarding in defending said Fort until the middle of August 1782 when Bryant's Station was attacked by the Indians men all the able-bodied men was required to defend said Fort and station. That he did not go himself to Bryant's Station to defend the same but was ordered & directed to remain at the Fort guard the same while so many had left the Fort to go to Bryant's Station. That on the 19th of August the battle of the Blue Licks was fought where Colonels Todd, Trigg & others fell victim to the arms of the Indians – that he was in the month of October 1782 in Captain McConnell's Company on a Campaign called General George R Clarke's [George Rogers Clark] on the Big Miami River against the Indians that on said Expedition many Indian Towns were taken and also a quantity of provisions. That in said Expedition he had for his Colonel __ Logan [Benjamin Logan], a militia Commander and General Clarke the commander in chief of all the forces in the Western Country this affiant was gone on this expedition two

months including going and returning – that said Clark with his forces went to the falls of Ohio whilst Captain McConnell with his Company came to Lexington and again Colonel Patterson took command of the Fort and this affiant still continued in actual and active the service in said Fort spying occasionally under the command of Colonel Patterson who had been promoted – After the fall of Colonel Todd at the Blue Licks as aforesaid until March 1784 when this affiant left the service for the first time from the spring of 1780 having at all times been in the Fort aforesaid except when out spy or out on the expeditions aforesaid – That he has no documentary evidence of the aforesaid services that he knows of no living witness except John Mitchell by whom he can prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension but the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the United States or any agency thereof. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Martin



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Questions propounded to the applicant by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Augusta County Virginia in 1762

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age, but learned from my parents that I was born in the year 1762 –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: When I was called into the service I lived in Lexington Kentucky from Lexington I moved to Woodford County Kentucky: where I now live. –

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted originally when I was placed in the Fort and was kept and continued as a Guard & Spy by my Captain

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I recollect General Clark, Colonel Logan, Colonel Todd, & Colonel Trigg the general circumstances of my service are stated in my declaration. –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received no discharge from the service having continued in the service so long and all the time until March 1784 when I went for the first time to make a crop

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I state as persons to whom I am known John Mitchell & James Martin

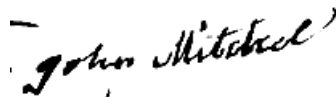
[p 9: John Mitchell, and James Martin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The affidavit of John Mitchell¹ taken at the Town of Frankfort on the 20th day of May 1833 to be used and laid before the Secretary of War on the behalf of William Martin an applicant to be placed on the pension roll of the United States,

Deponent being of lawful age says that in the year 1780 this affiant became acquainted with Will Martin, at Lexington Fort war Station that said Martin was then in actual service in said Fort in defending the same, this affiant was himself in Bryant's Station defending the same against the savages, therefore did not at all times witness the Services of said Martin, this affiant was frequently sent and ordered from Bryant's Station to Lexington in the year 1780 and in 1781, that he frequently saw in the aforesaid two years said Martin in said Fort and often times in the Service in Scouts pursuing Indians that in the spring or summer of 1782 this affiant was on an expedition with said Martin on a row galleys boat on the Ohio, that during this Tour Captain Patterson commanded the Company to which said Martin belonged, the time they were on this expedition was about two months that in August of that year the battle of the blue licks was fought in said Martin on that occasion was at Lexington Fort guarding the women and children as this affiant has always understood, that in the fall of 1782 Will Martin and this affiant were in General Clark's Regiment on the Big Miami expedition, that this affiant and said Martin were both in Captain Patterson's Colonel Logan's Regiment and belonged to different Companies, this affiant thinks in this tour they were gone two months or more, that said Martin returned to Lexington Fort and this affiant to Bryant's Station. That said Martin and this affiant was after together in the year 1783 on scouts and spying against the Indians, this affiant has no doubt but that Martin's Services was continued and unceasing from 1780 until 1784 because this affiant's services was such an Martin's was not less severe this affiant has ever since and now is acquainted with said Martin, who lives in Woodford County Kentucky – Further saith not

S/ John Mitchell



[p 5: On September 18, 1849 in Woodford County Kentucky, Letitia Martin, about 72 years old, filed an application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of William Martin, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at \$80 per annum; that she married him April 13th 1799 and that her husband died April 13th 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: copy of a marriage bond dated April 1, 1799 issued in Woodford County Kentucky to William Martin and John Williams conditioned on the marriage of William Martin to Letty McClanahan.]

[Facts in file: Letitia [also spelled Leticia, Laticia and Letty] Martin was the daughter of John McClanahan; the widow died July 5, 1853 in Woodford County Kentucky survived by the following children: Nancy H Stockdell, Eliza T McAfee, John Martin, Washington P Martin, Hugh Martin, Elijah Martin, Ann D. Martin, Jane Martin, Martha Martin and William Martin.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as

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a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]